

## Utility Service Emergencies

### 415.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for addressing Town utility service emergencies. This policy will address calls for service that are directed to the Police Department.

### 415.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Town of Cheektowaga Police Department to appropriately respond to Town emergency utility service requests received by this department.

### 415.3 UTILITY SERVICE EMERGENCY

A current contact list of Town personnel to be notified in the event of a utility service emergency should be available in Dispatch.

#### 415.3.1 WATER LINES

The Town's responsibility for water lines ends at the water meter; any break or malfunction in the water system from the water meter to a residence or business is the responsibility of the customer.

If a water line break occurs on the Town side of the water meter, Erie County Water Authority personnel should be notified as soon as practicable.

#### 415.3.2 ELECTRICAL LINES

When a power line poses a hazard, a member of this department should be dispatched to the reported location to protect against personal injury or property damage that might be caused by the power line. The fire department and electric company should be promptly notified, as appropriate.

#### 415.3.3 RESERVOIRS, PUMPS, SEWER SYSTEM

In the event of flooding or equipment malfunctions involving Town reservoirs, pumps or sewer system, the designated Town of Cheektowaga department should be contacted as soon as practicable. These departments include but are not limited to the main pump station, sewer department, highway department, facilities, and engineering.

#### 415.3.4 NATURAL GAS LINES

All reports of a possible leak of natural gas or damage to a natural gas line shall promptly be referred to the fire department and the local gas company responsible for the lines. A member of this department should be dispatched to the reported location if it appears that assistance such as traffic control or evacuation is needed.

#### 415.3.5 TRAFFIC SIGNALS

A member of this department should be dispatched upon report of a damaged or malfunctioning traffic signal in order to protect against personal injury or property damage that might occur as the result of the damaged or malfunctioning signal. The member will advise Dispatch of the problem with the traffic signal. The dispatcher should make the necessary notification to the Town's Sign

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Traffic Maintenance Department or the appropriate traffic signal maintenance agency, as soon as practicable.

A decision to place a signal on flash should include a consultation with the appropriate traffic signal maintenance agency, unless exigent circumstances exist.