Emergency Utility Service

430.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The City Public Works Department has personnel available to handle emergency calls 24 hours per day. Calls for service during non-business hours are frequently directed to the Police Department. Requests for such service received by this Department should be handled in the following manner.

430.1.1 BROKEN WATER LINES
Any break or malfunction in the water system from the water meter to the citizen’s residence or business is the customer’s responsibility. The Alameda County Water District (ACWD) emergency personnel should be called as soon as practicable by the Communications Section.

430.1.2 ELECTRICAL LINES
City Public Works does not maintain electrical lines to street light poles. When a power line poses a hazard, an officer should be dispatched to protect against personal injury or property damage that might be caused by power lines. The Electric Company or Public Works should be promptly notified, as appropriate.

430.1.3 RESERVOIRS, PUMPS, WELLS, ETC.
The Alameda County Water District maintains the reservoirs and public water equipment. Alameda County Flood Control maintains several underpass and other street drainage pumps. In the event of flooding or equipment malfunctions, emergency personnel should be contacted as soon as possible.

430.1.4 EMERGENCY NUMBERS
A current list of emergency personnel who are to be called for municipal utility emergencies is maintained by Communications Section.

430.2 TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE
The City of Union City contracts with a private maintenance company to furnish maintenance for all traffic signals within the City, other than those maintained by the State of California.

430.2.1 OFFICER’S RESPONSIBILITY
Upon observing a damaged or malfunctioning signal, the officer should advise the Communications Section of the location and problem with the signal. The dispatcher should make the necessary notification to the proper maintenance agency.

430.3 REVISIONS
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