

	<b>Standard Operating Guideline</b>	
	<b>SOG Name:</b>	<b>Reporting Dilapidated and/or Unsafe Buildings</b>
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**PURPOSE:** To help members identify and report dilapidated structures that might be deemed unsafe within the City of Dothan (COD), thereby initiating the COD abatement process.

**GENERAL**

A dilapidated structure is in a state of disrepair or ruin because of age or neglect. Disrepair or ruin to the extent firefighters should not make entry. To protect the public and our members, we must make a concerted effort to identify dilapidated structures within the COD.

**SECTION 1**

Once a member identifies a dilapidated structure, notification must be sent to the Fire Prevention Division. This can be done by emailing [fireinspections@dothan.org](mailto:fireinspections@dothan.org). If you have not received an email confirmation within three working days, contact the Chief of Prevention.

**SECTION 2**

After receiving a dilapidated structure’s address, a member of the Fire Prevention Division and a COD Building Inspector will conduct an inspection. It will then be determined if the structure is, in fact, dilapidated, requiring entrance into the COD abatement process.

**SECTION 3**

Once a structure has been identified as dilapidated, an urgent safety notice will be emailed to all Dothan Fire Department personnel and the Communications Center to be flagged in CAD.

**(Signature on File)**

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