

Egg Harbor Fire Department and First Responders Standard Operating Guideline

Subject: Forcible Entry

SOG 813

Purpose: This guideline has been developed to standardize the Egg Harbor Fire Department use of forcible entry.

Scope: This procedure applies to all members of the Egg Harbor Fire Department.

Procedure: The following guidelines will be followed whenever forcible entry is needed.

Structural Entry:

1. All exterior doors will be checked before attempting forcible entry "try before you pry"
2. The officer in charge or highest-ranking member will decide if forcible entry is needed.
3. The officer in charge or highest-ranking member will notify the Comm. Center that forcible entry is needed and request the Sheriff Department if they are not already present.
4. When forcible entry is needed it shall be done with the least amount of damage possible.
5. Before making entry the Fire Department members shall identify themselves and see if there is any response to their call.
6. Forcible entry techniques shall follow those recognized by department training.