



FALMOUTH VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
SAFETY BULLETIN

SUBJECT: REMOTE DOOR OPENERS

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Due to the unreliability of the remote door openers, please follow these recommendations:

1-Use the wall-mounted switches to open and close the bay doors, during routine, non-emergency movement of the apparatus. This allows you to see the door and it's actions. This also limits the possibility of the remote sending an inappropriate signal to the controller.

2-On Emergency response use the wall switch to open the door. After exiting the building the remote may be used to close the door.

3-Upon returning to the station the remote may be used to open the door. This allows enough time to insure that the door is open and not receiving any additional signals from the remote. After the unit is parked inside the building use the wall switch to close the door.

All members need to be aware that we do not have safety features such as timers, photo eyes or automatic stops. The department has investigated purchasing these items and we hope to phase them in, as the budget will allow. Until said items are installed we must take their place and be diligent when operating the bay doors.