Tree Failure Response Checklist

If there is a threat to life/limb call 911!
Be prepared to contact local municipal agencies for assistance with other hazards
Crew Lead:__________________________
Crew Members Present:___________________________________________________
Date:__________

Assess
- Gather information from a safe place
- Ensure safe access to tree failure site
- Ensure deployment of appropriate personnel and equipment

Remove
- Determine critical cut/lift if needed
- Prepare resources and personnel for critical cut/lift
- Prepare escape routes for workers involved in critical cut/lift

Safely Access
- Ensure safe access to and from failed tree/tree part on site
- Prepare a safe worksite for crew and public
- Check for other hazards
  - Electrical or other utility
  - Traffic
  - Hazards to the public
  - Other Tree related hazards (Not just the failed tree/tree part)
  - Other________
- Restrict access for all persons not involved in work

Stabilize
- Stabilize failed tree/tree part if needed
- Remove material to isolate point or points of contact if needed
- Plan for removal of failed tree/tree part
  - Fall
  - Rig
  - Crane
  - Piece out
  - Other ________

Remediate
- Assess safety of site after failed tree/tree part has been removed
- Perform other remedial actions needed

Review
- Review operations with all present employees
- Use feedback for continual improvement for next occurrence
- Revise procedures as needed