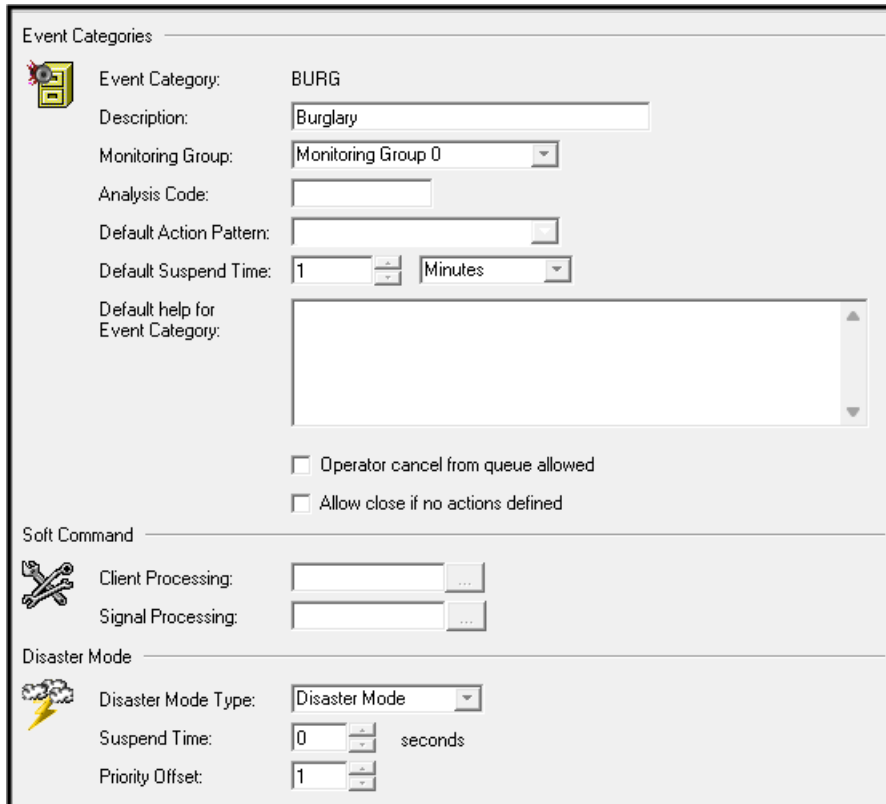# SWS - Maintenance Menu - Events - Event Categories

The **Event Categories** are the overarching groups that contain event codes. These groups set specific standards that relate to all events within the groups.

- **Event Category** - This is the ID for the category. (8 Characters Maximum)
- **Description** - The name of the category.
- **Monitoring Group** - What Monitoring Group the events within this category land.
- **Analysis Code** - Code used for alarm Analysis. (8 Characters Maximum)
- **Default Action Pattern** - Often left blank, this is an Action Pattern when NO action pattern is found at any other level.
- **Default Suspend Time** - The default period of time populated into Manitou when users seek to place an alarm On Hold.
- **Default Help** - Most often left blank. This value, when entered, appends to every alarm in the group as the first action item for users to review.
- **Operator Cancel from queue allowed** - When enabled, if the event code is priority 5 -99 within the group, the operators may use the bulk cancel from queue option.
- **Allow close if no action defined -** When enabled, allows the closure of an alarm event within the category, if there are no actions within an action pattern.
- **Client Processing -** This is the same as Customer Attributes on the Event Codes and are manged for alarm reporting. These are rarely applied on the Event Category.

- **Signal Processing** - This is the same as Signal Processing Attributes on the Event Codes. These are rarely applied on the Event Category.
- **Disaster Mode** - Establishes the Default standard for Disaster Mode for the events within the Event Category.
    - **Suspend Time** - Is part of the Disaster Mode and delays the events in the category inside a disaster Area, delaying delivery, to the alarm queue.
    - **Priority Offset** - Number of priority numbers the events within this category will lower when the account is within the Disaster mode area.

> **i** Companies may add and update the Event Categories that are most effective in their organization.

> 🔔 In order for Manitou Signal Processing Attributes and Transmitter Programming Commands to function properly, the Alarm and Restore events must be housed within the same Event Category.