

**PURPOSE**

To provide reasonable safety for firefighters and victims during the use of Fire Department ground ladders.

**POLICY**

Testing shall be done in accordance with the following:

- Annual third party testing (U.L.) coordinated and documented records kept by Physical Resource Supervisor.
- Anytime a ladder is suspected of being unsafe.
- After the ladder has been subjected to overloading.
- After the ladder has been subjected to impact loading or unusual Conditions of use.
- After heat exposure (check heat indicators).
- After repair (except halyard replacement)

The Support Services division will arrange for the testing of ground ladders.

**Inspections & Maintenance:**

All ground ladders shall be visually inspected daily and after each use. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Change in color of heat sensor label.
- All rungs for snugness and tightness.
- All bolts and rivets for tightness.
- Welds, for any cracks or defects.
- Beams and rungs for cracks, breaks, deformation.
- Roof hooks shall be checked for proper operation
- All moving parts shall be checked for proper operation.
- Halyard condition

Any evidence of the above shall render the ladder unserviceable. The ladder shall be tagged and reported to Support Services for pickup and replacement.

All ground ladders shall be kept clean at all times. Use soap and water only. Extension ladders slides lubed only with hand bar soap.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



Robert McKibben, Fire Chief

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