

SUBJECT: LADDER MAINTENANCE**SECTION:** 202.07**REVISED:** OCTOBER 29, 2007**PAGE(S):** 2

PURPOSE

To provide proper care and maintenance for Fire Department ladders so as to insure their usability and full service life.

POLICY

- A. Fire Department ladders shall be visually inspected weekly.
- B. Fire Department ladders shall be visually inspected and cleaned after each use.
- C. Fire department ladders should be certified by an outside testing organization according to NFPA guidelines at least yearly or after ladder is placed in a hostile environment
- D. Fire Department ladders which have been found to have defects shall be removed from service for repair and/or replacement.

PROCEDURE

The following procedure should be utilized when inspecting Fire Department ladders:

- A. Remove dirt from the ladder with a brush and running water. A solvent cleaner may be used to remove any oily or greasy residues.
- B. After rinsing or anytime a ladder is wet, wipe it dry.
- C. Check it for obvious defects (bends, tweaks, cracks, etc.)
- D. Check for broken or cracked welds.
- E. Check for Cracked metal parts.
- F. Check for loose rungs and/or rivets.

- G. All braces, slides, stops, locks, rivets, pulleys and other movable parts should be examined.
- H. Movable parts should be lubricated at least every six (6) months.
- I. Check the halyards for wear and decay.
- J. Check proper action of extension ladders.
- K. When defects are discovered, notify the Shift Supervisor

RESPONSIBILITY

- A. It is the responsibility of the Maintenance Officer to provide overall management of the maintenance, repair and replacement of Fire Department ladders.
- B. It is the responsibility of the Shift Supervisors to insure that proper care and maintenance procedures are followed by Fire Department members working with ladders.
- C. Members shall utilize the proper procedures and provide the proper care when maintaining and utilizing Fire Department ladders.