



RUSSELLVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
POLICY MANUAL

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PURPOSE

To provide proper care and maintenance for Fire Department ladders so as to ensure their usability and full service life. To establish guidelines relative to the maintenance, cleaning and inspection of Fire Department ladders.

It is the responsibility of the Company Officers to ensure that proper care and maintenance procedures are followed by Fire Department members working with ladders. Members shall utilize the proper procedures and provide the proper care when maintaining Fire Department ladders.

POLICY

Fire Department ladders shall be visually inspected and cleaned monthly.

Fire Department ladders shall be visually inspected and cleaned after each use.

Fire Department ladders, which have been found to have defects, shall be removed from service for repair and/or replacement.

Halyards on Fire Department ladders shall be replaced as needed, or at least every two (2) years.

Inspecting and Cleaning Ladders

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

1. Remove dirt from the ladder with a brush and running water. A solvent cleaner may be used to remove any oily or greasy residues.
2. After rinsing or any time a ladder is wet, wipe it dry.
3. Check for obvious defects (bends, tweaks, cracks, etc.).
4. Check for loose rungs and/or rivets.
5. All braces, slides, stops, locks, rivets, pulleys and other movable parts should be examined.
6. Movable parts should be lubricated at least every six months.
7. Check the halyard for wear and decay.
8. Check proper action of extension ladders.
9. When defects are discovered, notify the Shift Commander.

Approved

Fire Chief

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