

Subject:	FIRE SERVICE EQUIPMENT
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1.0 POLICY

- 1.1** All portable equipment shall be routinely inspected and maintained in such a condition as to enable members to achieve objectives during emergencies in a safe efficient manner.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1** It shall be the duty of all members to report any defective, unsafe or inoperable equipment to the shift officer.
- 2.2** It shall be the responsibility of the Assistant Chief of Operations, to see that equipment is repaired prior to its return to service and to establish procedures for adequate inspections and record keeping of inspections of all portable equipment.

3.0 GUIDELINES

- 3.1** The load capacity shall be stenciled on each portable rescue jack and the load capacity shall not be exceeded.
- 3.1.1** The instruction plate on portable jacks shall be maintained in a legible condition.
- 3.2** Portable powered cut-off saws (rescue saws) shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
- 3.2.1** Carbide tipped saw blades shall not be used on portable powered cut-off saws (rescue saws) without the manufacturers recommendation.
- 3.3** When not in use, the cutting teeth on a chain saw shall be covered either by an old section of hose, a wooden scabbard, or an equivalent method.
- 3.4** All axes worn by members shall be provided with a scabbard to guard against injury from

the blade and pick of the axe.

- 3.5 The guards on smoke ejectors shall not be removed.
- 3.6 The handling, storage and utilization of acetylene in cylinders shall be in accordance with the compressed gas pamphlet G-1, 1966 edition.
- 3.7 Abrasive blades in storage shall be protected from contact with water, liquids, petroleum products and their fumes.
- 3.8 Fiber rope that has been subjected to injurious chemicals or excessive heat shall not be used for load carrying purposes.

4.0 REFERENCES

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