

City of Belleville Fire Department

Number: 1001

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Belleville Fire Department to ensure all hydrants in the City of Belleville are operated in a standard manner.

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GUIDELINE

1:00 **Purpose:**

1:01 To establish Department Guidelines for Hydrant procedures.

2:00 **Procedures:**

2:01 All supply lines shall be High Vol. if possible. (Gate valve to be placed on the port furthest from the fire)

2:02 Hydrant wrenches must be left on hydrant spindle when hydrant is in operation. Caps and tools are to be left at the base of the hydrant.

2:03 All hydrants used by our Department for firefighting/training purposes, must be fully opened.

2:04 **Charge the supply line once the signal is given by the Pump Operator.** (Signal is by radio or visual communications)

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- 2:05 When using more than one hydrant for firefighting operations, the Pump House shall be notified and if required a representative from Belleville Water may be requested to attend or assist the Officer in Charge.
- 2:06 **Hydrant Shutdown:**
Close the hydrant completely off and open 2 ½” (65mm) hydrant gate valve. Once water flow and pressure has subsided, remove hose and gate valve from the hydrant.
- 2:07 Cap all discharge ports except for one. Place the palm of one hand over the uncapped discharge port until vacuum diminishes and then replace cap.
- 2:08 Check all discharge caps for proper tightness.
- 2:09 Notify Belleville Water (Officer in charge will radio RTO) of hydrant number and location after every usage.
- 3:00 **Scope:**
- 3:01 It shall be the responsibility of the Captain/ Officer in charge of each shift to ensure that this guideline is explained and followed.
- 3:02 It shall be the responsibility of **all employees** to understand and adhere to this guideline.
- 3:03 All requirements of **Rules and Regulations** pertaining to hydrants are to be followed.

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