

City of Belleville Fire Department

Number: 1017

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Belleville Fire Department that fall protection from elevated devices (aerials or platforms) be provided to and worn by Personnel working aloft.

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GUIDELINE

1:00 Purpose:

1:01 To address fall protection from elevating devices by the use of “Fall Restraint” and “Fall Arrest” systems.

2:00 Procedures:

2:01 Fire Fighters shall be trained in the use, care inspection and limitations of the fall protection equipment.

2:02 Fall Restraint shall be utilized on Aerial Ladders whereby a waist belt with two locking anchor hooks be worn by the Fire Fighter and secured to both side guardrails of the ladder, limiting movement and securing the wearer inside the guardrails of the ladder. The flip-down steps shall be used to ensure stable footing.

2:03 Fall Arrest shall be utilized on Platform Aerials whereby a full body harness with a “D” ring and shock-absorbing lanyard or stop system is worn by the fire fighter(s) and the locking hook is secured to the anchor point(s) in the platform. This method allows movement within the platform

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2:04 Components of the Fall Restraint and Fall Arrest system shall conform to one of these recognized Quality and Safety standard agencies (ULC, CSA, CGSB, NFPA)

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.

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