

City of Belleville Fire Department

Number: 1019

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Belleville Fire Department that prudent practice be utilized for personnel safety during lightning storms.

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GUIDELINE

1:00 **Purpose:**

1:01 To reduce the risk of injury to personnel while operating an Aerial apparatus, lighting mast and ground ladders during a lightning storm.

2:00 **Procedures:**

2:01 Aerial Ladder operations should be suspended and Aerial Ladder bedded **if possible,** until storm passes.

2:02 Where the use of an Aerial Ladder is required during a lightning storm, extreme caution shall be exercised.

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2:03 Safety issues to consider

- When to raise or lower aerial apparatus, lighting masts and ground ladders.
- When to begin or cease roof operations.
- Moving pump operators off the ground and onto the pump operator step or inside of the fire apparatus.
- Staging the rapid intervention team inside a fire apparatus or a building.
- Staging all personnel not on active assignment inside a fire apparatus or a building and committing the minimum number of personnel to complete outside assignments.

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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