

City of Belleville Fire Department

Number: 1022

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Belleville Fire Department to ensure personnel safety while operating on a roof.

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GUIDELINE

1:00 **Purpose:**

1:01 To reduce the risk of injury to personnel while working on a roof.

2:00 **Procedures:**

2:01 At a minimum, two means of emergency egress for crews working on a roof should be present.

2:02 Ladder the strongest areas of the roof and avoid placing ladders over any openings (ie. windows doors etc.).

2:03 Ladders should be raised three or four feet above the roof for visibility.

2:04 As a minimum all roof crews should have – all personal protective equipment, portable radios, appropriate tools and a charged hose line.

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- 2:05 Sound the path of travel with an axe, pike pole or other suitable tool to verify the roof's safety.
- 2:06 No crews should be sent to the roof or crews should be recalled off the roof if the roof has been exposed to flame and extreme heat that would compromise the integrity of the type of roof construction.
- 2:07 Roof ladders should be used on sloped roofs and any time there is a safety concern or a possibility of weakness in the roof.
- 2:08 Reasonable consideration should be given to tying off personnel where practical.
- 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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