

# City of Belleville Fire Department

Number: 1026

**POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Belleville Fire Department that extrication tools and chains be inspected on a regular basis as well as after each use.

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## GUIDELINE

1:00 **Purpose:**

1:01 To ensure the equipment is clean and in good working order for the safety of the firefighters.

2:00 **Procedures:**

2:01 Regular inspection checks should be made by the vehicle operator to ensure that tools and chains are:

- Stored properly
- All tools are in service
- Clean and lubricated
- Free of rust/or oxidization

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2:02 After each use of the tools and chains, they should be inspected:

- Excessive wear
- Nicks or gouges
- Elongation, distortion of or damage to links, couplings, hooks or attachments
- Twist in chain
- Damage to motor, hydraulic lines and tools

2:03 Cleaning shall be completed as needed and after each use of the tools and chains as recommended by the manufacturers specifications.

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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