

City of Belleville Fire Department

Number: 1029

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Belleville Fire Department that the safety of personnel must be of first and foremost consideration at High-Angle rescues from areas such as high structures, rough terrain, confined space and high rise buildings.

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GUIDELINE

1:00 Purpose:

1:01 To ensure the safety of all personnel by only performing high-angle rescues based on the limitations of our training.

2:00 Procedures:

2:01 High-Angle rescues to high structures, high rise buildings, confined space and rough terrain will be limited to the use of ground ladders and aerials. Ropes **shall not** be used to raise or lower personnel to gain access to and egress from the rescue location. On rough terrain rescues (low grade slopes only-15 to 35 degrees), a rope may be used to support personnel, victims and the rescue stretcher.

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.

THIS GUIDELINE IS NOT EXPECTED TO SUBSTITUTE FOR GOOD JUDGEMENT AND EXPERIENCE UNDER UNUSUAL CONDITIONS.

