

City of Belleville Fire Department

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POLICY:

It is the policy of the Belleville Fire Department that procedures be followed to protect all personnel from the hazards of falls from fire apparatus.

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GUIDELINE

1:00 **Purpose:**

1:01 To prevent injury or death from falls from fire apparatus while performing normal job functions.

2:00 **Procedures:**

2:01 Where work is required to be performed on top of the fire apparatus:

- Fire apparatus should not be used as observation platforms unless they are equipped with an engineered railing.
- The preferred methods of risk elimination include ground level hose loading or other means to prevent the possibility of falls

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- Only use the minimum number of personnel that are required to complete the task assigned.
- A spotter should be positioned on ground level to monitor all personnel's activities on top of the apparatus.
- All equipment, tools, etc should be handed down to personnel on ground level so that personnel working on top of the apparatus maintain full contact with both hands when descending off the apparatus. All equipment, tools, etc being returned to the top of the apparatus should be handed back up to the personnel on top.
- Personnel on top of the apparatus should work from as close to the centre of the apparatus as possible when loading hose, etc. If the apparatus is equipped with an engineered railing it shall be used.
- Extreme caution should be used when working on top of apparatus when conditions are wet, slippery, etc.
- Personnel should always maintain a three point contact when mounting or dismounting the apparatus.
- When light is compromised, utilize lighting to illuminate top of apparatus when loading hoses, equipment, etc.
- If working on top of the apparatus in the fire stations, personnel should be aware of fans, heaters or other overhead hazards.

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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