

CLIO AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPERATING GUIDELINE

TITLE: ELECTRICAL INSULATED GLOVES

REFERENCES: CAFD RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES, AND GUIDELINES

SAFETY OF FIRE FIGHTING PERSONNEL SHALL BE A PRIMARY CONCERN FOR ALL OPERATIONS.

THE LIFE AND HEALTH OF DEPARTMENT MEMBERS INVOLVED IN RESCUE INCIDENTS DEPEND IN LARGE PART ON THE USE, MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF ELECTRICAL INSULATED GLOVES.

THE PRIMARY FUNCTIONS OF FIRE FIGHTING ARE LIFE SAVING OPERATIONS, FIRE PREVENTION AND TO HALT ANY FURTHER DESTRUCTION OF PERSONAL AND PUBLIC PROPERTY.

PURPOSE:

The Electrical Insulated Gloves (EIG) is for handling over-the-road vehicles that are mainly driven by battery power. The EIG are **NOT** for handling any kind of Consumers Energy power lines. The EIG are to help increase the safety of firefighters and the community in rescue situations and are not meant to replace professional power employees.

USE:

The EIG should be used when dealing with over-the-road vehicles that are mainly driven by battery power.

GUIDELINE:

The EIG should be kept on the rescue vehicles from both stations. When it is discovered that a vehicle involved in an incident is a battery powered vehicle, the EIG should be used by a firefighter to locate and disconnect the power cables in the vehicle from the battery. Take the EIG out of the bag and visually inspect for any cracks or discoloration. The inner rubber gloves must be used inside of the Leather Gloves. Until this has happened no one should touch the vehicle.

TRAINING:

All members of Clio Area Fire Department who engage in rescue operations shall be trained in the proper use, handling and cleaning of the EIG.

CARE AND CLEANING:

The EIG should be cleaned per manufacturers recommendations.

INSPECTIONS:

The EIG should only be visually inspected once a month, do not take out of the bag. The EIG must be tested annually.

REPAIRS:

If any repairs are needed to the EIG, they should be thrown away and a new pair obtained as soon as possible. A record should be kept and filed of when new pairs are bought and replaced.