

# **CLIO AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **OPERATING GUIDELINE**

### **TITLE: EXTINGUISHERS**

**REFERENCES:**       NFPA 1500  
                              NFPA 10

EXTINGUISHERS, LIKE ALL PORTABLE EQUIPMENT, MUST BE MAINTAINED IN A CONSTANT STATE OF READINESS FOR IMMEDIATE USE. THE SAFETY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC DURING THE TIMES THAT THE EXTINGUISHERS ARE IN USE OR BEING MAINTAINED IS THE PRIMARY CONSIDERATION.

### **INSPECTIONS:**

#### **Weekly Inspections**

Shall be visual inspections to check for: discharge, intact seal, dents, nicks or cuts in hoses, and visible rust or deterioration. Dry Powder Extinguishers shall be turned upside down to assure that powder is loose and has not become caked.

#### **Annual Inspections**

Shall include all parts of the weekly inspections plus a physical inspection which shall include:

- Remove and inspect CO2 Cartridge
- Empty and discard old powder. (can be used for "chimney bags")
- Remove hose and nozzle and clean out so product can move freely through.
- Inspect cap threads and gasket.
- Install new powder.
- Install new seal and affix inspection tag.

### **HYDROSTATIC TESTING:**

Shall be performed by a certified testing company and shall be completed at intervals specified by the manufacturer.

Inspection and testing shall be in compliance with NFPA 10