

CLIO AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPERATING GUIDELINE

TITLE: LADDERS AND AERIAL DEVICES:

REFERENCES: NFPA 1500 – SAFETY
 NFPA 1932 - GROUND LADDERS
 NFPA 1904 - AERIAL DEVICES

LADDERS AND AERIAL DEVICES, LIKE ALL FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT, MUST BE MAINTAINED IN A CONSTANT STATE OF READINESS FOR IMMEDIATE USE. THE SAFETY OF DEPARTMENT MEMBERS AND OF THE PUBLIC IS THE PRIMARY CONSIDERATION WHEN LADDERS AND AERIAL DEVICES EITHER ARE IN USE OR ARE RECEIVING MAINTENANCE.

INSPECTIONS:

WEEKLY:

All Ladders and Aerial Devices shall be inspected weekly to check for loose rungs, damaged halyards, loose or broken rung hooks or locks, damaged beams, loose or broken roof hooks, and loose, damaged or missing items that are specific to individual types of ladders or devices. Heat sensors shall also be checked for exposure on a weekly basis.

ANNUAL:

All Ground Ladders shall be inspected and service tested annually, in accordance with NFPA 1932.

All Aerial Devices shall be inspected and service tested annually in accordance with NFPA 1904.

WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER EACH USE:

All ladders and aerial devices shall be visually inspected within 24 hours after each use.

RECORDS:

Records shall be kept on each ladder and aerial device for all inspections made.