

506 SECURING TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

PURPOSE:

To establish a policy to address the procedures and responsibilities for the securing of tools & equipment on Department apparatus.

SCOPE:

All responding firefighters, officers, and apparatus operators will be covered by this policy.

PROCEDURES:

1. All hand tools and equipment carried in fire department vehicles will be secured in a compartment or other appropriate location. The apparatus operator is responsible to assure that all compartment doors are closed and prior to any vehicle being moved.
2. If a problem is noted with any of the compartment latches, straps, or where the equipment is stored, the station officer will complete a vehicle maintenance form identifying the problem.
3. All exterior mounted equipment will be secured to the vehicles by safety straps or latches.