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## Ground Ladder Testing

### **913.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that ground ladders are periodically inspected and tested for compliance with the standards set forth by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). This is a safety measure designed to reduce or eliminate the risk of injury to department members when using ground ladders.

### **913.2 POLICY**

It is the policy of the Euless Fire Department to perform testing, inspection and certification of all ground ladders for the safety of department members and to comply with applicable standards.

### **913.3 INSPECTION AND TESTING**

All department-owned ground ladders that are in-service should be tested and certified annually. The actual testing interval may exceed 12 months if that time is reasonably needed for scheduling and completion of the testing process.

Ground ladders shall also be tested after repair and before being placed back in service. Ladders will be tested in accordance with applicable NFPA standards. Load testing minimums will vary based on ladder construction and type.

All ground ladders shall be inspected thoroughly after each use. Any defect noted in the inspection shall be repaired and the ground ladder tested prior to being returned to service.

Ground ladder testing and certification should be performed by a trained, qualified department member or a qualified vendor.

### **913.4 RECORDS**

Fire Administration shall be responsible for maintaining comprehensive records of all ladder testing and certification for the service life of each ladder.