

GLASGOW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guideline

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PURPOSE

The Glasgow Fire Department in conforming to the "Insurance Service Organization" shall test all fire hose annually in the spring (date to be announced by the Administrative Office.)

HOSE TEST PROCEDURE

1. The shift officer or senior member on the shift shall insure all test and hose procedures are performed correctly.
2. The hose test procedure shall be in accordance with NFPA 1962 and to the manufacturer's recommendation.
3. The shift officer or senior member shall see that all test results are recorded on the proper form.
4. Annual testing procedures:
 - a. 150 P.S.I. Booster
 - b. 250 P.S.I. 1 ½, 1 ¾, 2 ½, and 3"
 - c. 200 P.S.I. 5"
 - d. 150 P.S.I. Soft suction (Pump Supply)
 - e. Hard suction shall be tested during annual pumper service test.
5. All new hose shall be tested before being placed into service.
6. The length of the hose tested shall not exceed three hundred (300) feet in length per line.
7. After pressurizing the line, the valve to that line shall be closed to minimize the danger in case of a hose failure during the test.
8. Any hose found to be defective shall be tagged and marked with explanation of defect. The hose shall then be forwarded to Station 2. If rolled, the hose will be rolled with the female coupling first.
9. Fire hose tests shall be conducted at a location that will cause as little inconvenience to the public as possible. The public shall be kept clear of hose testing operations to protect them from possible injury.
10. Fire hoses shall not be dragged unnecessarily.
11. All washing shall be conducted at either station, using a hydrant and the hose washer.
12. Take every precaution not to drop couplings.
13. Hoses shall be dried and shall be rolled ASAP after they are dry. Male coupling shall be on the inside of the roll.
14. Hoses shall be protected against contact with acids, gasoline, oils, sharp objects, extreme heat and cold when possible.
15. GFD vehicles shall not drive over fire hoses unless it is necessary.
16. The shift officer or senior member shall insure that hoses removed from service are recorded in the daily log and the Administrative Office shall be notified of the size and section number of the hose.

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17. Repaired hoses shall be tested, using the above methods, before being placed back in service.