

LIFE LINE OPERATIONS

Purpose:

To facilitate safe operations through the proper and appropriate use of life lines.

Guidelines:

- A. It shall be the guideline of this fire district to use life lines when it has been deemed necessary for the safety of personnel in the following circumstances.
 - 1. Personnel entering manholes to effect a rescue.
 - 2. Entering areas of toxic and/or hazardous environments.
 - 3. Search and rescue, where hose lines are not used.
 - 4. Over-cliff operations.
 - 5. Any other situation in which the use of life lines may be necessary for the safety of personnel.
- B. Life lines shall be a minimum of 100 feet in length.
- C. Life lines shall be kept on apparatus in a Life Line Bag.
- D. Life lines shall not be utilized for tool and equipment hoisting or routine type operations. Life lines shall only be used for emergency life safety operations.
- E. When it has been determined that the need exists to utilize life lines, personnel should be guided by the following:
 - 1. Obtain life lines and other equipment as may be required.
 - 2. Secure to an immovable object, i.e. engine, telephone pole, etc.
 - 3. Utilize the rescue harness during lowering, hoisting and search and rescue operations.
 - 4. Insure an adequate number of personnel for communication and support activities.
 - 5. Utilize O.A.T.H. signal system:
 - a. O – OK 1 pull
 - b. A – Advance 2 pulls
 - c. T – Take up rope 3 pulls
 - d. H – Help! 4 pulls
 - 6. During repelling operations, utilize gloves, helmet, turnout coat and approved life belt.