

## Standard Operating Guidelines

### Guideline 203.0 Loading Fire Hose



#### **Purpose:**

Hose loading operations can be very hazardous and have contributed to a number of deaths and serious injuries. To that extent this guideline is implemented for the safety of firefighters in the course of loading hose.

#### **Guideline:**

The following will be the standard operating guideline for loading fire hose.

All personnel involved with testing fire hose shall wear gloves as a minimum protective equipment.

Signs and traffic cones shall be placed in the roadway where the testing is taking place for protection of personnel and fire hose.

#### Hose Loading:

Divers should never move apparatus until he/she is absolutely certain of the whereabouts of all personnel. Personnel involved in hose loading are permitted to ride on the moving apparatus under the following conditions:

There shall be one individual assigned as the safety observer. The safety observer shall have an unobstructed view of the hose loading operation and be in visual and voice contact with the driver.

Fire apparatus shall only be driven in the forward direction and at no more than 5 mph.

Personnel may be in hose bed but shall not stand in the hose bed while the apparatus is moving.

Personnel may stand on tailboard while apparatus is moving so long as having both hands on grab rails of apparatus.