



RUSSELLVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
POLICY MANUAL

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PURPOSE

To ensure that employees are protected from the hazards associated falls.

Work activities where employees may be subject to falls and/or falling objects shall be conducted safely with associated hazards eliminated and/or controlled.

All personnel should adhere to this policy.

POLICY

Fall protection should be used whenever possible. All ladders should be heeled at any time a member is working on ladder. Ladders should also be tied off if possible.

When performing rope rescue operations, all personnel will utilize a department recognized Harness that meets current standards.

A belay/safety rope shall also be utilized during training and emergency operations.

When performing steep climbing angles during Training (Aerial Climb), fall protection shall be utilized with belay and harness/ladder belt.

When performing aerial operations, a ladder belt shall be worn.

Roof Operations during Training:

Employees engaged in roof activities with unprotected sides and edges 6 feet or more above lower levels will be protected from falling by guardrail systems, toe boards, safety net systems, (personal) fall arrest systems or a combination of safety systems.

Roof Operations during Emergencies:

Roof operations are meant to be completed very quickly. The assignment should be completed and members should immediately get off the roof. Fall protection is generally limited to roof ladders, heeling ladders, and increasing distance from unsafe roof areas. Fall protection such as tie off lines are usually not practicable under fire conditions. Tie off lines require an anchor on the roof. If the roof is in question, this could place the member in more danger and unable to make an emergency exit during a roof collapse.

Approved

Fire Chief

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