Standard Operating Procedure PEORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Physical Resources** 

ANNUAL AERIAL LADDER TESTING SOP 500.09

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## **PURPOSE**

To define the procedure, roles, and affix responsibilities for completing Aerial Device Testing in accordance with NFPA standards.

## **POLICY**

It is the policy of the Peoria Fire Department that all fire apparatus equipped with aerial devices receive testing in accordance with NFPA 1914, <u>Testing Fire Department Aerial Devices</u>. These tests shall be performed at least annually, after major repairs or modifications to the aerial device, after the device has been subject to unusual operating conditions of stress or load, or when the device is suspected of exceeding the manufacturers operating specifications.

## **Procedure**

- The Fire Department Physical Resource Supervisor shall initiate aerial device testing for each apparatus so equipped.
  - Each apparatus shall be scheduled through a certified third party test company.
- The Physical Resource Supervisor shall ensure outside vendor is provided with a current version of NFPA 1914 prior to scheduling aerial device testing.
  - Aerial device testing shall be recorded on appropriate forms as indicated in NFPA 1914, "Aerial Device Examination and Test Record"
  - o The Physical Resource Supervisor shall maintain copies of all completed aerial device testing records and certifications.
  - Aerial device testing records and certifications shall be maintained for a period of not less than three years for each apparatus.

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