

Operating Guideline # 214

Loose Equipment in Apparatus Cab

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Operating Guideline (OG) is to increase the safety of firefighters during emergency response.

ISSUE/RATIONALE:

Loose equipment inside the cabs of fire apparatus poses a severe risk to firefighters should the apparatus become involved in a collision or rollover.

GUIDELINE:

1. All firefighting equipment that may become a projectile and potentially injure firefighters in the event of a crash (flashlights, hand tools etc.) shall not be stored in the apparatus cab unless fastened in a mounting mechanism that can withstand the forces of a 9G rollover. Equipment that cannot be properly mounted shall be stored in the apparatus compartments.
2. Equipment stored in vehicle cabs shall remain fastened in their stored position until the apparatus has come to a complete stop.
3. All latching mechanisms will be inspected at the earliest opportunity when equipment has been removed to ensure the latching feature is working properly.

RESPONSIBILITY:

It is the responsibility of all staff to comply with the provisions of this Operating Guideline.

REFERENCES:

- Section 21 Committee Guidance Note, GN-1-01 – Fire Truck Occupant Safety