

TRAINING ALERT

Train as if your life depends on it... **BECAUSE IT DOES!**

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MANUAL PULL PEN

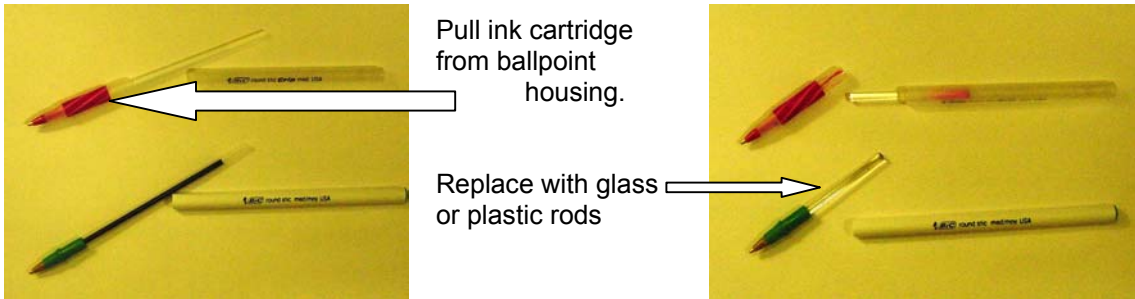
The LAFD responds to thousands of Fire Alarm / Manual pull station incidents that turn out to be false every year. Whether the pull station is pulled purposely because of smoke/fire, accidentally, or with malicious intent, we have a duty to respond, investigate and restore the fire alarm system to its original working order.



The Manual Pull Pen is designed to make resetting a manual pull station alarm faster and easier. The idea is to have glass rods ready and available at the earliest convenience. To make a Manual Pull Pen, members should use a standard LAFD issue Bic round stick pen and:

1. Remove the ballpoint housing from the body of the pen.
2. Remove the ink cartridge from the ballpoint housing. (The cartridge easily separates from the tip by pulling)
3. Place one glass tube in the main pen body.
4. Place the second glass tube in the ballpoint housing.
5. Replace the ballpoint housing back into the main pen.
6. Recap the pen.

The pen should now look like a regular ink pen, but two glass manual pull station tubes have replaced the ink cartridge.



The Manual pull pen can easily be stored in any pocket of your turnout coat. This makes the tubes easy to find in the coat. With all or most of the company members carrying a pen, it makes the company much quicker and more efficient in their work.

An example of this efficiency would be members on the 5th floor to investigate a Fire alarm and find a manual pull station that has been activated. These members can reset the pull station using the pen in their coat and have other members (normally Truck Co.) reset the alarm at the panel. This operation is more time efficient than going back down to the fire control room or annunciator panel area to look for a glass tube that may or may not be located there.

