

# TRAINING ALERT

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

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The In-Service Section will issue training alerts as the need arises. They are intended to be shared at line-up.

## LADDER ATTACHMENT BELT

Recently, the Supply and Maintenance Division has distributed a "ladder attachment belt" to each Truck company. This equipment shall be used by members positioned on aerial ladders while operating the ladderpipe assembly. This belt will replace the current practice of attaching a safety strap to the turnout coat "D" rings.

Officers and members responsible for the inventory of equipment on the apparatus shall ensure that this equipment is properly cared for and readily accessible for use.

Maintenance of this belt is consistent with other fabric-based equipment. The belt shall be stored out of direct sunlight in a dry location. Moving parts shall be lubricated with silicone spray. Soiled fabric should be cleaned with a mild soap and water solution and allowed to dry before replacing on apparatus. Loaner equipment can be obtained from S & M.



Suggested use of this belt is to be placed outside the turnout coat. The locking carabiner should be attached directly to the side rail of the aerial. Use of the current safety strap is not advised. This procedure gives the flexibility to move on the aerial pegs, but not too loose as to make for an unsafe situation.

The gate and latch assembly is a ¼ turn clockwise to unlock.

**NOTE:** Aerial operators must ensure all straps, buckles and hardware are secure and clear of the rungs before retracting the ladder.