**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a procedure for inspecting and maintaining fire extinguishers assigned to apparatus and located in the station.

**PROCEDURES:**

All fire extinguishers shall be inspected, when initially placed in-service, monthly, and after being returned from service.

The monthly inspection shall be conducted on the last day of each month.

The inspection procedures shall include, but not limited to:

Located in the designated place.

No obstruction to access or visibility.

Operating instructions on the plate are legible.

Tamper seals are not broken or missing.

Check pressure gauge reading and/or weight for indication of the operable range.

Examine for obvious physical damage, corrosion, leakage, clogged nozzle or cracked hose.

Check hydrostatic test date.

Check annual service date.

**SERVICE AND REPAIRS:**

Anytime a fire extinguisher is found in need of service or repair, an “Equipment Work Order” shall be completed. (This is an electronic form in our Aladtec system).

Maintenance, service, and recharging shall be performed by an Extinguisher Service Agency.

Any extinguisher that is out of service shall be replaced by a spare extinguisher of the same type.

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

It shall be the responsibility of the On-duty Shift Captain to ensure that monthly extinguisher inspections are conducted on the last day of each month.

It shall be the responsibility of the On-duty Shift Captain to document monthly inspections in the department’s FireHouse Records Management System.

It shall be the responsibility of the Assistant Fire Chief of Operations to ensure these procedures are carried out in accordance with this Standard Operating Guideline.

**REFERENCE:**

NFPA 10