

Waterloo Vol Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines

Ropes

Purpose:

The purpose of this Standard Operating Guideline is to establish a guideline concerning ropes used in the Waterloo Fire Department.

Guideline:

Storage of Ropes:

- All ropes shall be stored in clean, dry area. All life safety ropes shall be stored in rope bags. Utility rope may be stored in or outside of rope bags.

Proper Line Safety Ropes:

- All Life Safety Rope will be in either a red or yellow rope bags for FAST Team use and Blue for water rescue use. All ropes will have a carabineers attached to each rope.
- All other ropes will be stored in any other color but red, yellow or blue.

Impact Loads on the ropes:

- Any life safety rope that withstands an impact load shall be put in the category of utility rope and replaced.

Standards:

- Any rope or hardware that is purchased will conform to the NFPA standards.
- All Life Safety Ropes shall be cleaned and inspected after every use.