

<b>Standard Operating Procedure</b>	NO: 04-03-05
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Title: GROUND LADDERS	Revision: 0                      Date:

**PURPOSE:**

To establish a basic guideline for the use of ground ladders to improve the safety of firefighters in the Scriba Volunteer Fire Dept.

**GUIDELINE:**

- Ground Ladders should be placed on all sides of the structure whenever there are crews operating within the structure.
  - When ladders are placed for life safety the window should be removed to allow for rapid exit of interior crews
  - Interior crews should be advised when ladders are in place
  - Ladder tips should just above the window sill
- Roof ladders should be used on all roof operations. The ladder should extend from the peak to past the outer wall.
- Ladders raised to a roof should have a minimum of three rungs above the roof line
- The halyard on any extension ladder should be tied off as soon as the ladder is lowered into the building. Only enough rope should be tied off to prevent the ladder from accidentally retracting if the dogs fail. The remainder of the rope should be placed under the ladder so that no one will trip on it.
- When a ground ladder is raised and placed for life safety it shall not be moved until the alarm is over and firefighters are no longer working in or on the structure.
- The first person to climb an extension ladder should check to make sure the dogs are secured.
- All ground ladders should be raised at a 70-degree climbing angle.
- A Firefighter should foot any raised ground ladder while it is in use by placing their feet against the butt of the ladder or by holding the rails from the backside.
- Personnel climbing the ladder with tools in their right hand should slide hands on the beams.
- The minimum spacing between Firefighters when on a ground ladder is 10' apart.