

Santa Barbara City Fire Department

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To: All Department Members

Subject: Annual Hose Testing

The Department will conduct annual hose testing during the third quarter of this year. Please review S.O.P. A-V-1 for correct pressures and procedures.

***Special Note: Due to drought conditions, hose testing shall be conducted primarily at drill tower and Station 1 as a secondary site. In the event that department personnel are questioned by the public about hose testing, Captains should be prepared to discuss the importance and the reasoning behind hose testing. Contact your shift Battalion Chief to coordinate the use of the drill tower.

Station 1 crews will have the responsibility of testing all cache hose. Please complete your assigned hose during the third quarter.

The color code tape to be used for this year's testing is Yellow. Please remove all other color codes. Contact Chief Mercado if you need additional Yellow tape.

Please use the "Hose Inventory Sheet", filling out as much information as you can. The form can be found at this link <H:\Group Folder\E-Forms\Hose Testing SBFD.docx>. Use the following as a guideline for "Hose Condition". Remember to make every effort to test hose while you are hooked up to a water supply so that incoming pressure can be utilized, minimizing wear and tear on our pumps and apparatus.

Good: Shows no fraying, male coupling threads intact, female coupling swivels easily, no leaks or weeping.

Fair: Shows some fraying, male coupling threads intact, female coupling swivels easily, no leaks, slight weeping.

Poor: Significant fraying, male coupling threads intact or damaged, female coupling swivels easily or requires effort, possible leaks, slight weeping.

Hose labeled "Poor" may be removed from service but will still need to be tested.

This year's testing responsibility is as follows:

A Shift: 1", 1.5", and 1.75" hose

B Shift: 2.5" hose

C Shift: 4" hose

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