Bath Township Fire Department			Standard Operating Guideline	
Section **Equipment**	**Referral No.** **E-O5**	**Subject:** **Hydraulic Tool Operation**	**Date Issued** **11/02**	**Date Revised** **3/08**

Purpose:

- To provide guidelines for use of hydraulic/power rescue tools

Scope:

- This standard operating guideline shall apply to all personnel.

Responsibilities:

- Officer
  - All officers will ensure that any personnel operating the hydraulic/power rescue tools are properly trained.
  - The person operating the hydraulic/power rescue tools will do so in a safe manner.

- Personnel
  - All personnel have the responsibility of wearing proper safety equipment and operating the hydraulic/power rescue tools in a safe manner.

Guidelines:

- All personnel operating hydraulic/power rescue tools will do so while wearing proper turnout gear
- All personnel operating hydraulic/power rescue tools will be properly trained
- Prior to using hydraulic/power rescue tools, it must be determined that the scene is safe for their operation. This includes but is not limited to looking for downed power lines, gas leaks or other hazardous materials.
- The Incident Commander will coordinate the placement of Rescue 1309
- The driver of Rescue 1309 is responsible for operating the power plant for hydraulic tools
- The vehicle being worked on will be properly stabilized prior to using hydraulic/power rescue tools
- Measures must be taken to ensure for the safety of any victims in the vehicle
- The persons operating the hydraulic/power rescue tools must keep a clear line of communication open with the power plant operator to ensure for efficient operation of the tools
- At no time shall the hydraulic/power rescue tools be used in a manner they are not designed for
- When using hydraulic/power rescue tools, be aware of tool kick back, shifting of the vehicle or any other sudden unexpected movement

- Any damage or malfunction to the system shall be reported to an officer and a repair slip filled out
- The hydraulic power plant shall be checked after each use to ensure that it is full of fuel and ready for use
- The tools will be cleaned after each use