Bath Township Fire Department			Standard Operating Guideline	
Section **Equipment**	**Referral No.** **E-O9**	**Subject:** **Rescue 1309 - Winch Operation**	**Date Issued** **11/02**	**Date Revised** **3/08**

Purpose:

- To provide guidelines for the use of the winch on Rescue 1309.

Scope:

- This standard operating guideline shall apply to all personnel.

Responsibilities:

- Officer
  - All officers will ensure that any personnel operating the winch will be properly trained.
  - The person operating the winch will do so in a safe manner.

- Personnel
  - All personnel have the responsibility of wearing proper safety equipment and operating the winch in a safe manner.

Guidelines:

- The winch is located in the front bumper of Rescue 1309, in the middle compartment
- The control unit for the winch is located in compartment #7.
  - This will be used when operating the winch
- All personnel operating the winch will do so while wearing proper turnout gear
- Fire or extrication gloves must be worn when using the winch to prevent hand injuries
- A sandbag shall be attached to the cable, mid-line, to reduce recoil in the event of a cable failure.
- All personnel operating hydraulic rescue tools will be properly trained
- Prior to using the winch, it must be determined that the scene is safe for its operation
- The driver of Rescue 1309 will be responsible for running the winch
- At no time shall the winch be used in a manner that it is not designed for
- No one shall stand in direct line of the winch when it is being used. The control operator shall position himself behind the left or right fender of the truck prior to using the winch. This will offer them some protection in event of the cable slipping or breaking
- Any damage or malfunction to the winch shall be reported to an officer and a repair slip filled out
- The winch and cable shall be checked after each use to ensure that it is undamaged and ready for use