Bath Township Fire Department			Standard Operating Guideline	
Section Equipment	**Referral No.** E-11	**Subject:** Hose Drying Tower Operation	**Date Issued** 11/02	**Date Revised** 11/11

Purpose:

- To provide guidelines for safety and use of the hose tower

Scope:

- This standard operating guideline shall apply to all personnel.

Responsibilities:

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

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

Guidelines:

- **Safety is always our first priority**
- All personnel operating in the hose tower will do so while wearing a hard-hat or fire helmet
- All personnel operating in the hose tower will be properly trained
- The persons operating in the hose tower must keep a clear line of communication open with each other to ensure efficient and safe operation in the hose tower
- Two personnel will work in the hose tower when hanging hose to dry
- One person shall climb the ladder to the platform to remove hose from the hoist and hang it on the drying rack or remove dry hose from the drying rack
- Person that climbs to platform should be free from any distractions
- One person shall remain on the ground to load wet hose on the hoist and raise the hoist with the remote control
- When removing dry hose from the drying rack, the person on the ground shall protect the couplings from damage
- When dry hose is removed from the drying rack, the person on the ground shall stand clear to avoid getting struck by falling hose
  - When removing dried hose from rack, place hose onto hoist and lower to ground.
- Once all the wet hose is hung, and the platform person has descended the ladder, the exhaust fan may be turned on to circulate air to facilitate drying of the hose

- Any damage or malfunction of equipment in the hose tower shall be reported to an officer and a repair slip completed.