East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District	
	SOP 407 Monthly Fire Extinguisher Inspection
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Purpose

To ensure that each fire extinguisher/extinguishment system in the stations and in department vehicles will be "quick checked" the first day of each calendar month

Definition "Quick Check": It is intended to give reasonable assurance that the extinguisher/ extinguishment system is fully charged and operable. This is done by verifying that it is in its designated place, that it has not been actuated or tampered with, and that there is no obvious physical damage or condition to prevent its operation.

407.1 Responsibility

It is the direct responsibility that the Lieutenant ensures that the extinguisher "quick check" procedure is completed.

407.2 Procedure:

1. Located in designated place.
2. No obstruction to access or visibility.
3. Operation instructions on nameplate legible and facing outward.
4. Safety seals and tamper tags not broken or missing.
5. Fullness determined by weighing or hefting.
6. Examination for obvious physical damage, corrosion, leakage, or clogged nozzle-hose.
7. Pressure gauge reading or indicator in the operable range or position.
8. Condition of tires, wheels, carriage, hose, and nozzle checked (for wheeled units).
9. Check to ensure only the operating instructions are on front of extinguisher and HMIS label is in place (Hazardous Material Identification System).

407.3 Maintenance Record Keeping

Record of the inspection will be attached to the extinguisher or system with a label.

Fire extinguishers that pass the applicable six (6) year requirement of National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) 10 Chapter 4-4.3 shall have the maintenance information recorded on a suitable metallic label.

407.4 Verification of Service

Each fire extinguisher/extinguishment system that has undergone maintenance that includes internal examination or that has been recharged shall have "verification of service" tag attached.