




**City of Winchester  
Fire & Rescue Department  
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**



<b>Section:</b> Operations	<b>SOP:</b> 7.5
<b>Subject:</b> Cold Weather and Apparatus	<b>Effective:</b> February 2, 2009 <b>Revised:</b> September 27, 2010
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## SCOPE

To provide guidance for operating station apparatus during cold weather.

## PURPOSE

With the possibilities of extreme cold weather conditions, department apparatus may be effected thus rendering them in-operable or provide for accelerated wear and tear. The following addresses when apparatus should be restricted during routine events.

## GUIDELINE

1. For weather that is at 35 degrees or below and it is anticipated that apparatus will be parked outside for 30 minutes or longer, then apparatus should not be taken out of the stations except for emergency events.
2. If necessary, pumps on fire apparatus should be drained to avoid freezing.
3. Cancellation of routine events shall be made by Battalion 6 as warranted. Sound judgment and safety should determine the course of action.
4. Weather information shall be obtained from [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) on our internal website link to determine the temperature criteria.