



Allegany County Emergency Services Board Policies and Standards

Subject: Pumps Testing

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1. Purpose and Scope

- a. Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all Class A Engines in Allegany County meet minimum equipment standards and have properly operating pumps.
- b. Scope: This policy is in effect for all Allegany County Departments.

2. Definitions:

- a. Class A Engine: A motor pumper of at least 750 GPM capacity as listed by ISO.
- b. Pumps Test: Flow tests and dry prime test performed to ensure that the pump is capable of working at rated capacity at draft.

3. Policy:

a. Pumps Testing

- i. Allegany County Emergency Services Board requires that each Class A Engine pass the most recent NFPA standard for pumps testing. This shall include flow testing as well as dry prime testing.
- ii. Pumps Testing will be provided through a third-party vendor with Allegany County funding.
- iii. Pumps Testing will be scheduled in advance in a predetermined testing site location set up through the Emergency Services Board. Each department will be required to get the apparatus to and from the testing site.
- iv. Departments may elect to have their own third-party pump testing completed. The vendor must submit written verification to the Emergency Services Board of the results of the testing. Allegany County is not responsible for the costs associated with this third-party testing.

b. Failure to Pass Pumps Test

- i. Failure to pass the pumps test will result in county appropriations being withheld until such time that the deficiencies have been corrected and both tests have been completed satisfactorily.
- ii. Departments facing financial hardships may submit a letter to the Emergency Services Board requesting funds to be released in order to repair/remedy the failure points. Requests will be approved on a case-by-case basis.