TACTICAL ACTION GUIDELINES

1. NUMBER: 9.1.4

2. SUBJECT: ***Hose Care***

3. POLICY: It is the District's policy that all hose shall be maintained in a manner that is consistent with NFPA standards.

4. SCOPE: This Policy and Procedure is applicable to all personnel of Grant County Fire District 3.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES:

   A. It shall be the responsibility of the District Fire Chief or designee to enforce this Policy and Procedure.

6. PROCEDURE:

   A. Hose carried on apparatus shall be securely coupled and orderly in arrangement. Unless unavoidable hose shall not be allowed to remain on apparatus in a dirty or wet condition in excess of 24 hours. Except hose so constructed that the condition does not cause harm.

   B. Special care shall be exercised to see that fitted gaskets are in hose and that those which have become deteriorated are replaced.

   C. Hose shall be replaced on apparatus as soon as possible after emergencies and drills.

   D. Hose shall be carried, not dragged, to points of concentration as a protective measure. When "breaking" hose lines inside of buildings, care shall be exercised to see that water damage is kept to an absolute minimum.

   E. All hose shall have water run through it at least once every year, and service tested to the NFPA 1961 standard.

   F. The use of oil on threads and swivels of hose is prohibited.

   G. Hose rolled for repair shall be rolled with the female coupling forming the core, tagged stating necessary repairs and tied.

H. A change of hose position shall be made on all apparatus every twelve (12) months. Hose used at fires should be washed and cleaned before being put back in service.