TACTICAL ACTION GUIDELINES

1. NUMBER: 9.1.6

2. SUBJECT: ***Use of Ladders***

3. POLICY: When using ladders, all personnel shall follow appropriate safety and operational procedures as detailed in this Policy and Procedure and District training procedures.

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. Ladders not designed and built for the fire service should not be used, including ladders found on the fireground.

   B. Sufficient personnel should be used when carrying ground ladders. Whenever possible, position a firefighter at the front of the ladder being carried to safeguard against hitting people or objects.

   C. Do not use excessive speed in carrying or raising ladders; be especially careful when the ground is slippery.

   D. Do not place the ladder on the ground where it may be damaged by moving apparatus, subject to engine exhaust heat or become a tripping hazard.

   E. Personnel shall adhere to the following principals when working with ground ladders:

      1. To achieve the proper angle, the butt of the ladder should be 1/4 of the total used length of the ladder from the building.
      2. The area should be checked for overhead obstructions (wires, signs, tree limbs, etc.) and falling debris prior to and during the ladder raise.
      3. The ladder butt should be on secure and level ground.
      4. The ladder should never be placed so it is straddling a hose line.

5. The first firefighter up a ladder should check the dogs to ensure they are in place.
6. The tip (or top) should be placed to give adequate and secure support. If possible, the tip should be tied, and a firefighter should be positioned at the base of the ladder to secure it.
7. Keep hands and feet off the rungs when the fly is being raised or lowered.