

Bethel Township Fire Department

GENERAL ORDER: 404	SECTION: Apparatus
SUBJECT: Placement of Items on Apparatus and Open Doors	EFFECTS: All Personnel
ADOPTED: 05/01/2016	SUPERSEDES: All Previous
REVISED:	

PURPOSE:

- A. The purpose of this general order is to prevent property damage to equipment, gear, and facilities from incidents that are avoidable. Repair/replacement costs create budgeting constraints and reduce funds available for other needs.

RESPONSIBILITY:

- All personnel have the responsibility to adequately learn and follow this general order.
- All officers are responsible for training all members and for ensuring proper compliance with this general order.

GENERAL ORDER:

1. Experience has taught us that items placed on the exterior of apparatus, even if only for a second, will invariably be forgotten and damaged. Therefore, personnel shall not place any items (clothing, personal protective garments, portable radios, coffee cups, etc.) on any part of the exterior of a piece of apparatus. Items to be left on the exterior of any piece of apparatus only when mounted using an appropriate bracket or other mounting devise. As loose equipment on the exterior of a vehicle also poses a threat to passing motorists, all items not properly secured to the vehicle shall be removed immediately. Report any such problems immediately to a supervisor.

2. A door left open sometimes results in damage to the door, the portion of the building it hits, and the contents of the compartment. All compartment doors including vehicle doors shall be left in the closed position when in the station and when appropriate on emergency scenes. At times it may be necessary to leave a compartment door open (example: wet compartment drying out.) A note shall be placed on the steering wheel warning the operator that a door is in the open position and why.