



RFD Training Newsletter

December 2015



December Highlights

JAC Meeting Dec 12

EMS Skills Testing

Holiday Toy Drive

USAR Quarterly Drills

Mini Tech Rescue Academy

Harassment Make-Up

High Rise Class

Merry Christmas to All



The Pumpers Local

Knowing the Pump

Pump Transmission Lever

Indicates that Shift Collar has shifted from Road -to - Pump.

Shift Collar in Road / Drive

Air is released to allow Shift of Collar

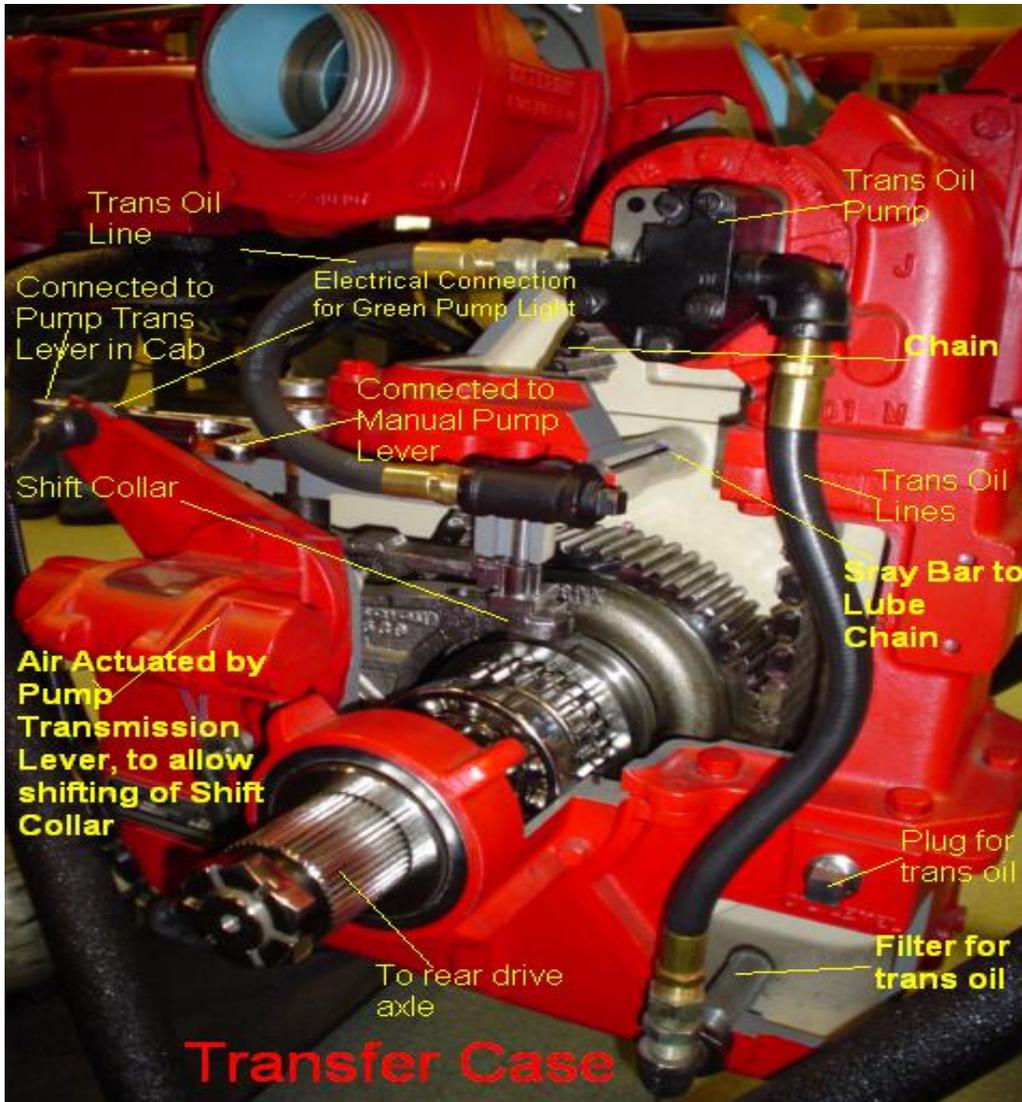
Indicates that a complete shift has been made and pump has recieved power.

Shift collar is transferred to pump gear. Power to drive axle is removed.

Waterous
DEPENDABLE



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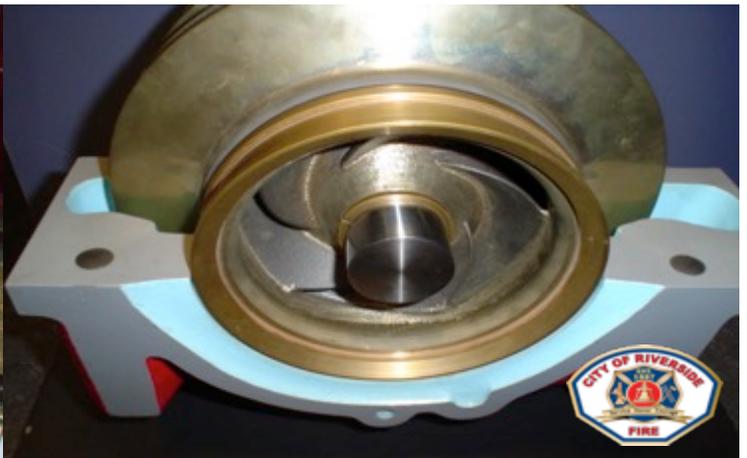
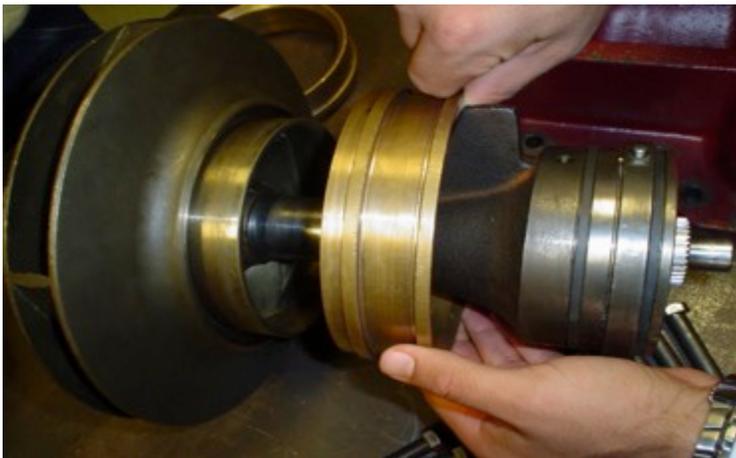


Transfer Case (Left)

Grab a creeper and take a look under a KME Engine. Locate the transfer case and identify the following components.

Wear Rings (Below)

75% of the wear takes place between the impeller (rotating) and the wear rings (stationary). Wear Rings allow the pump shaft to be mounted to the pump casing.





New Practical Applications

All company Officers will be sent a Draft Copy of the new Practical Applications for Garage and Attic fires soon. Please review these Practical Applications with your crews. Each P/A will give the first on-scene priorities for Engine & Truck Companies



**CITY OF RIVERSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT
TRAINING DIVISION
PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

TOPIC:	Offensive Attack on Attached Garage Fires (Engine Companies)
TIME FRAME:	30 MINUTES
NUMBER:	Level III
LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION:	
BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVE:	To use an approved method of extinguishing attached garage fires as an engine company.
Condition:	Engine Company priorities when arriving first on scene of a working garage fire:
Behavior:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Primary Search *Confining the Fire to the Garage *Salvage (Goal is 100% Salvage of the Interior Residence) *Extinguishment





Working on the Truck

“Using Landmarks for Vertical Ventilation”



Once on the roof, cutting directly over the fire can sometimes be complicated. Using a fixed ground-level landmark that is in-line with the involved unit can assist with correct location of vertical ventilation. Fixed ground-level landmarks can be mailboxes, fire hydrants, street signs, or trees. Do not use vehicles, or non-stationary objects that may be moved during the incident.



Officer Training MCD

December 2015

The Training Division will be focusing on the Initial Attack Sequence using SLICE-RS and Vertical Ventilation Techniques for all company officers. This will be a classroom setting which will cover Size up, Locating the Fire, Identifying the Flow Path, Cooling from a Safe Location, Extinguishment, Rescue & Salvage. □

We will also be introducing our rough draft Practical Applications that will provide a standard for strategy & tactics when responding to garage fires and attic fires.

Salvage

Reduce secondary damage from water, fire, and debris (pulling ceiling). The company officer assigned to interior/fire attack is responsible for assigning and directing salvage operations.



Mentoring & Promotional Section



Empowerment

During a recent incident involving a vegetation fire and numerous box trucks, Firefighter Tim Vanderhorst was given the opportunity to remain the incident commander throughout the incident. Firefighter Vanderhorst arrived first on-scene, and set up the incident command system following our department SOP. This allowed proper assignments, designators, and radio channels to be utilized. When Battalion 2B arrived on scene he decided to allow Firefighter Vanderhorst to remain the incident commander.

Empowerment - A management practice of sharing information, rewards, and power with employees so that they can take initiative and make decisions to solve problems and improve service and performance.



Per SOP 3.38, the first fire department member will implement the Incident Command System.

Each company officer should teach their crew how to run a first alarm assignment for structures and vegetation fires. Firefighters assigned to the squad shall become confident with first on-scene operations.

Mentoring & Promotional Section

The recent captains academy focused on the duties and responsibilities of a company officer in each division of the department. This included administrative duties, operational strategy and tactics, coordinating training, fire prevention duties, and aspects of leadership and management to name a few.

Our department is anticipating many openings in the next few years for company officer, and chief officer ranks. The future our department is relying on current company officers and chief officers to mentor and prepare the upcoming candidates to one day take their place.

Preparing for promotion starts now. Prepare yourself for the next step in your career. Evaluate yourself in the following areas:

Education

Experience

Certifications/Courses

Department Involvement

Community Involvement

Oral Interview Skills, Practical Examination, and Public Speaking & Presentation Skills

Note: Company Officer & Chief Officer ranks are not entry-level positions. We continue to learn everyday, but must be ready to perform on the first day.

Inside the Command Center

ICS & Air Operations

Feb 8, 2016. Free

**Riverside City Fire Training
Center**



Specialty Stations



New technology has arrived at the Tech-Rescue Station. The days of balancing a heavy patient on top of one wheel during a low-angle rescue is over. The Tech-Rescue team now has a rescue wheel with two wheels. This will make our Mt. Rubidoux, Anza Narrows Park, and Wilderness Park rescues much easier. The stokes-basket attachment methods are much more user friendly and much quicker & easier.

Tech Rescue Mini – Academy

December 7, 21, 22

Truck Skills Review Days

January 20, 21, 28, 2016

Heavy Lifting, Stabilization, and Extrication



Specialty Stations

“El Nino is Coming”

To prepare for heavy rains and possible rescues, each engine company should review the following skills, and practice these skills at potential water rescue scenarios in your district.

- #1 – Review of Swift Water Alerts 1-2-3, River Orientation, and ICS
- #2 – Inspection & Review of Swift Water Gear Assigned to Units
- #3 – Review of Throw Bags
- #4 – Review of Tension Diagonal
- #5 – Review of Mechanical Advantages
- #6 – Inflated Fire Hose