

## **BLACKWOOD FIRE COMPANY OPERATING GUIDELINE**

### **7.6 FIREFIGHTER SAFETY - POWER EQUIPMENT**

- 7.6.1 Portable electric hand tools, lights, and fans shall be inspected prior to use for damage, frayed or loose electrical connections or other obvious defects, and shall be equipped with a three pronged plug for grounding the equipment, or be labeled "Double Insulated"
- 7.6.2 Gasoline powered saws, generators, fans, and hydraulic power units shall be inspected prior to use for fuel leaks, damaged components, or other obvious defects.
- 7.6.3 The fuel level of gasoline powered equipment shall be checked prior to starting, and additional fuel or fuel/oil mix added as necessary. Gasoline powered equipment shall not be refueled while operating.
- 7.6.4 Hydraulic tools shall be checked prior to use for fluid leakage, damaged components or other obvious defects. Hydraulic hoses shall be checked for damaged couplings, holes, abrasions or kinks.
- 7.6.5 Operators of power equipment shall use due caution when operating in the vicinity of others, and shall clear a sufficient working area prior to tool operation.
- 7.6.6 The operator of power equipment shall utilize personal protective equipment when using power equipment IAW OG# 7.5.