

Points to Ponder

Lisle Woodridge Fire District



Cold Weather Pump Operations

When operating in extreme cold weather, remember the following:

While parked in the station:

- Open pump main drain (Dry pump)
- All discharge and intake ports caps off and open
- Bleeder valves open
- Rinse and exercise all valves

Prior to leaving the building:

- Close pump main drain
- Close all discharge and intake ports
- Close all bleeder valves
- Open Tank to pump (Wet pump)

Upon arriving on the scene immediately circulate the water in the pump:

- Engage pump
- Open tank to pump and tank fill
- Monitor the pump for any abnormal operations
- Check the pump for "pressure" by showing pressure on your master discharge gauge

Upon returning to quarters:

- Open pump main drain (Dry pump)
- Engage Primer to discharge all excess water
- All discharge and intake ports caps off and open
- Bleeder valves open
- Rinse and exercise all valves

If the pump experiences any freezing attach a garden hose to the faucet and use hot water to thaw!

