

Best Practice for Filling Tankers

Purpose:

To safely and efficiently provide water for re-filling tankers supplying water to the emergency scene.

Practice:

1. A minimum two-person team (may include tanker operator as second person), will connect and disconnect a water supply line to the tanker.
2. If visual contact cannot be made with the pump operator at water source, a firefighter at the end of the supply line must have radio communication.
3. A reflective safety vest must be worn, in addition to safety boots, helmet and hearing protection. Cold weather -bunker gear: Warm weather-coveralls.
4. Tanker driver/operator must not leave the re-filling area and must perform a complete 360 of the vehicle before returning to the driver's seat to ensure disconnection has been made.