



# ANN ARBOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Standard Operating Procedures – 1.05 Hydrant Use



### HYDRANT USE

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#### **I. PURPOSE**

To establish a procedure to inform the Water Treatment Plant of hydrant use and to ensure hydrants are pumped out during freezing weather. The Water Treatment Plant routinely receives discolored water complaints when hydrants are used.

#### **II. RESPONSIBILITY**

It shall be the responsibility of the incident commander and / or senior officer at a incident, training, or activity that involves hydrant use to communicate with the Water Treatment Plant as soon as possible.

#### **III. PROCEDURE**

The Water Treatment Plant shall be notified via their 24-hour hotline (734) 994-2840 under the following conditions. Please provide the time, hydrant number, and address (nearest cross streets).

1. Major fire incidents with sustained master stream operations. The Water Treatment Plant can boost system pressure.
2. Any hydrant usage between October 1 and April 1, so hydrant barrels can be pumped down to prevent freezing.
3. Any training event involving flow of master streams where total water usage exceeds approximately 5,000 gallons.