

Aerial Ladder Climb

The purpose of this event is to test the applicant's ability to safely ascend and descend the Aerial device to perform work from an elevated position.

Aerial ladder will be set up at a 70-degree angle and extended 110 feet.

Applicant will climb the ladder using a ladder belt and safety line. Applicants must also wear a fire fighting helmet, gloves and steel toe boots with pants.

- Applicant must use a continuous motion, and must touch every rung while ascending and descending the aerial device.
- Each applicant will be instructed to grasp the top rung on the ladder with both hands and remain holding the top climbing rung of the aerial for 15 seconds prior to descent.
- A voice command will signify the completion of 15 seconds. After the command is given the applicant must then start descending the aerial ladder.
- Applicant must ascend and descend the ladder at a safe pace, but not stop for an extended period of time on the way up or on the way down. Applicant is not allowed to rest at any time. If applicant stops once to rest, they will be given a warning. If the applicant stops twice, they will be disqualified.
- Applicants will not have a time limit when conducting the aerial climb exercise; however, they must not pause for more than 10 seconds during the event.
- Applicant's ladder belt will be removed by FD personnel after dismounting the aerial apparatus onto the ground.
- **Failure point:**
 - Skipping rungs
 - Stopping for more than 10 seconds
 - Stopping more than twice, not including the mandatory stopping at the top rung.