

Washington Township Fire Department Standard Operating Procedure

Division 500: Maintenance
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PURPOSE:

To establish a departmental policy for the use of soaps and cleaning agents for washing facilities, vehicles and apparatus. Further, this policy strives to improve member safety and health by controlling the type, quantity and human effect of chemicals in the workplace.

RESPONSIBILITY:

It is the responsibility of all members to use the supplied soaps and cleaning agents as described here, or according to manufacturer's instructions. Do **not** introduce "outside" or foreign substances or compounds that have not been approved or considered acceptable in the Department's workplace environment. Members will familiarize themselves with the provisions of this policy and practice them.

PROCEDURES:

Only use Department approved and furnished materials, compounds, substances, and agents that have Material Safety Data Sheet information. Table 1 identifies departmental cleaning products according to their use. Table 2 contains the product and water mixing proportions for the soap and cleaning agents the Department currently uses.

Table 1 – Product Cleaning Purposes

If Cleaning...	Then Use
Fire apparatus, medics, and vehicles	Zep-O-Shine Car Wash or A-125 (soap)
Floors	A-125 (heavy duty)
Medic equipment	A-33
Medic interiors (no painted surfaces)	A-33
SCBA face masks	Scott multi-purpose wash

Table 2 – Product Mixing Instructions

Product	Packaging/Dispensing	Mixing Ratio
A-33 (disinfectant)	½ oz. self dissolving packets	1 packet to 1 gallon of water
A-125 (soap)	½ oz. self dissolving packet	1 packet to 4 gallons of water
A-125 (heavy duty)	½ oz. self dissolving packet	1 packet to 3 gallons of water
Scott Multi-purpose wash		read package
Zep-O-Shine Car Wash	liquid soap dispensed from 1 gallon container by squirt mechanism	1-3 ounces per gallon of water