INTRODUCTION

1. The Search Rope is designed to provide members with a quick route to safety under conditions where use of the rope, would be advantageous, such as operations in large or maze-like areas, where there is heavy smoke or restricted visibility.

DESCRIPTION

1. The Search Rope is made of white nylon, 5/16th inch diameter. It is 200 feet long, with a snap hook at each end. The rope is packed in a yellow carrying case marked with the unit's number.

DEPLOYMENT

1. Pay out the working end of the rope through the small round holes in the flaps of the carrying case and secure the end to a substantial object.
2. The case is worn over the shoulder. It is equipped with an adjustable tooth buckle and a seat belt buckle for easy adjustment.
3. The rope pays out as the member advances.
4. If more than 200 feet of rope is needed, attach the snap hook of a second length of rope to the strap hook or the end of the first length.

RESTRICTIONS

1. The search rope is to be used only for search or guide purposes. Never use the rope for life saving purposes.

MAINTENANCE

1. Inspect the rope after each use.
2. Store the rope in a dry compartment on the apparatus.
3. Repack the rope quarterly. To prevent the rope from setting, repack it from the opposite end.

PACKING THE ROPE

1. Lay the rope out on the apparatus floor, removing all kinks and twists.
2. Snap one hook to the D-ring at the bottom of the case. This alerts member when 200 feet of rope has been used and prevents loss of contact with the rope.
3. Coil the rope into the case clockwise. Occasionally press the coils down with one hand to prevent a coil from falling below the coil underneath. This keeps the rope from becoming knotted when deployed.
4. Before closing the bag, pass the top hook through the hole in the inner cover and secure the inner cover with the Velcro strips. Then pass the hook through the hole in the outer cover and strap it to the ring on top. Close and snap the cover of the bag.