



# Training Bulletin

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## Locate the FDC



Buildings that are equipped with a standpipe or a sprinkler system will have a fire department connection (FDC) located on the outside. This is so that the fire apparatus can supply more water and pressure to augment firefighting operations.

The FDC will be located on the building for quick and easy access can by firefighters. Usually, the FDC is located at the front of the building. This may not always be the same location for every building. The location of the sprinkler room or standpipe inside the building will usually dictate where the FDC will be located.

1. Using your first-due response area, draw up a list of buildings that have FDCs.
2. Select five or six of them to visit to locate where the FDC is. Pick buildings that are not visited frequently or are known to be different in terms of their FDCs or architectural features.
3. Once on site, try to locate the FDC. Take a picture of it so as to show other crew members and/or to build a database for quick reference.
4. Once located, take the spanner wrenches and remove the caps of the FDC to make sure they can come off easily and there is no debris on the inside.
5. Put back on the caps and make them only hand tight – for future use of taking them off easily.
6. If time permits, take a small section of hose or a double-male coiling and thread it to the FDC or snap the storz couplings together if a storz FDC. This will check to determine whether the threads are stripped and a connection can be made.

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