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This edition of NFPA 1936 was approved as an American National Standard on June 30, 2019.

Origin and Development of NFPA 1936

Work on this document began in a subcommittee of the Technical Committee on Fire Department Equipment. In October 1992, the NFPA Standards Council organized a new committee, the Technical Committee on Fire Department Rescue Tools, which took over the responsibility for developing the document. The first edition of NFPA 1936 was presented to the NFPA membership at the Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD, on May 19, 1999, and issued by the Standards Council on July 22, 1999, with an effective date of August 13, 1999.

The second edition of NFPA 1936 incorporated the *Manual of Style for NFPA Technical Committee Documents* format for codes and standards, which caused the renumbering of some chapters, the relocation of another chapter, and the addition of a new chapter. The title of the document was changed to “Powered Rescue Tools,” eliminating the “system” concept of the first edition. The standard addressed the tools and components as individual items and not as a “system” approach. All design, performance, and testing requirements were reviewed and refined as necessary.

The second edition was presented to the association membership at the 2004 November meeting in Miami Beach, FL, on November 17, 2004, and issued by the Standards Council with an effective date of February 7, 2005.

The 2010 edition updated referenced publications and product label requirements.

The 2015 edition included third-party certification as part of the process for manufacturing compliant tools, especially in Chapter 4, where the change was carried throughout. Further, there was a language shift from training documentation to user information, as well as clarification on the requirements for powering a tool and the cutting test.

The 2020 edition includes a title change and content changes to reflect that NFPA 1936 does not apply only to powered rescue tools. The committee added new requirements for labels to ensure that they are permanent, unalterable, and sized appropriately for the intended rescue tool. Also updated were requirements for rescue tools used for cutting to ensure they can cut the more commonly used high-strength materials noted in new Figure 5.6.15.1 in Chapter 5.

Finally, the committee removed requirements for rescue struts. Existing material related to rescue struts is incomplete and requires more work, and new requirements for struts must be developed.

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Committee Scope: This Committee shall have primary responsibility for documents related to the design, inspection, testing, and use of rescue tools for the fire services.