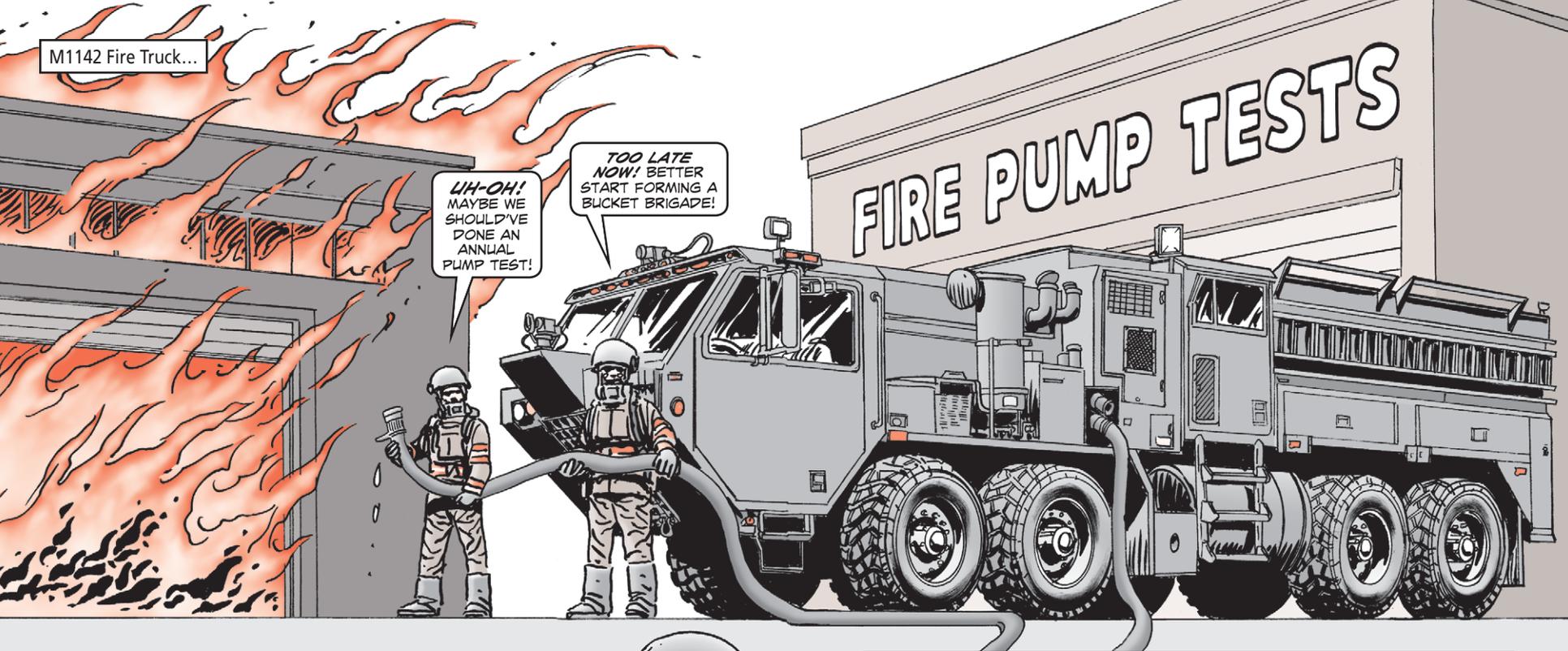


M1142 Fire Truck...



UH-OH! MAYBE WE SHOULD'VE DONE AN ANNUAL PUMP TEST!

TOO LATE NOW! BETTER START FORMING A BUCKET BRIGADE!

# FIRE PUMP TESTS

Dear Half-Mast,

I have some questions regarding the M1142 fire truck that is supported by TM 9-2320-279-10-1 and TM 9-2320-279-10-3. These TMs cover the PMCS and general maintenance procedures for the vehicle's HEMTT-based chassis.

Where are the guidelines for the fire truck's annual pump test? In addition, Chapter 25 of AR 420-1, *Army Facilities Management*, specifically states that fire trucks are to have annual fire pump tests conducted by certified officials. We as firefighters and AMSA personnel are *NOT* certified officials to conduct such tests. Therefore, we need clarification on who is responsible for conducting these fire pump tests.

As always, your help is appreciated.

SSG J. N.

THIS IS A GOOD QUESTION!



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Dear Sergeant J.N.,

This question comes up from time-to-time. So we decided to run it past the headshead for their input. Here's what they had to say:

In paragraph 25-7e(5) (Page 324) of AR 420-1 it states that fire and emergency services personnel "will conduct vehicle service test per NFPA 1911," Standard for the Inspection, Maintenance, Testing and Retirement of In-Service Automotive Fire Apparatus, and recorded on DA Form 5380, Fire Apparatus Test Record.

You can access NFPA 1911 by using a search engine on the Internet. There you'll find several articles with detailed instructions on how to conduct an annual fire pump test. By the way, ignore the first paragraph of NFPA 1911 where it mentions the "New Apparatus Acceptance or Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) Test." The UL test is a specific 3-hour test conducted by an independent agency for the vehicle's manufacturer. It is not the annual pump test you are talking about.

The annual pump test is discussed in the same paragraph. This is a 1-hour service test conducted by a local fire department (or in your case, an Army firefighting unit).

Half-Mast