

	TRAVIS COUNTY ESD #5 MANCHACA FIRE RESCUE Department Directive	D2023-02
		Effective: 02/22/2023
	Pole Saw Use, Multi-Unit Crew Split	Rescinds: na
		From: Chief Barron

Manchaca Fire Rescue attempts to provide its members with the best equipment within our means in order for you to be able to do your job to the best of your ability. This applies to everything from apparatus to hand tools. In order to maintain quality care and prevent unnecessary damage to our apparatus a pole saw has been added to Eng. 501. The pole saw is to be used when there is suspected or obvious low or narrow clearance issues in an apparatus pathway i.e. low hanging branches that might cause damage to an apparatus.

POLE SAW OPERATION

1. USE: When the Engineer, Officer or any member driving an apparatus determines the possibility of damage to an apparatus due to low clearance. Member WILL stop, assess and use situational awareness (360 around the apparatus). To determine the need for pole saw.
Pole saw is a 3-piece, 10 ft. in length, battery-operated tool. (same batteries as PPV fans). The unit also has a bar/chain oil reservoir that will need to be filled.
2. Pole saw is located on the Engineer side compartment.
3. The member operating the pole saw should be wearing appropriate PPE. i.e. gloves, eye protection, and helmet.
4. Notify the on duty officer of any missing parts or other problems found with the unit

Multi-Unit Crew Split

When the crew faces an assignment of having to take two units to a scene, the crew shall split and the second apparatus will have a rider to assist with backing, obstacle avoidance, and MDC/radio use and directions