

# How to Connect to a Dry Fire Hydrant

Most of Caroline County will require the use of Dry fire hydrant water sources to obtain water for suppression protection. In order to access this water, firefighters must be familiar with how to connect and turn on hydrants.

1. Select a dry hydrant to use
2. Position the apparatus to be able to either hook up the front intake or steamer connection on either side of the truck.
3. Once the apparatus is correctly positioned, set the parking brake and leave the truck and pump in neutral.



4. Connect the hard sleeve hose to the dry hydrant and then the intake you have selected.



5. Make sure all connections are tight between the hard sleeve and the truck and the hydrant. Use a rubber mallet or spanner wrench as needed.
6. Open the tank to pump valve on the apparatus pump panel to begin to back flush the dry hydrant.
7. As the truck is dumping water in the dry hydrant, look into the water source and wait for bubbles. Back flushing the dry hydrant should remove sediment from the piping. Close the tank to pump valve once back flushing has occurred.



8. Once connected and flushed, the apparatus should be ready to draft.