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Tanker Shuttle Operations

Filling a tanker/tender through the pump is often the least efficient means to quickly fill and return a tanker/tender to the fire ground.

Every tanker/tender is different, it’s important to get out and practice filling to truly determine which method is best practice for your apparatus.

Many tankers/tender have direct fill valves, these allow for open flow of water directly into the tank providing optimal efficiency in filling the apparatus.

When setting up a hydrant as a fill site, it is important to attach a valve preferably a gated wye to allow the hydrant to remain on during the shuttle operation. If necessary, a pumper can be left on the hydrant to pump the tankers/tenders in the shuttle operation.