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Ladders - Merit Award Suggestion #58433

On the base or butt end of most ladders carried on fire apparatus, there are sharp spurs necessary to keep ladders from slipping on pavement, etc. When the ladders are carried on the apparatus, they are normally located about head height with the spurs extending beyond the rear of the engine. Occasionally, personnel and visitors to fire stations bump into these spurs, causing cuts and scrapes.

Where applicable, Fire Captain "H" Travis Curtis suggested using old 2 1/4 inch fire hose cut in pieces approximately one foot longer than the distance between the ladder beams. Slip on end over each beam, resulting in a "U" shaped arrangement. (Illustration not available.) This usually fits tight enough to stay on during travel without additional tie downs and may quickly be pulled off for operation of the ladder.

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