

SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT		
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES	ARTICLE: II	SOP: 2102
	SECTION: 2100 SAFETY	
	SUBJECT: UNIFORM SPECIFICATIONS: PROTECTIVE ENSEMBLE FOR STRUCTURAL AND WILDLAND FIRE FIGHTING	

Purpose: It is the intent of this district to provide the maximum level of protection to its personnel by assuring that each employee is provided with approved protective clothing. This procedure governs the minimum requirements.

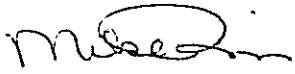
Scope: This procedure is to be adhered to by all personnel engaged in firefighting and other hazardous conditions. Failure to abide by these requirements may result in disciplinary action being taken against the employee, as well as his/her immediate supervisor.

Procedure:

These procedures establish minimum requirements for personal protective clothing and equipment for firefighters when exposed to the hazards of firefighting activity and take precedence over any other safety order of the division with which they are inconsistent.

General Requirements:

- Personal protective clothing and equipment specified in these sections shall be provided and used whenever such employees are required to work in a hazardous environment that may be encountered during firefighting activities or under similar conditions during training activities.
- The employee shall assure the availability, maintenance, and use of all protective clothing and equipment in accordance with these sections.
- Employees shall wear or utilize appropriate personal protective clothing and equipment when directed to work in a hazardous environment until such time as the officer in charge determines that such protection is no longer required.
- Personal protective clothing and equipment that has become damaged or otherwise defective to the point of voiding its intended protection shall be brought to the attention of the company officer and removed from service.

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- Firefighters engaged in emergency activities requiring special protective techniques and equipment shall be trained in the required techniques and provided with the necessary protective equipment.

Requirements for *Structural fire fighting protective ensemble:*

1. The district shall require that all elements of the protective ensemble for use as personal protective equipment shall meet or exceed the specification/ requirements, including the testing and labeling requirements, as found in NFPA Standard 1971 at the time of purchase.
2. Specific to helmets and related eye protection requirements. All structure helmets will provide eye protection. Approved shields are supplied by the district as part of the helmet assembly. Bourks (flip down shields) may be substituted with the provision that approved goggles are permanently attached to the helmet so as fulfill the eye protection requirement.
3. All items/ accessories attached to the firefighter ensemble must be of such, that ensemble certifications or warranties are not impacted by use of the item/accessory.

Requirements for *Protective clothing for wildland firefighting*

1. The district shall require that all protective clothing/equipment for wildland firefighting, including shelters, meet or exceed the specifications/ requirements, including testing and labeling requirements, as found in NFPA Standard 1977 at the time of purchase.
2. District approved station uniform boots shall be acceptable protective footwear for wildland fire fighting applications.

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