

SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT		
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES	ARTICLE: II	SOP: 2111
	SECTION: 2100	SAFETY
	SUBJECT: GROOMING AND APPEARANCE	

Purpose: To provide grooming and appearance standards that meet the professional and safety criteria of the district.

Scope: Shall apply to all safety members of the district.

Procedure:

1. Hair

- Hair shall be cut and styled so that the fire helmet and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) face mask can be put on readily.
- Unrestrained long hair shall not interfere with vision when pulled forward from any part of the head.
- Hair shall not extend in the rear below the bottom edge of the uniform collar.

2. Mustaches, Sideburns, and Beards

Mustaches and sideburns shall be neat and clean and employees shall present a groomed appearance in conformity with reasonable and prudent safe practices. Beards constitute a safety risk and may jeopardize performance in emergency firefighting and rescue operations and, therefore, will not be permitted.

3. Jewelry

For the purpose of safety, earrings and necklaces shall not be worn on duty. Watches, medical alert bracelets and rings in moderation may be worn.

4. Cosmetics

Cosmetics shall be conservative and in good taste. Hair spray or other cosmetics that increase the flammability of hair or clothing shall not be used.

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