

SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT		
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES	ARTICLE: II	SOP: 2100
	SECTION: 2100 SAFETY	
	SUBJECT: PROCEDURES FOR RESPONDING ON FIRE APPARATUS	

Purpose: To assure the safety of emergency district personnel while responding or riding in vehicles or apparatus.

Scope: Applies to all Scotts Valley Fire Protection District personnel responding or riding in fire apparatus.

Procedure:

1. Readiness for Response
 - A. All personnel shall be fully dressed in the appropriate protective clothing prior to boarding the fire apparatus. Helmets and gloves may be donned at the incident site.
 - B. All personnel shall be seated and belted prior to vehicle movement.
 - C. Tail board riding is strictly prohibited. No personnel shall ride on any area of the fire apparatus that does not have a seat belt.

2. Enroute
 - A. At no time shall personnel remove their seat belt while the vehicle is in motion.
 - B. Dressing while traveling to an incident is not allowed.
 - C. Personnel shall remain seated after arriving at the scene until their company officer issues assignments or orders to leave the apparatus.
 - D. If personnel are alerted to an incident while driving in fire apparatus, they shall pull over and don the appropriate protective clothing prior to responding to the incident. Consideration must be given in selecting a safe area for personnel to don protective clothing.

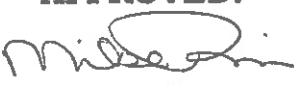
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3. Exception

The driver of the emergency vehicle shall not be required to wear his/her helmet or turnout coat while driving to the incident. This will allow them a greater deal of maneuverability while driving. All appropriate protective clothing shall be donned at the incident immediately after leaving the cab of the apparatus.

*All descriptions of protective clothing required by incident type
can be found in SOP 2104, Protective Clothing Requirements.*

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