

EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

ARTICLE 2: ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

EFFECTIVE DATE:

SECTION 14: PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

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2.14.1 PURPOSE: To establish an inventory of personal protective clothing for all safety personnel and to establish guidelines for wearing the appropriate protective clothing.

2.14.2 COMPLIANCE

The El Dorado County Fire Protection District provides appropriate personal protective safety clothing and equipment for the protection of personnel in hazardous situations and environments in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and standards.

2.14.3 RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility and obligation of all personnel to recognize and to wear appropriate safety clothing when responding to hazardous situations. All personnel entering the perimeter of an incident shall wear the appropriate protective clothing.

2.14.4 PROCEDURE

Complete turnout clothing will consist of the following:

2.14.4.1 Structure helmet as per NFPA 1972:

Cairns Traditional style with Goggles to the rear

Chief Officers – white

Captain – red

All others - black

NFPA 1972 3-10.1 Fluorescent markings:

Lime green

2.14.4.2 NFPA 1972 A-2.4.1 Accessories

Helmet Shields:

Chief Officers - White with red background and white lettering, three lines. Top two lines "EL DORADO COUNTY" Bottom line used for rank. Rank insignia in center.

All others - Black with red background and white lettering, three lines. Top two lines "EL DORADO COUNTY" Bottom line used for rank. Rank insignia in center or station number is optional.

2.14.4.3 Turnout Coat as per ECF Specifications

Chief Officers - red trim

All others - lime green trim

2.14.4.4 Turnout pant as per ECF Specifications

Officers - red trim

All others - lime green trim

2.14.4.5 Turnout suspenders

2.14.4.6 Structure Gloves as per NFPA 1973

2.14.4.7. Turnout Boots as per ECF Specifications

2.14.5 Complete wildland gear will consist of the following;

- A. Wildland Helmet with full shroud, chin strap and goggles
- B. Wildland Shirt
- C. Wildland Pant
- D. Duty Boots as per ECF Specifications
- E. Wildland Gloves
- F. Web Gear:
 - Canteen
 - Fire Shelter
 - Web Harness (optional)
 - Web Pack (optional)

2.14.6 All personal protective clothing will be worn only over natural fiber (cotton, wool,) or Nomex clothing. Full length pants and shirt with short sleeves, undergarments shall also be of a natural fiber.

2.14.7 When dispatched to emergencies, personal safety gear will be put on prior to responding.

2.14.8 Full structural protective clothing will be worn for the following

Incidents:

- A. Structure Fire
- B. Vehicle Fire
- C. Vehicle Accident
- D. Hazardous Materials

2.14.9 Complete wildland protective clothing will be used on all wildland incidents:

2.14.9.1 Wildland protective clothing shall not be used in place of coveralls or as a jacket on routine assignments.

2.14.10 Deviation in this Policy may be made temporarily by the incident commander depending on needs and demands at scene.

2.14.11 At no time will any person engage in any activity at the scene of any emergency without the appropriate protective clothing.