

Pinion Pine Fire

Standard Operating Procedure
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05 - STANDARD ON WEARING OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

PURPOSE: To minimize the potential for injury while working on the fire ground

SCOPE: All personnel

All firefighters at the scene of a fire or incident, when in close proximity to the structure or vehicle, shall wear full firefighting gear, including at a minimum, turnout coat, bunker boots and pants, helmet and gloves. The intent of this is not to require that protective gear be worn at the scene of an incident where no immediate hazard exists.

All firefighters shall don respiratory protective equipment for all interior structural fires, fires in other confined spaces, areas where an oxygen deficient or toxic atmosphere may exist, and at other incidents that require respiratory protection. Masks may be removed after the fire has been knocked down and the building and/or area have been thoroughly ventilated.

Members raising ladders, operating lines outside of a fire building, performing exterior ventilation (roofs, etc) or other external activities are not mandated to use respiratory protective equipment. However, it is strongly suggested that SCBA be worn while performing these or similar operations.

When masks are removed, they shall not be dropped or left in a building or other area where they may be subject to damage.

ONLY PERSONNEL THAT HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN THE USE OF THE DRAGER SCBA SYSTEM AND HAVE BEEN FIT TESTED ARE PERMITTED TO WEAR THEM ON A FIRE OR HAZ-MAT EMERGENCY. IF ANY CONDITIONS CHANGE THAT WOULD AFFECT THE SAFE USE OF WEARING YOUR SCBA, FIREFIGHTERS ARE REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE CHIEF.