

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>FOOT PROTECTION FOR WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING</b>
<b>Section:</b>	<b>PPG# 4400.50</b>
<b>Chapter:</b>	<b>Operations</b>
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## **1.0 POLICY**

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- 1.1** Thurston County Fire District No.5 & 9 will provide fire fighting leather footwear designed to provide limited thermal and physical protection to the wearers' feet and ankles.
- 1.2** Members personally owned protective footwear, may be authorized for use if it meets the performance specifications of Thurston County Fire District No.5 & 9 performance specification.

## **2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES**

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- 2.1** The Assistant Chief of Operations is responsible for the purchase of protective footwear.
- 2.2** The Assistant Chief of Operations is responsible for inspecting and determining the need to repair and/or replacement protective footwear.

## **3.0 GUIDELINES**

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- 3.1** The manufacturers recommendations will be consulted regarding for inspection, care, use, maintenance, limitations and/or retirement criteria.
- 3.2** Protective footwear should be inspected for loss of elasticity, Delamination of seam seals, material damage, sole tread wear, waterproofness, rips, tears, holes, foreign objects and closure systems.
- 3.3** Protective footwear should be cared for in conformance with the manufacturers recommendations.
- (a)** Protective footwear, which is damaged or does not comply with manufacturer specifications, shall not be used or worn.

- (b) Routine cleaning must be consistent with the manufacturers recommendations.

**3.4** Footwear may be resoled provided the footwear upon resoling meets the requirements established in section 3.1.

- (a) Some components of leather boots are repairable or replaceable. Because of the complexity of construction, repairs and alterations to leather boots must be made by the original manufacturer. Replacement components must be approved by the original manufacturer.

## **4.0 REFERENCES**

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