

Subject:	HAND PROTECTION FOR WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING
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1.0 POLICY

- 1.1** Thurston County Fire District No.5 & 9 will provide hand protection for members engaged in wildland fire fighting activities.
- 1.2** This policy will establish guidelines for the care, use, cleaning, replacement and/or retirement criteria, and maintenance of gloves issued.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1** The Assistant Chief of Operations shall be responsible for the purchase of gloves and ensuring that manufacturers provide complete inspection criteria for the gloves provided.
- 2.2** The Assistant Chief of Operations is responsible for ensuring the inspection, repair, retirement and replacement of gloves following the manufacturers recommendations

3.0 GUIDELINES

- 3.1** Fire fighting gloves are intended to provide limited thermal physical protection to the hands and wrists. Gloves must not be kept in direct contact with flame. Gloves are *not* intended to provide protection for structural fire entry applications nor from radiological or chemical hazards.
 - (a) When inspecting gloves, check for loss of elasticity/flexibility, seam integrity and liner pullout stitching worn or disintegrated, glove insulation worn through, holes or splitting, worn Velcro if applicable.
- 3.2** Care for gloves should follow the manufacturers recommendations.
- 3.3** Wildland gloves should be replaced when stitching is worn or disintegrated, insulation is worn through, leather is split or anytime a hole occurs.

4.0 REFERENCES

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