

Subject:	HEAD PROTECTION
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Chapter:	Operations
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1.0 POLICY

- 1.1 Thurston County Fire District No.5 & 9 will provide helmets to members who engage in or are exposed to the hazards of structural fire fighting that meet the requirements of NFPA 1972, 1992 Edition or NFPA Standard on Protective Ensemble for Structural Fire Fighting 1971, 1996 Edition.
- 1.2 Members shall follow the policies and guidelines established by this policy.
- 1.3 Helmets shall be provided with face shields or goggles.
- 1.4 Helmet accessories shall not interfere with the function of the helmet or its components parts and shall not degrade the helmets performance.
- 1.5 Helmets shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. No modifications shall be made without prior written approval from the manufacturer.
- 1.6 Thurston County Fire District No.5 & 9 shall follow the manufacturer's recommendations regarding cleaning, painting, marking, storage, and frequency and details of inspection.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 Members shall be responsible for the routine inspection of helmets.
- 3.2 Members shall keep their protective helmets clean and maintained in accordance with their labels, manufacturers recommendations and the user information guide.
- 3.3 The Assistant Chief of Operations shall be responsible for the repair and replacement of helmets.

3.0 REFERENCES

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