

Subject:	PERSONAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FOR WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING
Section:	PPG# 4400.40
Chapter:	Operations
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1.0 POLICY

- 1.1 Thurston County Fire District No.5 & 9 will provide at no cost to its members, the protective equipment and protective clothing required by the referenced WAC and this policy.
- 1.2 Members performing suppression actions on a wildland fire shall wear a provided protective clothing ensemble as directed by Thurston County Fire District No.5 & 9. Body protection will be coordinated with torso, hand, head, foot, and foot protection. The combined protective clothing ensemble includes:
- (a) Hardhat/helmet
 - (b) Upper and lower torso clothing
 - (c) Gloves
 - (d) Goggles
- 1.3 Members shall wear provided leather lace-up boots or other wise leather boots at least 8" high with non-slip soles.
- 1.4 Additional personal protective equipment to be provided and worn may include a fire shelter as directed by the incident commander.
- 1.5 Personnel operating Type 1, Type 2 or Type 3 engines assigned to structural protection will carry structural protective clothing on their assigned apparatus.
- 1.6 Wildland personnel protective clothing shall not be used for interior structural fire fighting.
- 1.7 Members provided fire shelters shall be trained in their use and shall receive refresher training at least annually.
- 1.8 Refresher training shall include instruction on "Standards for Survival".

2.0 GUIDELINES

- 2.1 Full protective clothing as provided shall be worn at all times when operating at a wildland fire whenever an actual or a potential hazard exists.
- 2.2 Goggles on helmets shall be utilized at any time the need for eye protection is present.
- 2.3 Gloves shall be worn when engaged when fire fighting and any situation where injuries to the hands are likely to occur.
- 2.4 Rings and similar jewelry may cause injury in many situations. These items are recommended not to be worn while on duty.

3.0 REFERENCES

WAC 296-305-07003