

Subject:	FOOT PROTECTION FOR STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING
Section:	PPG# 4200.19
Chapter:	Operations
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1.0 POLICY

- 1.1 Thurston County Fire District No.5 & 9 shall provide protective footwear to all members for use during structural fire fighting operations. Protective footwear shall comply with NFPA 1974, 1992 Edition or the 1997 Edition of NFPA 1971.
- 1.2 Members shall be trained in the care, use maintenance and retirement criteria for footwear in conjunction with the manufacturers instructions.
- 1.3 Structural fire fighting footwear is designed to provide limited thermal and physical protection to the wearers feet and ankles. The use of protective footwear must be consistent with manufacturers recommendations. This requirement applies to members personally owned protective footwear authorized for use.
- 1.4 Protective footwear must not be kept in direct contact with flame or molten metal. Protective footwear are not designed to provide protection for proximity or fire entry applications nor from radiological, biological, or chemical hazards.

2.0 GUIDELINES

- 2.1 The manufacturers recommendations will be consulted regarding inspection, care, use, maintenance, limitations and/or retirement criteria.
- 2.2 Protective footwear should be inspected for loss of elasticity, Delamination of seam seals, material damage, steel toe and/or shank damage, sole tread wear, waterproofness, rips, tears, holes, foreign objects and closure systems.
- 2.3 Protective footwear should be cared for in conformance with the manufacturers recommendations.
 - 2.3.1 Protective footwear which is damaged or does not comply with manufacturer specifications, shall not be used or worn.
 - 2.3.2 Routine cleaning must be consistent with the manufacturers recommendations.
 - 2.3.3 Cleaning of blood borne and other contamination shall be consistent with

policy established by Thurston County Fire District No.5 & 9.

- 2.4 Footwear may be resoled provided the footwear upon resoling meets the requirements established in PPG 4200.19.

3.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 Members are responsible for the proper selection, use and inspection of the protective footwear provided.
- 3.2 The Assistant Chief of Operations is responsible for the purchase of protective footwear.
- 3.3 The Assistant Chief of Operations is responsible for inspecting and determining the need to repair and/or replacement of protective footwear.

4.0 REFERENCES

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