

**EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE**

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**ARTICLE 2: ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

**SECTION 14: PROTECTIVE CLOTHING**

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2.14.1 PURPOSE: To establish an inventory of personal protective clothing for all safety personnel and to establish guidelines for wearing the appropriate protective clothing.

2.14.2 COMPLIANCE

The El Dorado County Fire Protection District provides appropriate personal protective safety clothing and equipment for the protection of personnel in hazardous situations and environments in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and standards.

2.14.3 RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility and obligation of all personnel to recognize and to wear appropriate safety clothing when responding to hazardous situations. All personnel entering the perimeter of an incident shall wear the appropriate protective clothing.

2.14.4 PROCEDURE

Complete turnout clothing will consist of the following:

2.14.4.1 Structure helmet as per NFPA 1972:

Eye protection as per NFPA 1972  
Chief Officers – white  
Captain – red  
All others - black

2.14.4.2 NFPA 1972 A-2.4.1 Accessories

Helmet Shields:

Chief Officers - White with red background and white lettering, three lines. Top two lines "EL DORADO COUNTY" Bottom line used for rank. Rank insignia in center.

All others - Black with red background and white lettering, three lines. Top two lines "EL DORADO COUNTY" Bottom line used for rank. Rank insignia in center or station number is optional. Personalized Helmet Shields are authorized with approval from Shift Division Chief.

2.14.4.3 Turnout Coat as per ECF Specifications

2.14.4.4 Turnout Pant as per ECF Specifications

2.14.4.5 Turnout Suspenders as per ECF Specifications (Customized suspenders allowed with Company Officer approval)

2.14.4.6 Structure Gloves as per NFPA 1973

2.14.4.7. Turnout Boots as per ECF Specifications

2.14.5 Complete wildland gear will consist of the following;

- A. Wildland Helmet with full shroud, chin strap and goggles
- B. Wildland Shirt
- C. Wildland Pant
- D. Wildland Boots refer to Article 2 Section 8.3.1
- E. Wildland Gloves
- F. Web Gear:
  - Canteen
  - Fire Shelter
  - Web Harness
  - Web Pack (optional)
  - Radio Harness

2.14.6 All personal protective clothing will be worn only over natural fiber (cotton, wool,) or Nomex clothing. Full length pants and shirt with short sleeves, undergarments shall also be of a natural fiber.

2.14.7 When dispatched to emergencies, personal safety gear will be put on prior to responding.

2.14.8 Full structural protective clothing will be worn for the following

Incidents:

- A. Structure Fire
- B. Vehicle Fire
- C. Vehicle Accident
- D. Hazardous Materials

2.14.9 Complete wildland protective clothing will be used on all wildland incidents:

2.14.9.1 Wildland protective clothing shall not be used in place of coveralls or as a jacket on routine assignments.

2.14.10 Deviation in this Policy may be made temporarily by the incident commander depending on needs and demands at scene.

2.14.11 At no time will any person engage in any activity at the scene of any emergency without the appropriate protective clothing.

2.14.12 Wildland pants may be worn in place of structure pants at the discretion of the Shift Captain during high wildland fire danger days where there is potential for wildland fire extension from Vehicle Fires. Extra caution must be made aware for the loss of leg protection by personnel.

2.14.13 To prevent contamination of equipment and personnel: All solid PPE must be properly cleaned and returned to service after each incident.