

EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

ARTICLE 8: MISCELLANEOUS

EFFECTIVE DATE:

SECTION 1: FIREGROUND SAFETY & CONDUCT

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- 8.1.1 **PURPOSE:** To ensure proper conduct at incident scenes and to prevent injuries to self and others.
- 8.1.2 The following list contains most of the basic personal conduct requirements that a firefighter should follow:
- A. Boisterous, profane or abusive language should never be used at the scene of an incident even in an attempt to emphasize meaning.
 - B. Fire personnel, other than officers, should remain with their respective apparatus until directed or ordered into action.
 - C. Always be on the alert for other company activities at incident scenes and not work in direct opposition to them.
 - D. Fire personnel should make no comment or mention of the following items except to their immediate fire officer:
 - Cause of fire
 - Location of human bodies
 - Suspicious fires
 - Opinion of loss estimate
 - Location of valuables
 - E. Prevent the approach of any person or remove and keep away all persons not having a legitimate reason for being present.
 - F. Any fire personnel finding money, jewelry or other valuables at an incident scene will immediately report the finding to their supervisor.
 - G. Fire Personnel will conduct themselves in a serious, compassionate and professional manner.
 - H. Fire Personnel will not conduct themselves in a manner that would bring discredit to the Fire District.
 - I. Off-duty fire personnel reporting for duty at an incident scene will report to the Incident Commander.
 - J. No fire personnel will either jokingly or maliciously turn a stream of water upon any person or cause it to be directed unnecessarily.