

Subject:	HAND PROTECTION
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Chapter:	Operations
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POLICY

Thurston County Fire District No.5 & 9 will provide hand protection for members engaged in emergency response activities including fire fighting or rescue.

Members gloves used during structural fire fighting operations including rescue of victims from fires, and emergency medical operations where sharp or rough surfaces are likely to be encountered such as victim extrication's shall meet the requirements of NFPA Standard On Gloves for Structural Fire Fighting 1973, 1993 Edition or the 1997 Edition of NFPA 1971.

Thurston County Fire District No.5 & 9 shall establish and follow guidelines for the care, use, cleaning, selection, maintenance replacement, retirement criteria set forth by the manufacturer.

It shall be the responsibility of every member to use and wear the appropriate gloves provided.

GUIDELINES

Structural fire fighting gloves are intended to provide limited thermal physical protection to the hands and wrists.

Gloves must not be kept in direct contact with flame or molten metal. Structural gloves are not intended to provide protection for proximity fire entry applications nor from radiological or chemical hazards.

When inspecting gloves, check for loss of elasticity/flexibility, seam integrity and liner pullout stitching worn or disintegrated, glove insulation worn through, holes or splitting, worn Velcro if applicable.

Care for any glove should follow the manufacturers recommendations.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Lieutenant Property Officer shall be responsible for the purchase of gloves and ensuring that manufacturers provide complete inspection criteria for the gloves provided.

The shift Lieutenant is responsible for ensuring the inspection, repair, retirement and replacement of gloves following the manufacturers recommendations

Members are responsible for selecting the appropriate level of hand protection consistent with the risk or hazards provided.

REFERENCES

WAC 296-305-02007

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.010,.050,.060. 96-11-067 (Order 94-27), §296-305-02007, filed 02/17/99, effective 06/01/99.]

APPENDIX

Appendix A: Glove Manufacturer Information Guide