

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>HEAD PROTECTION FOR WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING</b>
<b>Section:</b>	<b>PPG# 4400.51</b>
<b>Chapter:</b>	<b>Operations</b>
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## **1.0 POLICY**

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- 1.1** Thurston County Fire District No.5 & 9 will provide helmets to members who engage in or are exposed to the hazards of wildland fire fighting that meet the requirements of ANSI 89.1.
- (a) Helmets shall be provided with goggles.
  - (b) Helmet accessories shall not interfere with the function of the helmet or its components parts and shall not degrade the helmets performance.
  - (c) Helmets shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. No modifications shall be made without prior written approval from the manufacturer.
  - (d) Thurston County Fire District No.5 & 9 shall follow the manufacturer's recommendations regarding cleaning, painting, marking, storage, and frequency and details of inspection.

## **2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES**

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- 2.1** Members shall be responsible for the routine inspection of helmets.
- 2.2** The Senior Battalion Chief, Operations shall be responsible for the cleaning/repair and replacement of helmets.

## **3.0 GUIDELINES**

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- 3.1** Inspection guidelines for helmets include:
- (a) Identifying items to be repaired:
    - (1) Chin strap and assembly broken or torn

- (2) Webbed suspensions broken
- (b) Replacing:
  - (1) Any helmet with visible cracks
  - (2) Helmet warped from exposure to heat

## 4.0 REFERENCES

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