

City of Belleville Fire Department

Number: 3003

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Belleville Fire Department to provide adequate protection from heat stress and injury during Wild Land firefighting operations.

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GUIDELINE

1:00 Purpose:

1:01 To reduce the risk of injury during Wild Land firefighting operations through the use of proper protective clothing and equipment.

2:00 Procedures:

2:01 Fire Crews should be aware that heat stress and to a lesser degree burn injuries are the two main risks encountered during Wild Land firefighting operations.

2:02 The Officer shall ensure that the Fire Fighters are dressed to ensure adequate protection appropriate to the weather and fire conditions.

2:03 In hot weather bunker coats may be opened or removed to aid in cooling.

2:04 Bunker pants shall be worn or if available, flame resistant protective coveralls providing full body protection should be worn.

2:05 Protective helmets, gloves and boots shall be worn during firefighting operations. However, if the Officer deems there is no danger from overhead objects helmets may be removed to allow heat dissipation.

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- 2:06 Exposure to smoke should be limited through operational procedures or the fire fighter may don a SCBA for respiratory protection.
- 2:07 The Officer shall ensure that adequate rehabilitation breaks and fluids are made available to the firefighting crew.
- 3:00 **Scope:**
- 3:01 It shall be the responsibility of the Officer in charge of each shift to ensure that this guideline is explained and followed.
- 3:02 It shall be the responsibility of **all employees** to understand and adhere to this guideline.

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