

Uniform Regulations

1028.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish uniform regulations for members in order to enhance the district's overall professional and positive image.

1028.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Blue Ridge Fire District that members shall wear the proper uniform at all times when on-duty or engaged in district-related activities off-duty. Members shall maintain an adequate supply of uniforms to meet the needs of their assignment and maintain the uniforms in an acceptable condition. This policy does not supersede district regulations regarding the use of any personal protective equipment (PPE).

1028.3 STANDARD WORK UNIFORM

The standard work uniform for Captains, Engineers and Firefighters shall consist of the navy blue short- or long-sleeve shirt, navy blue trousers, standard belt with buckle and black leather boots.

The standard work uniform shall be worn as directed. Members are not required to wear the standard work uniform underneath personal protective equipment (PPE) in order to complete the PPE ensemble.

1028.3.1 UNIFORM JACKETS

Uniform jackets may be worn as described in this subsection:

- At any time over the standard work uniform shirt
- For an emergency response, over an approved t-shirt
- In transit to and from a physical fitness location
- Uniform jackets are not fire resistive and shall not be worn underneath PPE

1028.3.2 T-SHIRTS

Official district on-duty t-shirts or plain white t-shirts may be worn:

- Under the standard work uniform shirt.
- Uncovered and tucked into the trousers, at the Captain's discretion, while working at the fire station or while engaged in company level manipulative training that does not require PPE.
- Long-sleeve t-shirts, either official or plain white, shall be worn as a layering component under wildland PPE.

1028.3.3 BASEBALL CAPS

Official district on-duty baseball caps may be worn, at the discretion of the Captain, except:

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- When a helmet is required.
- At formal or semi-formal events or occasions.

1028.4 PHYSICAL FITNESS UNIFORMS

The physical fitness uniform shall primarily be worn when engaged in physical fitness. It may also be worn in quarters but only as directed on weekdays or any time on holidays and weekends.

The fitness uniform shall be covered with an appropriate work uniform or combination of PPE and work uniform while in transit to and from a physical fitness location.

Nylon or other synthetic material shorts and other fitness uniform items should not be worn under PPE because those fabrics may melt.

1028.5 DRESS UNIFORMS

Dress uniforms shall be worn as directed by the Fire Chief and when attending the following types of events:

- Funerals and memorials
- Formal district functions, such as graduations and badge ceremonies
- Formal District functions

1028.6 UNIFORM MAINTENANCE

- Uniforms shall be clean, neat and in good condition and should fit well.
- Boots and belts shall be clean and polished.