

# Orchard Farm Fire Protection District Standard Operating Procedure

Division: 100 Administration  
Section: 106 Uniform Requirements and Appearance  
Subject: 106.06 Grooming Requirements



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## PURPOSE:

To define the grooming requirements of District personnel

## RESPONSIBILITY:

All District Personnel

## PROCEDURE:

### Jewelry

Wearing jewelry of any kind represents a source of possible injury and presents a safety hazard. Necklaces, earrings, as well as any body piercing that is visible while wearing the uniform, are strictly prohibited. Additionally, non-visible piercings are not recommended for any personnel due to safety hazards.

One finger ring may be worn on each hand if they are not overly large or ornate and will not subject the individual to potential injury. Rings that interfere with quick donning of turnout coats and gloves are not permitted.

A wrist watch and/or medic alert bracelet is acceptable if the article does not interfere with the use of gloves and turnout gear and is not subject to catching or snagging due to being loose on the wrists.

### Fingernails

Fingernails shall be clean and neatly trimmed. The wearing of fingernail polish is acceptable; however, ornamentation or extreme colors that call attention to the nails are not acceptable.

### Cosmetics

Female personnel may wear appropriate daytime cosmetics. The wearing of excessive perfume or cologne by all personnel is prohibited.

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### Hair

The style of grooming will present a neat appearance and will not impede the donning or utilization of any equipment, or prevent the member from accomplishing any function that a firefighter may be required to perform. When operating with an SCBA during firefighting activities, no hair shall be exposed and must be covered by a Nomex hood.

#### Hair guidelines for male personnel:

Hair shall be worn to the general shape of the head and may be worn to the top of, but not to extend beyond, the top of the collar. This measurement is taken when standing at attention. Sideburns shall be closely trimmed and not extend below the bottom of the lobe of the ear.

The face shall be clean-shaven so as not to interfere with the seal of the SCBA. A mustache is permissible but must be neatly, symmetrically trimmed and not extend more than one-half inch from the corner of the mouth in any direction. Full beards, goatees, or other growths of hair on the chin, lower jaw, neck, or cheek are prohibited. A small amount of facial hair is permissible under the lower lip, but not to extend to the chin, and no more than 1½" in width.

#### Hair guidelines for female personnel:

Hair shall be worn to a maximum length that does not extend below the bottom of their Nomex hood. Hair ornaments such as ribbons shall not be worn. Pins, combs, or barrettes may be worn as long as they are neutral in color. The uniform cap shall fit snugly and comfortably around the largest part of the head. Hairpieces or wigs may be worn on duty, but must conform to the same standards stipulated for natural hair.

### Miscellaneous

Articles such as wallet/watch chains, pins, jewelry, handkerchiefs, combs, cigars, cigarettes and pipes are not part of the uniform and are not to be attached to the uniform or worn exposed while in uniform.