

SOG# 502-3	Standard Operating Guideline	Safety
	Cumberland Road Fire Department Inc. Hearing Protection	Approved By Steven Parrish, Fire Chief
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PURPOSE:

To establish the procedures for preventing hearing loss through occupational noise exposure.

DEFINITIONS:

American National Standards Institute – (ANSI) private non-profit organization that oversees the development of voluntary consensus standards for equipment, gear, clothing, and systems utilized by public safety organizations.

Member – Part Time Paid, and Volunteer staff, affiliated with the department.
Shall - indicates a mandatory requirement.

POLICY:

Members of the Cumberland Road Fire Department perform assignments in various noise hazard areas. The department requires that all members operating in areas of high occupational noise hazard wear appropriate hearing protection to prevent hearing loss.

Occupational Noise Activities that are considered occupational noise hazards include but are not limited to:

- Operating lawnmowers and landscaping power tools (lawnmowers, weed eaters)
- Operating heavy equipment (tractors, forklifts, cranes, etc.)
- Operating or operating around fire apparatus (Engines, Ladder Trucks, etc.)
- Operating motorized power tools (chainsaws, rotary saws, air chisels, etc.)
- Operating generators
- Riding in the rear of an open cab apparatus
- Other loud and repetitive noise producing activities

Cumberland Road Fire Department shall provide members with proper hearing protection equipment in accordance to established Federal, State, and local laws and guidelines.

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Hearing protection equipment shall be selected and issued based upon the specific noise hazards that the member is exposed to.

Among the compliant hearing protection are:

- ANSI.S 3.19 compliant earmuffs
- ANSI.S 3.19 compliant ear plugs

Hearing protection equipment shall be worn by all personnel near high noise hazard activities, to include visitors. Hearing protection equipment shall be regularly cleaned and inspected by the user and stored in a convenient location. Hearing protection shall not interfere with the operation of radio equipment.

References:

29 CFR 1910
NFPA 1500
ANSI S3.19

Responsibility:

It shall be the responsibility of each member of the department and supervisors to ensure that the provisions of this standard are followed.