Grant County Fire Protection District 3

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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1. NUMBER: 10.1.4

2. SUBJECT: ***Foot Protection for Structural Firefighting***

3. POLICY: Grant County Fire District 3 shall provide protective footwear to all members for use of structural firefighting operations. Protective footwear shall comply with NFPA 1974, 1987 or the current standard 1971, 1997.

4. SCOPE: This Policy and Procedure is applicable to all members of Grant County Fire District 3.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES:

   A. The District Fire Chief is responsible for ensuring that this Policy and Procedure is followed.

   B. Grant County Fire District 3 is responsible for ensuring that all members are aware of this Policy and Procedure.

   C. Grant County Fire District 3 is responsible for the proper selection and use of protective footwear. The District is responsible for quarterly inspections and determining the need to repair and/or replacement of protective wear.

   D. All members are responsible for following this Policy.

6. PROCEDURE:

   A. The manufacture's recommendations will be consulted regarding inspection, care, use, maintenance, limitations and/or retirement criteria.

   B. A quarterly inspection will be performed to look for loss of elasticity, delaminating of seam seals, material damage, steel toe and/or shank damage, sole tread wear, waterproof, rips, tears, holes, foreign objects and closure systems.

   C. Members shall be trained in the care, use maintenance and retirement criteria for footwear in conjunction with the manufacture's recommendation.

   D. Structural firefighting footwear is designed to provide limited thermal and physical protection to wearers feet and ankles. The use of protective footwear must be consistent with the manufacture's recommendations. This requirement applies to members personally owned protective footwear.

   E. Protective footwear should be cared for in conformance with the manufacture's recommendations.

F. Protective footwear which is damaged or does not comply with the manufacture's specifications shall not be used or worn. This is in accordance with W.A.C. 296-305-02004 Standard.