

SAN JUAN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

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Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to provide for the general safety and well being of San Juan County Fire Department personnel. District officers and incident commanders are expected to enforce this policy and will be held accountable for violations.

Structural PPE will be issued to all personnel upon successful completion of the San Juan County Fire Department orientation and enrollment in the next available fire academy or equivalency.

All personnel that are in an area where fire, smoke, gasses, and/or collapse may exist will wear NFPA compliant structural gear. In many cases this will include wearing SCBA's. These types include but are not limited to:

- Structure fires
- Well site fires
- Fuel spills, petroleum fires, gas line fires
- Vehicle fires

Wildland PPE will be issued to all firefighters upon successful completion of the following:

- San Juan County fire department orientation
- S-100 Introduction to Incident Command
- S-130/S-190 Introduction to wildland firefighting and fire behavior

Wildland or structural PPE will be worn when fighting any brush or wildland fire. Wildland PPE will not be used as a substitute for any situation where structural gear is required (defined above).

Special Operations

In all cases, appropriate PPE will be worn for the hazards associated with the operation. This may include high angle rescues, water rescues, confined space rescues, vehicle extrication, hazardous materials incidents, etc. In these cases, the incident commander or safety officer will be responsible for determining the proper PPE.

Any member with any hair that interferes with the proper and safe operation of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus shall not be assigned to hazardous operations requiring the use of SCBA.