

<b>Campbell County Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures</b>		
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**I. PURPOSE:**

To provide a visual identification system of Campbell County Fire Department (CCFD) firefighters and officers who are attending training exercises and participating in emergency scene incidents.

**II. SCOPE:**

This procedure is to apply to all members of the CCFD.

**III. PROCEDURE:**

## 1. Helmet Rules:

- 1.1. Probationary firefighter will not be allowed to customize his or her helmet; all other firefighters may display emblems, stickers and other items. Officers have the right to restrict items from CCFD member's helmets if they feel they fall in poor taste or alter the majority of the color causing safety issues.
- 1.2. Leather helmets may be purchased and used by all members of CCFD. The department will pay the cost of a standard issue traditional helmet and the firefighter will pay for the difference in cost.

## 2. Probationary Helmets:

- 2.1. NFPA compliant orange structural helmets will be provided to all new firefighters who have been assigned Probationary status by the Volunteer Membership Committee. The firefighter is obligated to wear the helmet at all times turnout gear is worn until he or she has been notified, in writing, that they have met all their training and performance requirements. Once he or she has met the required qualifications to be removed from probation, and has been voted off by his or her respective station, they will receive their black firefighter helmet indicating their full membership status at a countywide training meeting.
- 2.2. The helmet will identify the firefighter as a Probationary member and assist officers and members by providing a visual identification of the probationary member's status for safety and training purposes.
- 2.3. The helmet will be marked with probationary member's firefighter number, his or her last name, Velcro strip for passport accountability, and later, as successful training is completed, a Blue Dot will indicate he or she has completed training to use self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and a red circle will indicate the operational hazardous materials class has been completed.

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3. Yellow Traditional Helmet:

- 3.1. Yellow traditional helmets will be issued to all CCFD firefighters who choose to serve as a support firefighter or those who do not pass annual fit test and semi-annual SCBA competency assessment.
- 3.2. The helmet will identify the firefighter as a Support Firefighter and assist officers and members by providing a visual identification of the Support Firefighter's status for safety and training purposes.
- 3.3. Helmets will include a black leather shield that will state on the top line CAMPBELL CO, second line will state FIREFIGHTER, and the bottom line will have the firefighter's last name. The names will be black with white background and will include the firefighter's sewn number in white in between the second and bottom line.

4. Black Traditional Helmet:

- 4.1. Black traditional helmets will be issued to all CCFD Firefighters who have completed the annual fit test and semi-annual SCBA competency assessment.
- 4.2. Black traditional helmets will also be issued to CCFD Lieutenants.
- 4.3. The helmet will identify the firefighter as a Suppression Firefighter or Lieutenant and assist officers and members by providing a visual identification of the Suppression Firefighter's status for safety and training purposes.
- 4.4. Suppression Firefighters and Lieutenants will have their helmets replaced every ten years from the date the helmet was manufactured per NFPA guidelines<sup>1</sup>.
- 4.5. Firefighter helmets will include a black leather shield that will state on the top line CAMPBELL CO, second line will state FIREFIGHTER, and the bottom line will have the firefighter's last name. The lettering will be black with white background and will include the firefighter's sewn number in white in between the second and bottom line.
- 4.6. Lieutenants helmets will include a black leather shield that will state on the top line CAMPBELL CO, second line will state LIEUTENANT, and the bottom line will have the firefighter's last name. The lettering will be red with white background and will include one upright silver bugle in between the second and bottom line.

<sup>1</sup> National Fire Protection Association Standard 1851 – 2008 edition

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5. Red Traditional Helmets:

5.1. Red traditional helmets will be issued to CCFD Captains.

5.2. The helmet will identify the firefighter as a Captain and assist officers and members by providing a visual identification of the Captains status for safety and training purposes.

5.3. Captains will have their helmets replaced every ten years from the date the helmet was manufactured per NFPA guidelines.<sup>1</sup>

5.4. Helmets will include a black leather shield that will state on the top line CAMPBELL CO, second line will state CAPTAIN, and the bottom line will have the Captains last name. The lettering will be red with white background and will include double upright bugles in silver in between the second and bottom line.

6. White Traditional Helmets:

6.1. White traditional helmets will be issued to CCFD Chief Officers and the Fire Marshal.

6.2. The helmet will identify the firefighter as a Chief, Division Chief, , Assistant Chief, Training Chief, Battalion Chief and Fire Marshal, and assist other officers and members by providing a visual identification of their status for safety and training purposes.

6.3. Chief Officers and the Fire Marshal who wish to remain suppression certified will have their helmets replaced every ten years from the date the helmet was manufactured per NFPA guidelines.<sup>1</sup>

6.4. Helmets will include a white leather shield that will state on the top line CAMPBELL CO, second line will state BATTALION CHIEF, TRAINING CHIEF, ASSISTANT CHIEF or FIRE MARSHAL, and the bottom line will have the Chief Officers or Fire Marshals last name. The lettering will be black with white background and will include 3 bugles in gold for Training and Battalion Chiefs and for the Fire Marshal, a scramble in gold between the second and bottom line. The Chief and Division Chiefs will have shields that are painted with their titles and bugle rank in gold leaf.