St. John's Regional Fire Department
Policy and Operational Guidelines

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Purpose

To establish guidelines on proper grooming, allowing consistency and uniformity among all members of the SJRFD.

Background

This replaces POG # 01-03-09, "Proper Grooming for Members While On Duty", dated 2009-11-17.

Procedure

The following are requirements for grooming due to health and safety while wearing a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus **(SCBA)**, and/or during training sessions where machinery or equipment is in use.

Beards and Goatees
Members of the SJRFD will be clean shaven while on duty as a safety requirement for the wearing of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus **(SCBA)**.

Mustaches
Must be neat in appearance and shall not be worn in any fashion that interferes with the face piece seal on SCBA.

Sideburns
Shall be maintained at a length and thickness which will not interfere with the face piece seal on SCBA.

Hair
Shall maintain a neat, clean and well-groomed appearance. Hair that is below the ears will be neatly tied back above the shirt collar. When working near any equipment during training of operational activities, hair that is not confined closely to the head shall be protected by flash hoods or other suitable headgear.

Jewelry
While conducting operational activities or training of operational activities **(where jewelry may become a safety hazard)**, watches, rings, earrings, bracelets, chains and any other jewelry shall be safely protected and completely covered by the wearing of personal protective equipment **(PPE)**.

Approvals
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Responsibility

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Appendix/Appendices
None