FELTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

ARTICLE: II SOP: 2100

SECTION: 2100 SAFETY

SUBJECT: PROCEDURES FOR RESPONDING ON FIRE

APPARATUS

PURPOSE: To ensure the safety of personnel while responding or riding in vehicles

or apparatus.

SCOPE: Applies to all Felton Fire Protection District personnel responding or

riding in fire apparatus.

PROCEDURE:

Readiness for Response:

1. All personnel shall be fully dressed in the appropriate protective clothing prior to boarding the fire apparatus.

- 2. All personnel shall be seated and belted in prior to the vehicle moving.
- 3. Tall board riding is discouraged when seats are available.
- 4. Tail board riding shall be done on the engines with tail board straps, only. Personnel shall be wearing the safety belt prior to the vehicle moving.

ENROUTE:

- At no time shall personnel remove their seat belt or safety belt while the vehicle is in motion.
- 2. Dressing while traveling to an incident is not allowed on tail boards.
- 3. Personnel shall remain seated or on the tail board after arriving at the scene until their company officer issues assignments or orders to leave the apparatus.
- 4. If personnel are alerted to an incident while driving in fire apparatus, they shall pull over and don the appropriate protective clothing prior to responding to the incident. Consideration must be given in selecting a safe area for personnel to don protective clothing.

Exceptions:

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The driver of the emergency vehicle shall not be required to wear their helmet and turnout coat while driving to the incident. This will allow him/her a greater deal of maneuverability while driving. All protective clothing shall be donned at the incident immediately after leaving the cab of the apparatus. 1.

All descriptions of protective clothing required by incident type can be found in SOP 2101.