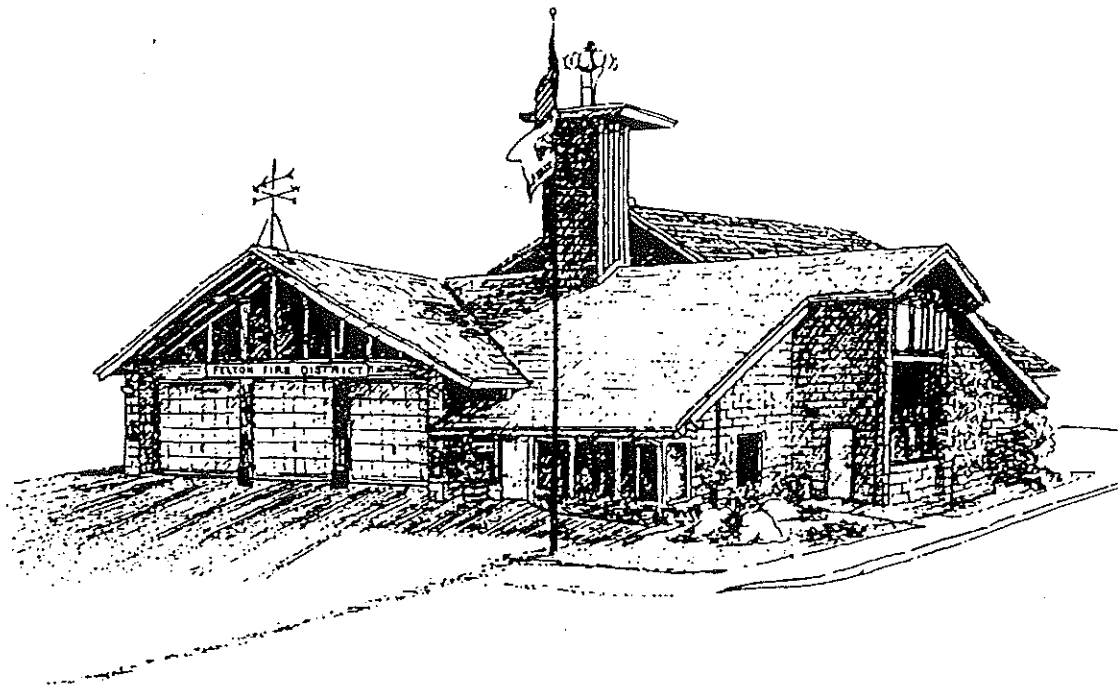


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Standard Operating Procedures



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PREFACE

The following Standard Operating Procedures are intended to provide a written guide on how this agency, Felton Fire Protection District shall conduct normal/standard business. Being a fire agency that responds to emergency situations, often standards must be modified to fit the emergency at hand. Therefore, these Standard Operating Procedures do not cover in detail how to handle individual types of emergency response. Decisions regarding emergency mitigation must be answered on scene. This document does cover what apparatus responds to given types of emergencies, what will be worn on scene, and other safety related matters. The Fire fighter's Indoctrination Manual, training standards and lesson plans address specifics that if included in this document would be redundant.

In an attempt to summarize the most important safety issues that must be adhered to for the safety of all involved, the following list has been developed.

1. Proper safety clothing should be worn on the scene of a fire. Turnouts for structure fires, brush gear for wild land fires.
2. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus shall be worn when smoke, super heated air, toxic gases, and contaminated air exists.
3. Entry into a structure will be made with a charged hose line(1 1/2" minimum) and never alone.
4. Safety gear will be worn on all rescues and traffic accidents to include helmets, jackets, and safety boots.
5. Safety gear should be taken on all medical calls in the event it is needed on scene, or the unit is dispatched to another emergency where safety gear is needed.
6. All traffic laws must be obeyed.
7. All emergency responses shall be documented and an acknowledged with the dispatcher.
8. Seat belts and safety belts will be worn on all apparatus.
9. Personal protection is necessary in the presence of blood and any other body fluids.
10. The senior person on scene is in charge of the incident. All orders are to be carried out.
11. We are a team. React and work as a team.

12. Stop, Think, then React to the emergency. See the entire incident, don't lock in on one thing.

13. If you don't know how to operate the equipment, don't operate it. Seek training first.

14. Defective equipment shall be taken out of service, identified and reported. If repairs can be made easily, attempt it, and place the equipment back in service.

15. As a service to our citizens, your conduct and appearance should be professional, polite, and clean.

16. Fire fighters under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or prescription medications are not permitted to participate for safety and professional conduct reasons.

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Safety Issues

1. Proper safety clothing (Personal Protective Equipment, PPE) shall be worn on the scene of a fire. Structure PPE at structure fires; brush PPE at brush fires.
2. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) shall be worn in Imminent Danger Life Hazard (IDLH) environments.
3. Entry inside a working structure fire will be made with a charged hose line (1 ½" minimum) and never alone.
4. PPE will be worn on all rescues and traffic accidents. A minimum of helmet, jacket and boots shall be worn.
5. PPE shall be taken to all medical calls in the event the call warrants gearing up or dispatch to another incident.
6. All traffic laws must be obeyed.
7. Seat belts shall be worn while riding in the fire apparatus.
8. PPE is necessary in the presence of blood or any other body fluids.
9. Chain of command is to be followed. Fire Chief – Asst. Chief – Captains – Engineers – Firefighters.
10. We are a team. React and work as a team.
11. Stop, look and plan. Then react to the emergency. Try to see the whole incident. Don't lock in on one thing.
12. If you don't know how to operate the equipment, don't operate it. Seek training first.
13. Defective equipment shall be taken out of service immediately. If repairs can be made, attempt to place the equipment back in service.
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