

SUBLIMITY FIRE DISTRICT
Operational Guide

SUBJECT: Health and Safety Standard for Hair and Beards	O.G. NUMBER: _____
	Original Date: Officers Approval 1 Board Approval Revision Date
PURPOSE: To describe districts Standard for Hair and Beards	

Health and Safety Standard for Hair and Beards

Safety standards for hair and beards are hereby established within the following guidelines. They shall apply to all who perform interior structural firefighting or any other operation that requires the use of self-contained breathing apparatus.

Facial Hair

Shall meet with all OSHA requirements and the recommendations of the SCBA Manufacturers. Accordingly, current OSHA standards do not permit any hair come into contact with the sealing surface of the facepiece of an SCBA mask.

Those individuals who choose to sport a beard, goatee or other facial hair that may come into contact with the sealing surface of their SCBA facepiece, shall submit to a face piece fit test at the request of a district officer if concerns relative to the safety and sealability become apparent. Should the individual fail the SCBA facepiece fit test, accommodations will be attempted to remedy the problem with the seal. If a seal cannot be secured, the member will not be permitted to function a capacity that may require SCBA's