Stoney Point Fire Department

OCCUPATIONAL NOISE EXPOSURE SOG

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SCOPE

This guideline shall apply to all members of the Stoney Point Fire Department (SPFD) and shall be adhered to by all members.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this standard is to inform department members' the established procedure for the wearing of proper hearing protection when exposed to sounds that could produce hearing loss.

REFERENCES

Current edition of the National Fire Protection Association's 1500 Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety & Health Program.

North Carolina Fire & Rescue Commission Department Occupational Safety & Health Program for fire departments and rescue squads, Subpart L, Fire Protection, Chapter 5, protective clothing and protective equipment, 5-11, hearing protection and Subpart G, 1910.095.

Current edition of the American National Standard Institute's (ANSI) S 3.19 – 1974, Standard on hearing protectors.

DEFINITIONS

SHALL - Indicates a mandatory requirement.

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES (SOG) - Documents that help establish how an organization will operate and how its members are expected to carry out specific duties outlined in general terms.

GUIDELINE

The department shall provide members with proper hearing protection in accordance with OSHA 1910.095, Occupational Noise Exposure.

Hearing protection consists of but is not limited to:

- ANSI.S 3.19 – 1974 compliance earmuffs
- ANSI.S 3.19 – 1974 compliance ear plugs

Hearing protection will be selected on the basis of hazards to which the

Member is exposed. Riders seated near and/or around an engine compartment on an open cab engine are required to wear hearing protection.

- Hearing protection is to be worn by all persons including visitors when exposed to high levels of noise.
- When operating power tools and equipment (i.e. chain saw, K 12 saw, lawn maintenance equipment, and air chisel) all members will be required to use hearing protection.
- Members operating pumps at emergency incidents, training, or testing will be required to use hearing protection.

Note: Such protection will be designed so as not interfere with the operator of radio traffic.

- Hearing protection will not be used for fire fighting unless it does not interfere with the SCBA or helmet protection.

All department members will be trained in the proper use of the appropriate hearing protection.

- Hearing protection will regularly be cleaned and inspected by the user.
- Hearing protection will be stored in a convenient and clean location.