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Waterloo Vol Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines

Fiscal Hair

Purpose: The purpose of the Standard Operating Guideline is to establish a standard for facial hair, as required to NFPA 1500 and CFR 1910.134.

1. Facial Hair:

- No firefighters who perform interior structural firefighting or any other operation that requires the use of self-contained breathing apparatus be permitted to have a full facial beard or goatees.
- Moustaches are permitted but shall conform to the following:
 - Must be closely trimmed
 - Must not extend more than 1 " below the corner of the mouth and not below any portion of the upper lip.

2. Sideburns:

- Sideburns are permitted but shall conform to the following:
 - Sideburns shall be kept neatly trimmed and close to the face to avoid any possibility of a defective mask face piece seal.
 - Sideburns shall not extend below the lower extremity of the ear.