



ARTICLE XVIII

FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY RULES AND PROCEDURES

The following rules and procedures apply to all of the Town of Selma's Fire Department personnel, in addition to all other Town Safety rules and procedures:

- 1) Firefighters will be properly trained in the use of all issued Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1971.
- 2) Firefighters will use appropriate level of PPE while engaging in Firefighting activities.
- 3) Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) will be inspected in accordance with NFPA 1852 at the beginning of each shift.
- 4) SCBA will be worn while operating in any Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) atmosphere until the area has been cleared by a gas monitor.
- 5) Wheel chocks will be placed at tires when on unlevel surfaces.
- 6) Drivers of apparatus shall receive driver training in accordance with the Selma Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines.
- 7) Apparatus will receive a full inspection by drivers weekly in accordance with the Selma Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines.
- 8) Firefighters responding to a call on personally operated vehicles are not exempt from any traffic laws.
- 9) Sirens, emergency lights, and other warning devices shall be used while responding to any emergency.
- 10) Firefighters will don PPE prior to boarding the apparatus or once the apparatus has arrived and the parking brake applied. No Firefighter shall don PPE while the apparatus is in motion.

- 11) PPE will be decontaminated to the appropriate level after any entrance to an IDLH atmosphere. Hoods used in a fire should be immediately traded for a clean hood and decontaminated.
- 12) All Firefighters that use SCBA will be Fit Tested annually.

Policy adopted by Selma Town Council

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As of August 10, 2021, this policy replaces and supersedes any previous policies, or unwritten policies or practices covering the same subject.