

**Sanoca Rural Fire District, Inc.**  
**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**  
**Emergency Operations**

**Fire Company Operations**

**Subject: Personal Appearance/Hygiene**

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**PURPOSE**

To establish a fire department policy to assure smooth operation by ensuring all personnel are safe and that members do not wear clothing that is offensive.

**POLICY**

This policy shall be adhered to by all members of the fire department.

**\*Hair Lengths**

\*It is recommended that head hair be kept as short as possible to prevent it from being burned, entangled in moving parts, exposed to chemicals, etc.

\*Hair that is long must be cut, worn up, or positioned into a "pony tail" before beginning ANY fire dept operation, whether emergency, training, or special social events. If hair is worn in this fashion, it must fit under the firefighting hood and helmet and must not be exposed during any emergency operations.

**\*Facial Hair**

\*It is recommended that facial hair be kept to a minimum. Those with full beards will not be allowed to participate in any operation that requires SCBA.

**\*Derogatory Clothing**

\*Clothing that bears any insignia, design, wording, sexual, or any other means that may be deemed derogatory by any person of any race, sex, color, origin, religion, etc., are not to be worn at the fire station or while involved in any fire department activity. Both male and female members shall not wear clothing that exposes any sexual organs or genitalia.

**\*Smoking/Tobacco Products**

\*Tobacco products should not be used when it may be offensive to anyone in the immediate area or when the media is present.

