



# **FRESNO COUNTY FIRE**

**PROTECTION DISTRICT**

## **PAID-CALL FIREFIGHTER POLICY & PROCEDURE HANDBOOK**

**POLICY NO.:** 300-02

**SUBJECT:** SAFETY PROGRAM  
Earthquake Preparedness

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 1, 2009

**REVISION DATE:** October 1, 2013

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Fresno County Fire Protection District  
Paid-Call Firefighter

### **POLICY/PROCEDURE:**

#### **PURPOSE:**

The Fresno County Fire Protection District is dedicated to the preservation of sound Health and Safety for all personnel who serve the Fire District throughout the County of Fresno. A heightened awareness and proactive approach to safe practices in the work place serves to maintain a more cohesive work force and contributes to a reduced number of accidents and injuries, thus lessening liability and thereby resulting in a greater level of community service.

#### **POLICY:**

It shall be the policy of the Fresno County Fire Protection District to ensure that a safe and healthy working environment is provided for all personnel, and to ensure that safe working practices are actively promoted by all personnel, under all conditions.

The Fire District will fully comply with Labor Code Section 6401.7 (SB 198) and General Industry Safety Order Section 3203, Injury and Illness Prevention Program.

All PCF Company members will be required to be familiar with the IIPP and will receive training from station Captains, as appropriate for each facility, on program implementation.

## Procedures

All PCF Company members shall be expected to:

1. Have a full understanding of, and be familiar with, the CAL FIRE Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP).
2. Identify and evaluate potential hazards or unsafe conditions and take action to abate them before they contribute to accidents, injury or illness.
3. Maintain a safe and healthy working environment for themselves and others.
4. Demonstrate safe working practices in the performance of their work through application of safe attitudes and behavior.
5. Protect the life and well being of all persons affiliated with the CAL FIRE/Fresno-Kings Unit and its cooperators.
6. Report all recognized unsafe, and/or not readily correctable, conditions to their immediate supervisor.
7. Regularly hold and/or participate in Tailgate Safety meetings.
8. Reinforce the Department/District safety program by teaching proper Health and Safety practices to all new members.
9. Reduce the frequency and severity of occupational injury and illness, and minimize the loss of productivity due to injury and/or illness, through utilization of all proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
10. Seek information to investigate work related accidents, injuries, and illness promptly, and implement improved accident and injury prevention methods.
11. Offer suggestions to create a safe work environment where one may not exist or suggest an improvement(s) which may be made to enhance the safety of a working environment.

## Earthquake Preparedness

Purpose:

To provide for the safety and security of the mobile equipment fleet by implementing a post earthquake emergency procedure.

Policy:

It shall be the responsibility of all personnel to remove all fire apparatus and mobile equipment from inside the apparatus rooms of each District/Department facility in times of danger due to earthquakes.

Mobile equipment removed from inside the facilities shall not be left unattended. Until such time as the duration of the emergency has concluded, facility inspections have been completed and approval is provided for the return of mobile equipment to the apparatus rooms, personnel will maintain security at each facility.

Procedures

1. Following an earthquake which affects District/Department owned and/or operated facilities, the ECC will tone out each fire station, both career and PCF staffed, and advise that all apparatus be removed from the apparatus bays.
2. Within a reasonable amount of time to allow for the movement of fire apparatus and equipment, the ECC will check back with each station to confirm the accomplishment of the directive.
3. Each facility, both career and PCF staffed will be inspected for any earthquake damages. On duty career staff responsible for the operations of a PCF stand alone fire station will be responsible for conducting the inspections of such facilities.
4. Any noted damages are to be immediately reported to the appropriate Battalion Chief, who will then advise the Duty Chief of the occurrence.
5. All PCF fire stations requiring stand by staffing to maintain security of facilities and equipment will be covered by no more than one PCF operator. The operator will be paid the appropriate hourly rate for his/her classification. This coverage will remain in effect until such time as the emergency has concluded, a facility inspection has been conducted by CAL FIRE career staff, and approval has been given for the return of the equipment to the apparatus bays.
6. The ECC will conduct a second check back approximately two hours after the initial directive for apparatus and equipment removal. Stations should report any additional or otherwise unreported damage findings and/or occurrences at that time.

**POLICY RESPONSIBILITY:**

Board of Directors, Fire Chief, District Administrative Officer, Division Chiefs, Battalion Chiefs, Station Captains, Paid-Call Company Officers, Paid-Call Fire Apparatus Operators, Paid-Call Firefighters.