

Cedarville Township Volunteer Fire Department Uniform SOG 2022

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To ensure that the personnel responding and serving the community have a professional appearance.
- 1.2 To establish principles of what a professional Firefighter/EMT looks like.
- 1.3 To provide information on the differences between types of uniforms.
- 1.4 To encourage uniformity among all responders within CTVFD and to project a good image of our members on the community.

2.0 DIVISIONS

- 2.1 All Fire Department Personnel.

3.0 RESPONSIBILITY

- 3.1 All members have the responsibility to learn and follow this guideline.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 “Class A” Uniform – This is the uniform in which the member is dressed in either a light-blue or white dress shirt (long sleeve), black tie, navy dress pants, black dress belt, black socks, black patent leather shoes, and navy double breasted jacket. A white under-shirt will be worn. All shirts/pants will be free of wrinkles and stains.
- 4.2 “Class B” Uniform – This is the uniform in which the member is dressed in the department issued button-down short-sleeve shirt with badge, department logo, and American Flag patches sewn into shirt, with navy-blue EMS pants (Note: CTVFD does not require a certain brand/model of EMS pants). Uniform also consists of black, sturdy boots or shoes (toe protection preferred). A black belt will be worn and a CTVFD T-shirt may be worn underneath. Navy-blue EMS shorts may not be worn with this uniform.
 - 4.2.1 “Class B” Uniform- Polo – This is the uniform as mentioned above except in place of the Button-Down shirt, there is a Polo Shirt that is also issued

by CTVFD. Every part of the “Class B” uniform applies to this, except for the shirt itself. Navy blue EMS shorts may be worn with this uniform.

- 4.3 “Class “C” Uniform – This is the uniform in which the member is dressed in a CTVFD T-Shirt (tucked-in) with the CTVFD logo on the left side of the front of the T-shirt. The T-shirt can be black, gray, or navy-blue. This uniform also consists of navy-blue EMS pants or shorts, with closed-toed black, sturdy shoes (toe protection preferred) and a black belt.
- 4.4 Staff – Any CTVFD member who is employed by Cedarville Township Volunteer Fire Department. Paid-On-Call staff are included as a part of this definition.
- 4.5 Volunteer – Any CTVFD member who is a participating member of the Cedarville Township Fireman’s Association, whether as a Probationary Member or as a Voting Member. For the purposes of this SOG, Honorary Members and Inactive Members are not included as a part of this definition.
- 4.6 Member – Any person who falls under the definition of either “Staff” or “Volunteer”.

5.0 STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING GEAR

- 5.1 Please refer to the CTVFD Fire SOG for information regarding Structural Firefighting Gear and how/when it should be worn.

6.0 ADORNMENTS ON UNIFORM

- 6.1 Any adornments that are awarded will be worn on the right chest, 1” above the breast pocket, unless it is a lapel pin.
- 6.2 Lapel pins or Officer’s rank pins shall be worn centered on the dissecting line of the angle of the point of the color with the bugle pointed toward the point of the color.
- 6.3 Pins are as follows:
 - 6.3.1 Lieutenant – 1 bugle
 - 6.3.2 Captain – 2 parallel bugles
 - 6.3.3 Assistant Fire Chief – 3 crossed bugles
 - 6.3.4 Fire Chief – 5 crossed bugles
- 6.4 Class A Officer’s uniforms will also be identified with one-half inch stripes on the sleeves. The lowest stripe will be 3” from the edge of the sleeve.

6.5 Stripes are as follows:

6.5.1 Lieutenants – 1

6.5.2 Captains – 2

6.5.3 Assistant Fire Chief – 3

6.5.4 Fire Chief – 5

6.6 Maltese Crosses are awarded for 5 years of service. They are located on the right sleeve ½” underneath the stripe. For more than one cross they shall be in a row horizontally. The crosses shall be the same color as the stripes, with Officer’s having gold crosses and Firefighter/EMTs having silver crosses.

6.6.1 If no stripe is on the Class A Uniform, the Maltese Cross will be located on the outside of the right sleeve, 2 ½” from the edge of the sleeve and the top of the cross will sit right where the outside of the forearm rests.

6.7 If a member has been issued a badge, the badge will be worn on the outer coat on the left breast.

7.0 WEARING EACH UNIFORM

7.1 Class A Uniforms

7.1.1 Class A uniforms shall be worn during events in which the attire is formal and the member is representing the Fire Department. Examples include Firefighter Funerals, News Conferences, Notification of Firefighter Line-of-Duty Death, and other events where the dress calls for it.

7.1.2 If any of the members present do not have Class A uniforms, the Class B uniform is to be worn and to be free of wrinkles, stains, rips, etc.

7.2 Class B Uniforms

7.2.1 Class B uniforms shall be worn during official CTVFD events. Including Association Meetings, scheduled Station Tours, Public Events, etc. If unsure if the event calls for Class B uniform, contact Chief Miller to confirm.

7.3 Class B-Polo or Class C Uniforms

7.3.1 Class B-Polo or Class C uniforms shall be worn during official CTVFD events where CTVFD is providing a public service. Examples include standbys for high school/college sporting events, first-aid stations at the park for community events, etc. The Class C uniform can be worn depending on the nature of the event, whether it's an indoor or an outdoor event, with weather and temperature taken into consideration. If unsure, ask the most senior member at the event.

7.3.2 If the member is wearing navy-blue EMS shorts with the uniform, the socks that the member wears must be black, "no show" or "ankle-cut", and the shoes must be approved "low-cut", black, sturdy shoes (toe protection preferred).

7.4 It is the responsibility of all members to make every effort to be in the same uniform for an event. Except for Class A events, there should be minimal to no discrepancy in uniform between members except for what is mentioned above.

8.0 CIVILIAN CLOTHING

8.1 Members may respond to calls in their civilian clothing. This section is to determine what is allowed and what isn't allowed on calls.

8.2 Unacceptable wear is as follows:

8.2.1 Pants/Shorts with entire sections missing or ripped

8.2.2 Tank Tops, Midriiffs, sleeveless shirts, etc.

8.2.2.1 Crew-cut t-shirts are preferred to wear on calls.

8.2.3 Short Shorts (either male or female, use your own discretion).

8.2.4 Leggings, baggy sweatpants, yoga pants, etc.

8.2.5 Open-Toed Shoes, crocs, slippers, etc.

8.2.6 Anything else that would be unprofessional to wear as a Firefighter/EMT, use your own discretion.

8.3 It is highly recommended that all members leave a CTVFD T-shirt, a pair of EMS pants, a pair of socks, and a pair of shoes in their gear locker in order to change into for a call.

8.4 It is acceptable to respond and don your bunker pants with boots/jacket over a piece of unapproved clothing. Even if it did not go into an IDLH environment, it is still required to decontaminate/wash the gear after the call if it was contaminated.

8.4.1 It is unacceptable to have bunker gear in the dayroom or the offices for any reason. All bunker gear is to remain out in the bay. Doff any gear before entering the dayroom or offices.

9.0 AT DEPARTMENT DRESS

9.1 Members do not have to follow the same dress code if they are spending time at CTVFD in a non-official capacity.

9.2 However, members should be dressed professionally while at the station. Items such as excessively torn clothing, sleeveless shirts, excessively short shorts, etc. should not be worn around the station.

9.3 While acceptable in the dayroom and offices, there are no open-toed shoes allowed in the bay or on calls. This includes crocs, sandals, etc.

9.4 The purpose of unacceptable wear at CTVFD is to ensure that if any member of the community were to knock on the door, or if there is a walk-in patient, that the members there would present a professional image.

9.5 Staff are required to be in Class B/Class B-Polo or Class C uniform during the business day unless told otherwise by Chief Miller.

9.5.1 If Staff are in Class C, then the t-shirt the member wears should be navy-blue.

9.5.2 Staff are allowed to be out of uniform if performing a task which would dirty/stain/damage a uniform (example: bleaching medical equipment, deep cleaning a bathroom, vehicle maintenance, etc.).

10.0 CONCLUSION

10.1 It is the intent of this policy to give members the resources to make an informed decision on dress. Members are to use their best discretion and critical-thinking skills in order to look and be professional while representing CTVFD.

Effective July 19, 2022

_____ Date: _____

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