



## Helmet Designations

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## 1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this document is to adopt a standard helmet color code for firefighters depicting firefighter operational status.

## 2.0 Responsibilities

- 2.1. The Fire Chief shall assure that these standards are adhered to, establishing continuity throughout the county.
- 2.2. The Fire Chief shall identify each firefighter's classification using existing helmet designations until the time of new purchases. (See Section 6)

## 3.0 Helmet Construction

- 3.1. All helmets within the Taylors Bridge Fire Department must meet or exceed the minimum standards found in NFPA 1971 *Standard on Protective Ensemble for Structural Fire Fighting*, 2000 edition.
- 3.2. The brand and variety of helmet a department chooses is not governed by this guideline.
- 3.3. Helmets issued by this department must have the individual's firefighter status clearly marked. Helmets differ in the marking locations, (leather helmet fronts, side stickers, etc.) and are inexpensive to replace.

## 4.0 Requirement

- 4.1. White Helmet - Chief Officers
  - 4.1.1. Fire Chief
  - 4.1.2. Deputy Chief
  - 4.1.3. Assistant Chief
- 4.2. Red Helmet - Captains
- 4.3. Red Helmet - Lieutenants



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4.4. Black – All Firefighters

4.4.1. Probationary – Less than one year of service

4.4.2. Firefighter - Firefighters that **DO NOT MEET** NFPA 1403 Standards.

4.4.3. Senior Firefighter - Firefighters that **MEET** NFPA 1403 Standards

4.5. Blue Helmet – Junior Firefighters

4.5.1. Auxiliary Firefighters

4.5.2. Less than 18 years of age

4.6. Orange Helmet – Safety Officer

## 5.0 Existing Helmet Conditions

5.1. Until the department replaces a helmet, it is acceptable to use the existing helmet colors in the department.

5.2. However, the firefighter status must **clearly** be marked these helmets.

5.3. Example #1:

5.3.1. Safety Officer

5.3.2. Existing Helmet – Yellow

5.3.3. Side Crescents or Helmet Front must signify "Safety Officer".

5.4. Example #2

5.4.1. Probationary Firefighter

5.4.2. Existing Helmet – Black

5.4.3. Side Crescents or Helmet Front must signify "Probationary", "Cadet" or some type of wording signifying that the firefighter is not yet full firefighter status.

5.5. Example #3

5.5.1. Senior Firefighter

5.5.2. Existing Helmet – Black

5.5.3. Side Crescents or Helmet Front must signify "Firefighter". Also, a two (2) inch dot shall be placed on the rear of the helmet to signify that the firefighter is trained to enter inside a burning structure.