

SCFA – Training Bulletin 24-04

Academy Field Training Safety

The safety of participants and instructional staff during all training drill evolutions at the SCFA is our primary concern!

Participating Departments must:

- ensure that their members have the medical clearance and requisite training to safely perform the tasks that they will be assigned during training drill evolutions;
- ensure that PPE worn and equipment used by members has been properly inspected and maintained to provide proper protection and performance, and that members wear PPE, and use equipment, appropriately
- ensure that members are in compliance with NFPA and OSHA safety standards, such as the Respiratory Protection Standard: fit tests are required, and facial hair in the facepiece sealing areas is prohibited. An inadequate seal when wearing SCBA can result in air leakage and reduced working time
- ensure that members wear the required appropriate clothing under their PPE when participating in Flashover Simulator evolutions: long sleeve shirts and long pants made of natural fibers such as cotton and wool- no synthetic fabrics like nylon and rayon that can melt and stick to skin. Prior to all live fire training, remove jewelry such as necklaces, chains, rings and piercings that may get snagged or conduct heat resulting in burns. Members not in compliance can't participate

Instructors work hard to ensure that training is safe for everyone- any unsafe conditions or actions witnessed by instructors will be stopped and corrected immediately. In the event of an injury, inform an instructor so the member can be evaluated by the field EMT

Two fresh water “Decon Hydrants” are located on the training field for decon of PPE and equipment after drills, ask instructors for locations



Fire Department Actions

Come to the Academy with members and equipment prepared for a safe and beneficial drill

While nobody wants to be the “clothing police” or “facial hair police”, members must understand that such requirements are for their safety

Follow the direction of your instructors- they are here to facilitate your drill so your department can practice your tactics and employ your SOPs/SOGs safely, and to provide constructive feedback

Be sure to hydrate before the drill, and properly Rehab based on drill type, level of exertion and weather conditions- cooling, rest and hydration are necessary

Report any member injuries or illness that occur during your drill at the time it occurs

Contact the Academy with any safety related questions you may have, or to provide feedback on your training drill- *Together, we can work to have the safest and most effective training possible. Stay Safe!*

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