



Arvada Fire Protection District

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Directive

Number: 2020-01
Effective: March 12, 2020
To: All Members
From: Mike Piper, Interim Fire Chief
Re: COVID-19

This directive is effective March 12, 2020

Due to our continued efforts to provide for individual safety and maintain the ability to respond, the following operational changes shall be implemented immediately. It is understood that this is a dynamic situation that will evolve over time. These procedures are considered temporary and will be re-evaluated on a weekly basis.

Access signs will be placed at all Arvada Fire Protection District facilities. These have been distributed via interoffice mail as of 3/13/2020.

Station Procedures

Due to the potential impact of COVID-19 to the community and Arvada Fire, the intent is to have crews limit non-emergent activities while accomplishing social distancing. Crews will respond to calls, shop once during a set, and attend scheduled District training(s). Other activities will be suspended including:

- Building inspections
- Non-clinical ride-a-longs
- Car seat checks
- Tours
- Community meetings
- Station visits (including family members)
- Requested smoke alarm installations
- Effective with this directive, all outside training and travel shall be approved by the Fire Chief via the chain of command.

Uniform Procedures

In order to prevent the spread of disease and maintain clean living quarters, the following procedures will be put into place immediately:

1. Class B pants shall be worn on all EMS calls with one exception: wildland yellows may be used on EMS calls when running EMS calls overnight (when waking up to go on a call).
2. Bunker pants are no longer approved for use on EMS calls (excluding auto accidents). This includes EMS calls when returning from a fire related call.
3. Any work boots worn on EMS calls shall remain in the bay or be decontaminated before entering the station living area.
4. Members can wear approved footwear while in station living quarters (i.e. athletic shoes).

The reason for these changes is to account for potential exposures while simultaneously providing a clean work environment. Each member is issued multiple sets of Class B/C uniforms; which allows each person to change clothes if necessary. If yellows are contaminated, the garment is out of service until cleaned.

Per NFPA, bunkers are not approved for use on EMS calls due to the potential of exposing others to contaminants. Further, Arvada Fire is seeking to limit out of service time for bunker gear.