

Memorandum

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Subject: FOOT PROTECTION

Questions have arisen concerning the appropriate foot protection for employees performing the duties associated with traditional local government fire station and emergency response activities. CAL FIRE Health and Safety Policy Section 1727 provides direction on the type of boots required when engaged in wildland and structural fire fighting. The policy provides exceptions to this footwear for other activities that occur at the fire station and certain emergency response activities. For these activities, the boot must meet California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 3385(c)(1). The regulation states that the boot shall meet the requirements and specifications in American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F2412-05, Standard Test Methods for Foot Protection and ASTM F2413-05, Standard Specification for Performance Requirements for Foot Protection. Please consult the boot manufacturer specifications to confirm their product is compliant with these standards.

Please ensure all footwear being worn by employees in fire suppression or project work activities complies with Policy 1727 as well as Title 8, Section 3385(c)(1) for the exempted activities. Any questions relative to appropriate footwear can be directed to the Department Safety Program at (916) 653-6521.

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