

Madison County Department of Emergency Medical Services

Standard Operating Guideline



Title	Personal Appearance
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Purpose:

To provide a standard for personal appearance while on duty at Madison EMS.

Policy:

1. Hair will be maintained in a neat, clean fashion. Hair that is deemed a potential safety hazard by the Director will be brought to the employee's attention for immediate resolution.
2. Facial hair must not interfere in anyway with the ability of a HEPA mask to provide proper seal of an employee's airway.
3. Jewelry shall be kept to a minimum for safety purposes. Necklaces are allowed under the shirt. Any jewelry, in the Duty Officer's judgment, creates reasonable potential for injury, will not be permitted.
4. Personnel shall maintain a neat appearance at all times in public.
5. Dramatic hair, nail or makeup colors that may be alarming or offensive to other employees or patients will not be permitted.
6. Visible tattoos must be covered.
7. Sideburns shall not extend beyond the lowest part of the ear lobe.
8. Personnel with beards/facial hair who are trained and certified as firefighters must not allow it to interfere with providing a proper seal (face piece) on their air pack.
9. Any subject or issue that pertains to Federal OSHA regulations that is not covered in this SOG must be adhered to meet compliance with current OSHA standards.