

STANISLAUS CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
POLICIES & PROCEDURES

ARTICLE: C-64  
SECTION: Operations Division  
DATE: 20 June 2010  
SUPERSEDES: NEW  
TITLE: Swimming Pool Use Policy

The SCFPD encourages its members to engage in physical conditioning for the purpose of maintaining active and healthy lifestyles. SCFPD members are also encouraged to develop and improve their swimming abilities in order to efficiently and effectively mitigate water-rescue emergencies.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide on-duty SCFPD employees with a guideline to follow when utilizing public swimming pools for physical conditioning and/or water rescue awareness and operations training.

POLICY

SCFPD members will be permitted to utilize public swimming pools within the Fire District for the purposes of training and physical conditioning. SCFPD members must gain permission prior to use every summer from the authority having jurisdiction over any public swimming pool facility. The Fire District shall not incur any financial liability for use of a public pool by SCFPD members.

On-duty SCFPD employees shall adhere to the following procedure when utilizing a public swimming pool for exercising and/or training.

PROCEDURE

- Company Officers shall obtain permission from the on-duty Battalion Chief prior to engaging in swimming activities. District business, Emergency Operations, and Training Events shall take priority over swimming pool use.
- Company Officers shall make preparations for their crews to have an approximate 1-2 minute turn-around time from pool to apparatus in appropriate P.P.E. for emergency incidents.
- Units will remain in a "Ready" status for calls.

- SCFPD members will be permitted to swim during designated periods when the swimming pool facility is not open to the general public. These times will be designated by the appropriate swimming pool management staff each year.
- Company Officers will ensure that at least one SCFPD member will monitor a District Radio for 2-way communication with the SR911 Dispatch Center during swimming activities.
- Company Officers will ensure that crew members are familiar with and obey the posted Rules and Regulations of the Swimming Pool Facility.
- SCFPD Crews will be limited to a maximum of one hour of swimming per day.
- SCFPD members will wear appropriate levels of sun screen or ultraviolet protective apparel to protect themselves from sunburns that may limit an employee's ability to perform their duties.
- All SCFPD members will conduct themselves in a professional manner and in accordance with the SCFPD "General Conduct and Code of Ethics" policies.
- SCFPD Crews will not be allowed to move from their assigned response area to use a public swimming pool.
- The authorized public pool must be located in a reasonable location for emergency response.

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