

OUTDOOR FIRES

Purpose:

To establish a guideline for Scriba Volunteer Fire Department Personnel when operating at outdoor, wildland, or brush fire.

Guideline:

- Personnel shall wear a minimum of bunker pants, boots, gloves and helmet during brush fire operations. If conditions warrant full protective clothing shall be worn.
 - Only exception is members that have 8 inch safety shoes and blue jeans may wear them in place of bunker pants but must still have full protective equipment with them.
- Always approach the fire from the burned side if possible to increase safety.
- Avoid placing apparatus and personnel between the fire and unburned brush.
- Never attack into the wind as the fire will be pushing towards you.
- 2771 has lockout hubs on the front axles, always lock the hubs in before leaving the hard surface. Do not lock the 4x4 in gear until you are having difficulty getting traction.
- The unit should be operated at a slow pace when off road. When possible have a spotter out in front of the vehicle watching for obstructions.
- Utilize hand operations such as water extinguishers, rakes, etc. when area is inaccessible.
- Members with ATV's may bring them to the scene for operations only when requested by command.
- REMEMBER – Brush fires are only an emergency when exposures are threatened. Units should still respond in the emergency mode during high winds, long distances, dry conditions or fire is threatening exposures.