

# Bethel Township Fire Department

<b>GENERAL ORDER:</b> 301	<b>SECTION:</b> PPE/Uniform
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Personal Appearance	<b>EFFECTS:</b> All Personnel
<b>ADOPTED:</b> 05/01/2016	<b>SUPERSEDES:</b> All Previous
<b>REVISED:</b> 02/13/2019	

**PURPOSE:**

- A. To establish personal appearance guidelines for all personnel

**GENERAL ORDER:**

It is of utmost importance that Bethel Township Fire Department personnel present themselves in a clean professional manner. The following are standards for personal appearance:

1. **Beards** - All members shall report for duty with a clean shave. All facial hair shall be trimmed as not to interfere with the seal of their face piece. All beards are prohibited.
2. **Hair Standards** – Hair must be neat, clean, and conservatively groomed. Hair length, style, and thickness must permit safe and effective use of all PPE. Hair may be dyed, tinted, or frosted any color that could naturally appear in human hair. Any stripes, spots, or dying of colors other than natural tones is prohibited.
3. **Jewelry** - All types of jewelry can present a health and safety hazard to all members of public safety services. It is recommended by the CDC that this jewelry should be cleaned as soon as possible after returning from calls with an approved non-damaging jewelry cleaner to both clean as well as disinfect. Acceptable jewelry types are: wedding rings, class rings, religious necklace, medical alert necklaces and hair barrettes and clips (without pointed edges).
4. **Tattoos** - No tattoos that include nudity, vulgar language, or lewd content shall be visible to the public. Visible means not seen while wearing a uniform in a natural stance with arms at sides. Unless approved by the Command Staff.