

OPERATIONS BULLETIN # 25

Subject: Policy Personnel Protective Clothing and Devices

POLICY

STATE Cal OES PROVIDES APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT. LOCALS PROVIDE PERSONNEL AND ALL RELATED SAFETY GEAR.

Throughout the years, there have been periodic inquiries regarding responsibility for protective clothing and breathing apparatus for personnel responding on Cal OES equipment. More recently, there have been a number of inquiries regarding the absence of breathing apparatus on Cal OES equipment. It is the intent of this bulletin to confirm Cal OES policy on that matter.

The basic concept of the Cal OES program is that we (the State) provide supplemental fire fighting, rescue, communication, and other hardware to augment the Statewide Mutual Aid System. It is the assignee's responsibility, whether state or local, to provide the necessary personnel to operate Cal OES apparatus.

Under these provisions, we interpret "personnel" to include all safety gear necessary for protection, as well as self-contained breathing apparatus. This, then, is the policy: "STATE Cal OES PROVIDES APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT. LOCALS PROVIDE PERSONNEL AND ALL RELATED SAFETY GEAR:"

NOTE TO APPARATUS ASSIGNEES: It is suggested that a copy of this bulletin be attached to your existing agreement.