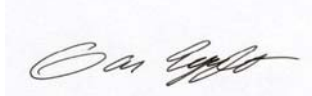
	<b>COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE</b> <b>Department of Fire Rescue</b> <b>STANDARD ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY</b>	
	<b>Subject:</b>	Helmet Colors & Markings
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	<b>Signature of Approval:</b>	 <b>J. Dan Eggleston, Chief</b>

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to outline the helmet colors and marking specifications for all stations.

**Background:**

The initial policy was adopted by the Albemarle County Fire Rescue Advisory Board (ACFRAB) at the 23 October 2002 meeting.

**Scope:**

This policy applies to all Albemarle County fire, rescue, and/or emergency medical services stations.

**Policy:**

1. Helmet Colors

Chief	White
Deputy Chief	White
Assistant Chief	White
Battalion Chief	White
Captains	Yellow
Firefighters	Black
Junior Firefighters (Except as Noted Below)	Red
Unreleased Firefighters	
Emergency Medical/Rescue Personnel Only	Blue

2. Helmet Markings

- Front shield and rocker specifications on helmets are determined at the station level except as follows:
  - A two-inch (2") yellow letter "R" will be placed on the back of the helmet of probationary or rookie personnel that cannot be utilized for interior firefighting *unless* accompanied by an officer.

3. Junior Personnel

- Junior personnel who have met the requirements as established by the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors and the Albemarle County Fire Rescue Advisory Board *may* be issued a black helmet with "Junior Firefighter" rockers and the rookie letter "R" on the back.
- In summary, as established by the aforementioned bodies, Junior Firefighters issued black helmets must have successfully completed Firefighter I and have permission from his/her parent/guardian and station officers to participate.