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Office of the Fire Chief

Policy 4215-014

Polices and Directives

Protective Gear Policy

1. Full protective clothing consists of:

Helmet
Eye protection
Turnout coat
Bunker pants
Boots
Fire Gloves
Extrication Gloves
Nomex hood

2. Protective clothing must be properly worn prior to boarding the apparatus for all firefighters excluding the Driver when responding to alarms. Full protective clothing is defined in this section as Turnout Coat, Turnout Pants, and Fire Boots. Helmets must be taken to each alarm as well, but are optional to be worn inside the apparatus. The wearing of full protective clothing is optional for the Driver/Operator - Engineer and Aerial Operator. However it must be carried with them to the incident scene.

3. Full protective clothing shall be worn at all times when operating on the fire ground.

4. The use of turn out coats during overhaul operations will be the discretion of the officers.

5. All members shall wear whatever protective clothing is required to afford complete personal protection while operating at EMS incidents. Bunker pants, Bunker coat, eye protection, and latex gloves at a minimum.

6. Full protective clothing shall be worn, including eye protection, when operating forcible entry tools, vent saws, Hurst tools, as well as other equipment where damage to the body can occur.

7. Line Officers may use their discretion to regulate the above guidelines in those situations in which exemptions to that policy appears necessary, such as when the use of protective gear may compromise patient care, or when it is necessary to operate in close quarters where full protective gear cannot be worn.

8. Eye protection shall be utilized any time the need for eye protection seems apparent such as at all MVCs, during overhaul, and when operating hand or power tools.

9. Gloves shall be worn when engaged in firefighting, overhaul, when operating hand or power tools, and any other situation where injuries to the hands may be likely to occur.

10. Structure gloves shall be worn at all times. Rescue gloves can only be substituted during MVCs, and other technical rescue type calls.

11. All riding members shall utilize a 800mghz radio that also designates their riding seat position. This radio shall remain on the operating channel of which the incident or event is utilizing and off of the scan option.

12. Line Officers using command or personally owned vehicles may operate in a Command Status without full protective gear at the Command Post location and that Officer is identified as Command. Whenever possible, full protective gear shall then be worn when the Officer can put on same.