
	STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE				
	OPERATIONS				
	PERSONAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING				
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1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this procedure is to establish clear guidelines for wearing Personal Protective Clothing (turnout gear) when involved in emergency operations.

2.0 Responsibility

2.1 It is each individual member's responsibility to follow this Standard Operating Guideline, and each Officer's responsibility to insure that there is compliance.

3.0 Implementation

3.1 All members who may be engaged in or exposed to the hazards of structural fire fighting will wear the following department approved items:

- 3.1.1 Protective turnout coat
- 3.1.2 Protective turnout pants with bunker boots
- 3.1.3 Helmet and eye protection
- 3.1.4 Nomex hood
- 3.1.5 Fire resistive gloves

3.2 Full protective clothing will be worn by fire fighting personnel while responding to all structural alarms or hazardous incidents.

- 3.2.1 If in quarters, all members will dress accordingly prior to responding on their apparatus.
- 3.2.2 All members will wear whatever protective clothing is required to afford complete personal protection during E.M.S. incidents.
- 3.2.3 When operating forcible entry equipment, extrication equipment and tools, full protective clothing will be worn.

3.3 When responding to a Code 1 (with the exception of a vehicle accident), full protective clothing need not be worn, but the proper protective clothing must be available should another call be dispatched for those companies.



3.4 Full protective clothing will be worn when responding to and operating at vehicle accidents.

3.5 Helmets will be worn when operating near moving vehicles such as E.M.S. incidents on the streets, when dealing with electrical hazards, and where falling objects are present or potentially present, and when working at construction sites. DOT approved safety vest will be worn when personnel are involved with an incident on a street or highway.

3.6 Helmet goggles (or protective glasses) will be utilized at any time the need for eye protection seems apparent such as during overhaul and when operating hand or power tools.

3.7 The Incident Commander may use his discretion to regulate those situations where exemptions to the above procedure appears necessary, such as when the use of protective clothing may compromise patient care, or when necessary to operate in close quarters where full protective clothing cannot be worn.

3.8 In specific situations where no guidelines have been provided, the proper protective clothing to protect against all foreseeable hazards will be worn.

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4.0 Reference

4.1 Highland Park Fire Department

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