

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish requirements for the wearing of personal protective equipment. This policy outlines the use of protective safety clothing and equipment worn by personnel responding to and during emergency incidents, training sessions, routine operations and any activity in which personal injury may occur. The protective safety clothing and equipment will be referred to in this document as "PPE".

POLICY:

Personnel shall utilize and wear "PPE" as prescribed by this policy. Use of "PPE" as defined in this policy shall be considered mandatory.

PROCEDURE:**Responsibility**

Company Officers have the responsibility to ensure that all members adhere to policies regarding the use of "PPE". Company Officers have the responsibility for the safety of their personnel. They shall ensure that the members utilize proper "PPE" as prescribed within this policy. Personnel are responsible for their personal safety and shall wear "PPE" as outlined in this policy.

DEFINITIONS:**Structural "PPE"**

Structure helmet
Structure coat and pants
Structure boots, NFPA or OSHA approved
Nomex hood
Structure gloves

Wildland "PPE"

Wildland coat and pants*,
Wildland boots NFPA/OSHA approved
Wildland Helmet and shroud,
Wildland gloves,
Web gear with fire shelter

*Wildland pants may be worn as a single layer if they are properly rated by NFPA otherwise they must be worn over department approved Nomex pants.

Medical "PPE"

Station uniform
Eye protection
Gloves
Mask
Gown

Water Rescue "PPE"

Wet suit or dry suit
PFD
Helmet
Gloves
Booties
Fins

SCBA

Full air cylinder
Mask
Personal alarm system
Nomex hood.

Hearing safety equipment

Vehicle shall consist of the headset intercom/radio when available.

While operating power tools and equipment, hearing protection shall be worn unless the OIC determines the wearing of same will contribute to an unsafe condition.

Minimum levels of "PPE" shall consist of the following:

Structure Fires:

Structural "PPE", SCBA is required in accordance with MCMA Doc. appendix 23

Wildland Fires:

Wildland "PPE"

Vehicle Fires:

Full structural "PPE", SCBA is required in accordance with MCMA Doc. appendix 23

Medical Calls:

Medical "PPE" Further evaluation of the call will dictate need for additional protection ie mask and gown.

Vehicle Accidents:

Structural "PPE", Traffic Safety Vests: Note; Once on scene, the officer in charge should evaluate the scene to determine if the scene requires full structural "PPE" or if it can be downgraded to a medical aid with Traffic Safety Vests.

Public Service:

Level of "PPE" as determined by the officer in charge.

Alarm Sounding:

Full structural "PPE", SCBA is required in accordance with MCMA Doc. appendix 23

Hazardous Materials:

Full structural "PPE", SCBA is required in accordance with MCMA Doc. appendix 23

Chain saw operation:

Eye protection, gloves, chaps, helmet, and structure coat or wildland jacket

Water Rescues:

Full water rescue "PPE". Wet suit or dry suit to be determined by officer in charge.

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