

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

DEFINITION:

Full protective clothing: Helmet and goggles, hood, turnout coat and pantsuits, gloves and boots.

Full protective clothing will be worn by firefighting personnel while responding to all fire alarms. (Optional for drivers, command personnel & ambulance personnel while responding but will be in turnout gear on all working alarms)

If in quarters, all members shall dress accordingly prior to response.

Company Captains may use their discretion to regulate this in terms of unusual circumstances such as extremely long responses, out of quarter's responses, or when it appears inevitable that the Company Captains will assume command, etc.

It is the intent of this guideline that no member shall cause a delay in any firefighting operation by not being fully prepared to engage in firefighting activities in a safe manner upon arrival at the scene.

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

Full protective clothing and SCBA will be worn at all times where any smoke is still present.

All members will wear full protective clothing while extricating, or attending to a patient in a vehicle at an MVC.

All members will wear whatever protective clothing is required to afford complete personnel protection, while operating at EMS incidents.

When operating forcible entry equipment and tools, full protective clothing will be worn.

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

The goggles will be utilized at any time the need for eye protection seems apparent such as during overhaul, when operating hand or power tools, and when fighting, grass fires, and any other small fires where the SCBA is not being worn.

Gloves will be worn when engaged in firefighting, overhaul, training and hose and ladders, when using hand or power tools, and any other situation where injuries to the hand are likely to occur.

In specific situations for which no guidelines have been provided, the proper protective clothing to protect against all foreseeable hazards will be worn, and the Incident Commander will be held accountable to assure PPE is utilized.