



Roosevelt Fire District

Standard Operating Guidelines

<u>Section:</u> Operations	<u>Guideline 1:</u> Personal Protection (PPE)
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Purpose:

It is the policy of the Roosevelt Fire District to provide personnel with the appropriate protective clothing and equipment. This protective clothing and equipment shall be used whenever an individual is exposed or potentially exposed to workplace hazards. The protective clothing and equipment purchased by the department shall meet or exceed the requirements of NFPA 1971-Standard on Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting and department specifications in effect at the time of purchase. Each member is responsible to utilize and maintain their protective clothing and equipment consistent with the manufacturer's instructions and department policy or guidelines.

Protective clothing shall not be modified in any manner without written approval from the Roosevelt Fire District. Only personal protective clothing or equipment issued by the fire department is authorized for use. Personal gear maybe worn with approval by the Chief of the Department, or his designee, provided it meets, or exceeds the current standard set forth by NFPA. Personal items such as hand lights, wire cutters, small tools, etc. may be utilized provided they do not reduce the level of protection provided by issued clothing/equipment.

Scope:

Personnel shall not remove their protective clothing until such time that their company officer or the Incident Commander (IC) determines that such protection is no longer necessary. If operating conditions warrant, company officers may increase or decrease the required level of PPE but the responsibility to protect their personnel from injury remains with the officer.

Training:

All personal shall have a working knowledge of their assigned Personal Protective Equipment (PPE.) They shall be able to identify when the PPE is necessary, what PPE is necessary, how to properly don, doff, adjust, and wear the PPE, the limitations of the PPE, and how to properly care for, maintain, and dispose of the PPE.

Storage of PPE:

1. Protective clothing and equipment shall be stored in the appropriate location at the fire station.
2. If PPE is stored in a location away from the fire station, it must be stored in a clean dry location, in accordance with manufacturer's guidelines as well as all Fire District policies.

Cleaning, Maintenance, and Inspection:

It is the responsibility of the company officer to ensure that their assigned personnel maintain clean turnout gear. Frequent cleaning may be required based on exposure to fire products or blood borne contamination. Washing of turnouts is to be done at an approved station equipped with a turnout gear washer. Turnout gear shall not be washed at home, at a Laundromat or dry cleaned. Turnout gear with blood borne contamination may be first sprayed/rinsed with an approved product to help in removal of any stains, and then washed in a turnout gear washer.

For other than regularly scheduled inspections, if assigned gear becomes unserviceable, the individual shall notify their Company Officer. Any unserviceable turnout clothing is to be cleaned, removed from service, and repaired or replaced.

Procedure:

1. Full protective gear is defined as a turnout coat, bunker pants with boots, Nomex hood, gloves, helmet equipped with goggles or face shield, high visibility vest and SCBA.
2. Full protective gear will be worn as follows:
 - A. Turnout coat closed, secured and collar up.
 - B. Nomex hood and gloves on.
 - C. Bunker pants on as well as bunker boots.
 - D. SCBA donned and connected.
 - E. Helmet on and ear flaps down as well as safety strap fastened.
3. Full protective gear will be worn at any incident where there is an existing or potential hazard to life or property.
4. Traffic safety vests shall be issued to all personnel. The vest shall be worn whenever personnel are operating in areas of vehicular traffic, or all roadways regardless of traffic conditions. The vest shall be donned immediately upon exiting the vehicle or apparatus and includes instances when turnout gear is worn. Turnout coats alone are not acceptable as high-visibility highway safety apparel. The exceptions to this requirement are:
 - A. When SCBA is worn
 - B. When wearing hazardous materials personal protective equipment
 - C. When wearing technical rescue personal protective equipment
5. Full protective gear will be worn during any training exercise which simulates conditions in #3.