

Manhattan Fire Protection District

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PURPOSE

This procedure is to assure that all personnel are prepared to commence fire suppression or rescue operations at an emergency scene while maintaining the highest degree of personal safety for all personnel.

SCOPE

This procedure shall apply to all personnel operating at the scene of any emergency incident or training exercise.

ENFORCEMENT

The primary responsibility for adherence to this procedure rests with each individual. Company officers (or acting company officers) are responsible for enforcement of this procedure. Authority to deviate from this procedure rests with the company officers or acting company officers who shall be responsible for the results of any deviation.

DEFINITION

Full protective equipment shall consist of a helmet and face shield with strap in place, ear flaps or protective hood, turnout coat fully fastened, turnout pants, boots, gloves and SCBA when required. All equipment shall be issued or approved by a department clothing officer. Alterations to equipment must be approved by a clothing officer.

APPLICATION

Protective clothing SHALL be worn by all personnel according to the following guidelines.

1. Structure fires, vehicle fires, dumpsters, trash cans, traffic accidents.
 - a. Protective helmet with face shield, coat, protective pants boots and gloves.
 - b. SCBA shall be worn per SOP on SCBA.
2. Brush fires, wildland fires.
 - a. Helmet with face shield, turnout coat, protective pants with boots, gloves. The incident commander or company officer may require additional safety clothing if conditions warrant.

NOTE: Synthetic, polyester clothing, tennis shoes, low quarter shoes, shorts, cut offs and swim wear should not be worn on any fire suppression operation for personnel safety reasons.

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3. Equipment operation

- a. Full protective clothing shall be worn by all personnel operating power tools, hydraulic tools or forcible entry equipment. Personnel in the area where these tools are used shall also wear full protective clothing.

4. Drivers

- a. Full protective equipment is required for drivers. Helmets shall be worn while responding in department equipment. Due to cab heights the helmet requirement may be waived.

5. Personnel outside of the immediate fireground may use their discretion as to the need for protective clothing. Such areas include rehabilitation areas, staging areas, water fill points, etc.

6. Damaged equipment, inspection and cleaning.

- a. All damaged personal protective equipment shall be reported to the clothing officer. All damaged equipment will be repaired or replaced before being put back into service.
- b. Company officers shall inspect all protective clothing as needed and at the November meeting for annual inspection end inventory.
- c. Protective clothing shall be washed with an approved cleaning agent as needed.

The incident commander shall determine the appropriate level of protective equipment required for personnel operating at incidents where no specific guidelines have been established.

Signature Dale VanderBoegh

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