

Orchard Farm Fire Protection District Standard Operating Procedure

Division: 300 Occupational Safety and Health
Section: 301 Safety
Subject: 301.01 Personal Protective Equipment



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PURPOSE:

To define the District's standard level of personal protective equipment

RESPONSIBILITY:

All District Personnel

PROCEDURES:

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) shall be issued to all members of the District before that member may participated in training evolutions or respond to calls. The standard PPE (also known as turnout gear or bunker gear) shall consist of the following:

1. helmet w/ shield or NFPA approved goggles
2. Nomex hood
3. bunker coat
4. bunker pants/w suspenders
5. structural firefighting boots
6. structural firefighting gloves

It shall be the responsibility of the member to care for, clean and inspect their gear. The gear should be inspected after every fire and once a month at a minimum. All deficiencies shall be noted and reported. Once a year, the gear shall inspected by the officer in charge of PPE and the condition noted.

Members should have their turnout gear with them at all calls or district functions. If a member does not have a complete set of turnout gear they shall not respond to calls.

Any lost or damaged turnout gear should immediately be reported.

Any operations being conducted in a roadway requires members wear an ANSI class 2 vest. These vests are stored on the apparatus and shall be worn until the incident is over and all units and personnel clear of the roadway.

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When issued, all PPE information shall be recorded with the member's signature, showing that the member assumes responsibility of the equipment. (form 88-300.01-01)
All PPE issued remains the property of the District and shall be returned promptly upon resignation or termination. Members may be held financially responsible for equipment that is neglected, intentionally damaged, or not returned when requested.

Any member wishing to use personally owned equipment may do so, but prior to use an officer must inspect the equipment to ensure it meets safety standards and any District gear of the same type must be returned.

In any case, the District shall not be liable for personally owned equipment that may be damaged, lost or stolen.