

	Terryville Fire Department Best Practices	
	<u>Subject</u> Use of Personal Protective Equipment	BP# 1-05
	<u>Authority</u> Chief of Department	Initiated 8/1/13 Revised 11/30/23

A. PURPOSE

1. To provide a guideline for the wearing of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) by members of the Terryville Fire Department. It is the goal of the Chiefs Office to implement and enforce Policies & Best Practices that ensure the safety of all personnel. Personnel who are operating at, or are on the scene of incidents must wear PPE appropriate for the task assigned. The requirement to wear appropriate garments with a reflective surface is intended solely to increase safety by improving the visibility of personnel

B. PPE REQUIREMENTS

1. Firefighters responding to an emergency shall wear full turnout gear while responding to the scene. Firefighters may remove some of that gear while on the scene after a Signal 4 has been given or with permission of the IC, company line officer, and/or the safety officer (brush fires, rehab, etc.)
2. When returning to the station, firefighters will use their own discretion about wearing full turnout gear.
3. Firefighters operating at a fire (other than a brush fire) shall wear full PPE, to include NFPA approved firefighting gloves, hood, helmet and SCBA.
4. Members performing traffic control including Fire Police personnel shall wear, at a minimum, the traffic safety vest assigned to the vehicle. It is recommended that Fire Police personnel wear their assigned reflective jacket when practical.
5. All EMS personnel operating at a Motor Vehicle Crash scene shall wear the traffic safety vest assigned to the ambulance or first responder vehicle. In addition, the vests shall be worn when operating at fire scene so as to easily identify the on-scene EMS personnel.
6. EMS personnel shall wear appropriate PPE as needed. This includes, but is not limited to gloves, mask and eye protection.
7. Under no circumstances shall “open-toe” shoes or sandals be worn at any emergency scene or drill.

8. Members responding on EMS alarms shall be dressed appropriately. Members shall not wear tank-tops, cut-offs, or any other clothing that reflects poorly on the image Terryville Fire Department.
9. Under no circumstance shall members make any alterations or modifications to their district issued PPE.

C. TRAFFIC SAFETY VEST REQUIREMENTS

1. All personnel who are operating at or are present on the scene of incidents that occur on a highway or street are required to wear protective clothing and/or approved traffic safety vests with reflective striping to ensure their safety.
2. This policy applies to all Terryville Fire Department personnel and Terryville Fire District employees when they are operating at or are present on the scene of incidents that occur on highways or streets.
3. The IC will evaluate the risks on an incident scene and may designate an incident at any location a “traffic safety vest required” incident, if he/she believes that wearing a traffic safety vest will increase personnel visibility, and enhance their safety.