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| FREWSBURG FIRE DISTRICT OPERATIONAL POLICY | Section 4 | HEALTH AND SAFETY | |
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I. SCOPE

This policy applies to all Frewsburg Fire District operating at emergency scenes or during training events.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the minimum personal protective equipment or clothing to be worn while operating at emergency scenes or participating in training.

III. POLICY

1. Each member of the Frewsburg Fire District shall be issued OSHA approved protective clothing consisting of a structural helmet, eye protection and nomex hood, gloves, turnout coat, turnout pants, and turnout boots. Modifications or changes to any issued Fire Department / District equipment without prior approval from the current Fire Chief are unauthorized.
2. Each member shall be responsible for issued personal safety equipment, maintaining their personal inventory, keeping all equipment and uniforms clean and free of contaminants, without rips, tears, or holes at all times.
3. All deficiencies in issued safety clothing shall be immediately reported to one of the Chief Officers.

All personnel are responsible for maintaining their own assigned equipment.

4. All members are required to adhere to the following minimum guidelines for response and operation at emergency scenes:
 - A. **PUBLIC ASSIST**: Street clothes, no open toed shoes or swim / sun attire
 - B. **MEDICAL AID / EMS**: Street Clothes, no open toed shoes, or swim / sun attire. All Personnel shall don proper PPE as appropriate for each incident.
 - C. **MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT**: Full Protective clothing, as follows:
Turnout Coat, Bunker Pants, Boots, Helmet and Gloves, Vest, Eye Protection.
Fire Police shall wear vest and hard hat.
 - D. **VEHICLE FIRES**: Full Protective Clothing / SCBA & PASS Device
 - E. **FIRE ALARM**: Full Protective Clothing / SCBA & PASS Device
 - F. **STRUCTURAL FIRES**: Full Protective Clothing / SCBA & PASS Device
 - G. **BRUSH FIRES**: Long Sleeve Cotton Shirt, Heavy Cotton Pants such as denim, no open toed shoes, Leather Gloves, and Helmet

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H. **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS:** Full Protective Clothing / SCBA & PASS Device

I. **NATURAL GAS / CO ALARMS:** Full Protective Clothing / SCBA & PASS Device.

J. **WATER / ICE RESCUE:** Street clothes, no open toed shoes and Life Vest or Dry Suit with Safety Line

K. **SEARCH AND RESCUE:** Street Clothes, no open toed shoes and Safety Vest

L. **PARADES:** Clean Street clothes free of stains holes, etc., no open toed shoes or swim / sun attire. Frewsburg Fire District dress uniform is acceptable with Chief Officer approval.

5. As a general rule only closed toe shoes shall be worn on emergency scenes or during training. No sandals, flip-flops or crocs shall be permitted.
6. Each member shall be responsible for bringing and wearing proper attire during response to each alarm. The Chief Officers may alter the level of protective clothing worn by personnel after mitigating the incident. Any injuries or accidents resulting from the lack of proper safety clothing or the failure of personal safety equipment shall be reviewed by the Safety Officer. All recommendations shall be provided in writing to the Chief of Department.
7. Federal regulations require individuals working on or near roadways to wear "high visibility apparel" while conducting operations on roadways supported by federal dollars.
 - a. High-visibility apparel means personal protective safety clothing that is intended to provide conspicuity during both daytime and nighttime usage. For FFC, it shall mean the high-visibility vest located on all apparatus.
 - b. All FFC personnel on the scene of a roadway incident must wear the high-visibility vest as required by the NYS Dept. of Health. This shall include EMS personnel, fire police, command, and support staff. Use of the vest shall be required for all responding FFC personnel while working on or near local, county, state or interstate roadways.