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PURPOSE

Establish the minimum standard of protection for firefighters and EMS personnel when operating at training or while in a hazard zone or imminent danger to life and health (IDLH) atmosphere.

PROCEDURE**A. Structural and MVC PPE**

1. The following items will be considered full structural PPE:
 - a. Helmet with eye protection, ear/neck shroud, chin strap, and accountability tags
 - b. Nomex hood
 - c. Personal flashlight
 - d. Turnout coat
 - e. Reflective ANSI vest (MVC)
 - f. Turnout pants with suspenders
 - g. Boots
 - h. Gloves
 - i. Ear protection

B. Wildland PPE

1. The following items will be referred to as full wildland PPE:
 - a. Helmet with eye protection, ear/neck shroud, and chin strap
 - b. Wildland shirt or jacket
 - c. Wildland pants
 - d. Wildland boots
 - e. Leather gloves
 - f. Ear protection

C. Medical PPE

1. The following will be referred to as Universal precautions:
 - a. Patient care gloves
 - b. Goggles and face shields
 - c. HEPA mask

D. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)

The use of an SCBA is required during certain training activities and in IDLH atmospheres.

Note: Working radio set to assigned work channel and turned on should be part of your equipment.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

E. Levels Of Protection Required By Activity/Incident

Emergency Medical Services	Universal precautions
Firefighting – structural	Full structure PPE SCBA
Firefighting – vehicle fires	Full structure PPE SCBA
Firefighting – trash/dumpster/rubbish	Full structure PPE SCBA
Apparatus operators may respond without turnout gear on, however, they may not respond and operate the apparatus in shorts or open toed shoes. After setting pump and establishing water supply turnout gear must be donned.	
Hazardous materials	Full structure PPE (at minimum) SCBA (if required) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel shall not enter areas where full structure PPE does not provide the minimum protection required as set forth by the Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG).
Vehicle extrication	Full structure PPE Universal precautions (if providing patient care)
Wildand firefighting	Full wildland PPE
Tender operations	Full Structure PPE (structure incidents) Full wildland PPE (wildland Incidents) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender and engine operators may respond and work without their coat if they are not in the hazard zone or IDLH atmosphere and are wearing there reflective vest.
Training	The instructor shall set the required level of PPE for that training session
Special Rescues	Based on incident/department policy
Daily Operations	Class B or class C uniform Closed toe shoes or work boots

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- 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.
- Self-purchased items must follow NFPA 1971 and be approved for use by the Fire Chief. It will be the member's responsibility to keep self-purchased items in good, working condition.
- Protective clothing shall not be modified in any manner. Personal items such as wire cutters and small tools may be utilized provided they do not reduce the level of protection of the PPE.
- Protective clothing shall not be worn or stored in the living or office areas of the fire station.
- PPE shall not be removed from the station without the expressed authorization of the Chief or Asst. Chief with the exception of fire emergencies, training, or other company function.
- Damage to any PPE, including contact with any body fluids shall be immediately reported to a line officer.