

TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPTER 2: STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

Part 1: Response Guidelines

Subject: Protective Clothing

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- 5.01 Purpose. These policies will be implemented to assure the safety of all firefighters working in or near a response area.
- 5.02 Goal. These procedures will be in effect for all members of Township Fire Department operating at or near the emergency scene.
- 5.03 Definition. All members of Township Fire Department shall be issued a set of protective gear which will include; helmet with liner, face shield, nomex hood, bunker coat, bunker pants and suspenders, fire boots, fire gloves, wildland suit, wildland helmet, wildland gloves, wildland goggles, and traffic safety vest.
- 5.04 Application.
- A) All firefighters will be issued protective gear as soon as possible after joining the Department. This gear will be given out by Chiefs 1 or 2 and a record will be kept of all equipment issued to each firefighter. It is the responsibility of each firefighter to maintain this gear in good operating condition and to report any problems or loss to the Battalion Chief of his/her station. This gear shall be kept ready for use in the event of a response.
 - B) Full protective gear will be worn when involved in structural firefighting, vehicle fires, extrication or other forcible entry, salvage, overhaul, and hazardous material incidents.
 - C) Hazardous Materials: When involved in a hazardous materials incident, specialized clothing may have to be worn depending on the material found at the scene.
 - D) Face shields or other approved eye protection will be worn by all personnel in the area while doing forcible entry or using power or hydraulic extrication equipment.
 - E) Wildland Fires: A helmet with face shield , approved hard hat with goggles , leather work boots 8" high or fire department boots, gloves, cotton or wool clothing or light weight flame resistant clothing or coveralls will be worn at grass and wildland fires. No synthetic or polyester clothing, shorts, cut offs, swimsuits, sandals, or tennis shoes will be worn on any fire suppression response for grass or wildland fires.

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An acceptable clothing option for wildland fire suppression, are coveralls made from Nomex IIIA material and clothing that meets the current NFPA 1977 standard.

It is suggested that the following standards be followed:

- a) Fabric material: Nomex IIIA
- b) Fabric Weight: Minimum of 4.5 oz.
- c) Reflective Stripping: Minimum of 1

2.05 Restricted Use of TFD Issue Gear.

- A) Members of Township Fire Department that are enrolled, or enroll, in the Fire/Medic Program at CVTC, or any other college where fire science training is provided, shall wear turn out gear issued to them by the college in which they are attending.
- B) TFD gear is to not be used for non-fire department uses.