

Waterloo Vol Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines

PROTECTIVE GEAR AND RIDING ON APPARATUS

OBJECTIVE: To improve firefighter safety and operational efficiency by stipulating minimum criteria for emergency response.

POLICY:

1. During an emergency response to all but a light rescue incident, all personnel on apparatus, except apparatus operators, must wear full protective clothing. Helmets are optional for enclosed cab areas.
2. Firefighters shall have their full set of firefighting turnout gear with them at all times when riding on fire district apparatus.
3. All personnel must wear seat belts when riding in department apparatus.
4. It is the responsibility of the driver to make sure the above conditions are met if an officer is not on the truck.