

Personal Protective Equipment

1.0 Purpose

Outline the PPE that responders shall wear while operating as a member of the Southwest Greensburg Fire Department.

2.0 Scope

This policy will apply to all members of the fire department as well as any other responder who responds with the fire department.

3.0 Outcomes

- 3.1 Members will be protected by proper PPE level
- 3.2 Members will wear the proper level of PPE

4.0 Responsibilities

- 4.1 **Fire Department** – It shall be the responsibility of the Fire Department to provide NFPA compliant PPE to all active members of the fire department.
- 4.2 **Officer Responsibility**– The Officer of each apparatus shall ensure that all Firefighters on that apparatus are wearing the proper level of PPE.
- 4.3 **Member Responsibility**– All members shall report any damage, or missing PPE to the OIC as soon as possible. Members shall also take care of any equipment issued to them by the department. The member shall have approval by the Fire Chief to use any personally purchased PPE before its use.

5.0 Definitions

- 5.1 **Fire Department** – The Southwest Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department
- 5.2 **PPE** – Personal Protective Equipment
- 5.3 **OIC** – Officer In Charge
- 5.4 **IDLH** – Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health

6.0 Procedure: Helmet Color

- 6.1 All helmets used by members shall follow the following color designations:
 - 6.1.1 White – Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief
 - 6.1.2 Red – Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant
 - 6.1.3 Black – Firefighters
 - 6.1.4 Yellow – Junior Firefighters

7.0 Procedure: PPE – Structure Fire

7.1 Members responding to any incident involving a fire, possible fire, smoke or smell of smoke, and automatic fire alarms shall wear the following PPE:

7.1.1 Structural fire fighting helmet

7.1.2 Structural fire fighting coat, pants, and boots

7.1.3 Structural fire fighting hood

7.1.4 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

7.1.4.1 Face piece will be donned in all IDLH atmospheres

8.0 Procedure: PPE – Rescue Incidents

8.1 Members responding to any rescue incident shall wear the following PPE:

8.1.1 Structural fire fighting or rescue helmet

8.1.2 Structural fire fighting coat, pants, and boots

8.1.3 If operating on or along a roadway, member shall wear an ANSI approved visibility vest

8.1.4 Any member involved with suppression activities shall wear PPE outlined in section 7.1 of this policy

9.0 Procedure: PPE – Medical Incidents

9.1 Members responding to any medical incident shall wear the following PPE:

9.1.1 Long pants and boots (duty uniform or structural fire fighting pants and boots)

9.1.2 Universal precautions as outlined in policy 7-2 Infection Control.

10.0 Procedure: PPE - Drivers

10.1 Drivers of fire department apparatus shall be expected to follow this policy entirely once on scene of the incident

10.1.1 It shall be at the discretion of the driver whether to don there PPE prior boarding the apparatus or once on scene of the incident.

Authorization:

Fire Chief (signature)

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Date