



NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Department of EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

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PURPOSE

To establish guidelines concerning the issue, care and use of personal protective equipment

SCOPE

All department EMS personnel

CONTENT

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) ISSUE

EMS Employee

Each EMS employee shall receive a complete set of EMS gear. Equipment issued shall consist of the following:

- ❑ Globe EMS Turnout Coat with Hood
- ❑ Globe EMS Turnout Pants with Suspenders
- ❑ Bullard or Cairns Helmet with face shield
- ❑ Extrication Gloves
- ❑ Globe Structural Boots
- ❑ Nomex Hood
- ❑ PPE Bag

EMS Volunteer

Typically personal EMS gear will not be issued to volunteers. However a selection of EMS gear, of different sizes, will be made available at the Machipongo office for use.

EMS Provider Responsibility

The following are the general responsibilities of the EMS provider regarding personal protective gear:

- Ensure that a complete set of approved gear is available to them during duty hours. Employees with issued gear shall have this with them at all times, while on duty.
- Maintain all gear in a clean and presentable condition. Proper cleaning instructions are on the permanent label attached to turnout coats and pants.
- Regularly inspect all gear and report any damage or excessive wear to the EMS Director.



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- Provide written request, per the “Equipment Request Form” to EMS Director for any PPE replacement needed.

At a minimum, all EMS providers shall don the EMS turnout pants and boots prior to responding to a MVA or Fire. The EMS turnout coat, helmet, eye protection and extrication gloves shall be readily available for application upon arrival at the scene. Full EMS turnout will be worn for all motor vehicle accidents requiring patient removal from a vehicle, and any fire, requiring EMS work in the hazard zone. Full EMS turnout gear is defined as helmet, turnout coat, turnout pants, nomex hood (as needed) and extrication gloves (as needed). During any other type of incident, the officer-in-charge shall use discretion regarding the wearing of EMS turnout gear and advise all EMS personnel of such decision.

NCEMS Color Coding System for Helmets

Blue helmet – EMS provider or EMS Lieutenant, rockers denote level of certification;

Red helmet – EMS Captain;

White helmet – EMS Chief or Battalion Chief, rockers denote rank.

Miscellaneous Helmet Information

- EMS provider’s helmet shall have NCEMS helmet front.
- Helmet arches shall denote individual’s certification or rank.
- Helmet stickers shall be worn to denote NCEMS ID# issued.
- Last names may be placed on the rear of the helmet using one inch lettering (navy blue or silver only).
- ICONs, with individual EMS provider names, shall be worn on the Velcro strip inside the helmet. These ICONs will be utilized with the accountability system as necessary.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Bags

- Personnel shall be responsible for proper maintenance of issued PPE bag.
- The primary purpose of the PPE bags is for transporting PPE in vehicles.
- By providing these bags, it does not relieve personnel from routinely cleaning and washing their EMS turnout gear.
- Personnel who carry their PPE in the trunk or back of their station vehicle or private vehicle shall utilize the PPE bag. This will protect the PPE from sunlight and other potential hazards that could damage the gear in some manner.
- Each member issued a PPE bag will be responsible for the security of this bag when not in use, and shall not be left at a station unattended.