

Purpose-

This policy shall serve as a guideline for the selection of appropriate protective equipment. For specific operations the following personnel protective equipment shall be worn.

- I. Interior Structural Firefighting and Vehicle Fire Attack-
 - A. Bunker Pants
 - B. Helmet
 - C. Bunker Coat
 - D. Firefighting Boots
 - E. Gloves
 - F. Nomex Hoods
 - G. SCBA with Mask

- II. Exterior Fire Ground Operations -
 - A. Bunker Pants
 - B. Helmet
 - C. Bunker Coat
 - D. Firefighting Boots
 - E. Gloves
 - F. Eye Protection including Goggles or Helmet Shield with Safety Glasses

- III. Vehicular Accidents Involving Auto Extrication-
 - A. Firefighters involved in **extrication operations** shall wear the following:
 1. Bunker Pants
 2. Helmet
 3. Bunker Coats or EMS coats
 4. Gloves with EMS Gloves worn inside
 5. Eye Protection including Goggles or Helmet Shield with Safety Glasses
 - B. Firefighters involved in **patient care** are allowed to wear the following:
 1. Personal protective equipment as specified in section 111. A, above.
 2. Full Brush Firefighting Gear (Pants and Coats)
 3. Incentive issued EMS Jackets
 4. Approved Boots
 5. EMS Gloves
 6. Helmet
 7. Eye Protection including Goggles or Helmet Shield with Safety Glasses

- IV. Medical Calls –
 - A. Bunker Pants or Long Pants (No Short Pants)

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- B. EMS Gloves
 - C. Brush Firefighting gear is allowed in place of any Structural Firefighting gear on medical calls.
 - D. Eye Splash Protection as the situation demands
 - E. Incentive issued EMS jacket is permissible
 - F. Respiratory Pathogen Protection as required.
 - G. Bunker Coats are recommended but not required.
 - H. Hiawatha Fire and Rescue apparel is also recommended but not required.
- V. Wildland Fire Operations- in realizing the risks of wearing structural turnout equipment, Hiawatha Fire and Rescue members **must** wear all issued brush firefighting gear if such gear has been issued.
- A. Brush Fire Gear is **required** for all members responding to Brush (Grass) fires and illegal burns.
 - B. Approved Firefighting Helmet
 - C. Approved Gloves
 - D. Approved Boots
 - E. Goggles, Face Shields, or Safety Glasses
- VI. Special Operations -
- A. All determinations on the level of PPE required by Hiawatha Fire and Rescue members on calls requiring special operations shall be made by the Incident Commander and Safety Officer.

NOTE: All members must also take their structural firefighting gear with them on their perspective apparatus. Special care shall be taken to assure that all structural firefighting gear is safely stowed and secured on the apparatus. This includes responses to EMS, Auto Accident and Brush Fire calls.

Conclusion – An Incident Commander at a specific incident shall retain the authority to suspend the minimum PPE requirements for a specific incident. The Incident Commander also has the authority to require additional PPE as he / she sees fit.