

Hiawatha Fire & Rescue

Policy 407.B
Occupational Health and safety
Incentive Issued Emergency Medical Service Jackets
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I. **Scope**

This policy shall apply to all members that have attained the required level of EMS training and responded to the appropriate amount of EMS calls to be issued an EMS Jacket by the Incentive Committee. It was promulgated to serve as a guideline for the use of the EMS jackets and to reduce the damage that individual jackets may incur.

II. **General**

- A. EMS jackets are issued for Hiawatha Fire and Rescue official business only.
- B. Members shall leave the EMS jackets at the fire station
- C. Jackets shall be stowed in the individuals assigned bunker gear locker.
- D. Members with the strong possibility that a direct response may be reasonable are allowed to take their EMS jackets home with them. (Bali Hai, Tower Terrace). These members are to notify the Fire Chief of the intent to take the EMS jacket home.
- E. Members are NOT allowed to sew any patches or puncture the coat with any identification pins, etc. Permission to sew any patches on the EMS jacket must come from the Fire Chief. Permission will only be granted if the Blood Borne Pathogen protective integrity of the jacket can be guaranteed.

III. **Use**

- A. Disposable gloves must be worn to all EMS calls in conjunction with the EMS Jacket.
- B. Eye wear and facemasks must be worn in cases where splashing of blood or other infectious materials may be anticipated.
- C. Members that have not been issued EMS jackets may substitute structural firefighting turnout coats.
- D. Members responding to EMS calls are allowed to wear just their EMS jackets provided the nature of the incident does not warrant structural firefighting turnouts.
- E. Members are not required to take their structural firefighting gear on EMS calls. As the apparatus assigned to a EMS call is solely responsible for the mitigation of the EMS call. As it is desirable to respond all apparatus staffed to the maximum for fire calls, R-281 would have to respond to the station to obtain proper staffing. At this time members could obtain the proper PPE for the fire call.