

10. Personal Protective Equipment

10.1 General Equipment

10.1.1 All members will be issued the following equipment, but not limited to, at the discretion of the Chief:

- 1 (one) Black Turnout Coat with liner
- 1 (one) Black Turnout Pants with liner and suspenders
- 1 (one) Black or Yellow fiberglass helmet or black leather Helmet with ear flaps
- 1 (one) pair knee length rubber or leather Boots with shin guard
- 1 (one) pair Leather Gloves
- 1 (one) bib-style Nomex Hood
- 1 (one) Nomex Coveralls
- 1 (one) Motorola Pager with charger
- 1 (one) Scott Air mask upon completion of all certification and maintenance of required training

All of the aforementioned equipment shall be turned in upon the member's termination of active status.

10.1.2 The Line Officers will be issued the following equipment but limited to:

- 1 (one) Black Turnout Coat with liner
- 1 (one) Black Turnout Pants with liner
- 1 (one) Black leather Helmet with ear flaps and white helmet shield that indicate current Line Officer position
- 1 (one) pair knee length leather Boots
- 1 (one) pair Leather Gloves
- 1 (one) Nomex Coveralls
- 1 (one) Motorola Officers Pager with charger
- 1 (one) Portable Radio with charger and epaulet microphone
- 1 (one) Scott Air mask

The Chief and Deputy Chief will be issued the following additional equipment:

- 1 (one) White Turnout Coat with liner indicating current position
- 1 (one) White leather Helmet with appropriate helmet shield

The white helmet assigned to the Chief will become property of the Chief at the end of his/her term.

All Ex chiefs will be issued a white "3" insert to be worn on the regular issued helmet front to be easily identified during an emergency incident.

All of the aforementioned equipment shall be turned in upon the officers termination of his/her position.

10.1.3 No other personnel will wear Line Officers equipment.

unless in extreme emergencies when proper permission is given by the IC.

10.1.4 Full PPE will consist of Helmet with ear flaps down, Coat with liner, Pants with liner , Boots, Gloves and Hood. All gear is NFPA/PEOSHA approved in accordance with New Jersey Department of Labor requirements.

10.1.5 Full PPE is to be worn by all members before leaving the station on the apparatus, before entering the fireground, during suppression and overhaul activities, during all training exercise/drills and whenever hazardous conditions are present. The only exception to above is drivers may carry their PPE on the apparatus while enroute to the scene, once at the scene, the driver must don his/her PPE.

10.1.6 Refrain from using the gear of other members, it may not fit properly and could cause early fatigue or other injuries.

10.1.7 All members are to show reasonable care for all equipment. They shall report any lost or damaged equipment to the IC upon completion of any incidents. Each firefighter shall sign an inventory sheet agreeing that he/she has received the equipment. Each signature will agree that the proper care is required in maintaining the assigned equipment and that if any equipment is damaged or lost due to negligence, he/she will reimburse the Wall Township Fire Commissioners, District #3, for the replacement or repair of the equipment or face termination from the South Wall Fire Rescue Company No. 1.

10.1.8 Fire company equipment is not to be worn for any purpose other than fire emergencies or training. All issued equipment is subject to relinquishment at the Chief's request.

10.1.9 Only the IC or designated Line Officer may determine if PPE is not required on fire incidents.

10.1.10 All Firefighters will be responsible for cleaning their PPE on a regular basis. Keeping turnout gear clean, assists with extending the life of the equipment and keeps the safety features of the gear in good operating condition.

10.2 Fire Incidents

10.2.1 Full PPE will be worn while enroute to and on scene at all incidents.

10.2.2 While operating at structural fires, or incidents in the cold months, Nomex Coveralls may be worn under turnout coats and pants for added protection.

10.3 Extrication Incidents

10.3.1 Extrication personnel shall wear full PPE for every incident.

10.4 Other Special Incidents

10.4.1 Other special incidents will cover high angle rescue, water rescue, and special assignments.

10.4.2 While operating at an incident that requires water rescue, the following equipment will be worn: street clothes, Imperial Exposure Suit during cold water operations, high angle helmets, and United States Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Devices (PFD). At NO time are any personnel to approach the water with full PPE on, even the best swimmer will sink like a rock.

10.4.3 Special assignments vary greatly. The PPE worn on these will be up to the IC.

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