**FIRE DISTRICT**

***OPERATIONAL GUIDELINE***

***DIVISION:***

***OPERATING GUIDELINE***

***SECTION:***

***SUBJECT:***

***PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)***

***REVISION DATE:***

# PURPOSE:

A. Provide a uniform procedure by which the District will issue protective equipment;

1. Specify which equipment will be standard issue;
2. Specify which equipment will be optional;
3. Insure that protective equipment will be properly maintained.

# SCOPE:

This Operational Guideline applies to all Fire District emergency responders.

# RESPONSIBILITY:

It is the responsibility of all fire district personnel to adhere to this guideline.

# GUIDLINE:

Issuance of Protective Equipment

* 1. Fire District will issue full protective equipment (turnouts) to all emergency response personnel. All equipment issued will comply with applicable standards for firefighting equipment. Such equipment shall include as a minimum:
     + Helmet
     + Hood
     + Coat
     + Trousers
     + Boots
* Suspenders
* Gloves

1. Optional equipment; equipment provided by individuals

* All equipment provided by individuals shall be approved in advance by the Operations Chief or his/her designee.
* Optional equipment will be provided by the individual at his/her own expense.
* Approved optional equipment shall be used exclusively for the purpose of firefighting or training only.

Use of Protective Equipment

A. Turnouts will be used at all emergency scenes as called for by Fire District procedures and operational guidelines.

Maintenance of Protective Equipment

1. Turnouts will be kept clean
   * Cleaning will be in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
2. Turnouts will be kept in good repair
   * The individual is responsible for inspecting his/her turnouts.
   * The company or station officer is responsible for assuring that firefighters inspect their turnouts.
3. Turnouts will be inspected regularly for burn damage.
4. Turnouts that cannot be repaired or adequately cleaned will be taken out of service.
   * Out of service turnouts can be used for training only, not for live fire operations or regular duty.

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# FIRE CHIEF

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