



Standard Operating Guideline	
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**PURPOSE:** All personnel working at emergency incidents shall wear department approved protective clothing when facing the possibility of thermal, mechanical, radioactive, or chemical injury.

**SECTION 1**

Personal protective equipment shall consist of the following:

1. Firefighting helmet with chinstrap and eye protection
2. Protective hood
3. Firefighting coat with interlining moisture barrier
4. Bunker style firefighting trousers with interlining moisture barrier
5. Bunker boots
6. Firefighting gloves – gloves designed for firefighting
7. Department approved eye protection
8. Flashlight, PASS unit, and SCBA
9. Hearing Protection
10. Body Armor
11. Prescription Safety Glasses / SCBA Spectacle Kit (upon employee request)

**SECTION 2**

Personal protective equipment as described in Section 1 shall be worn while responding to and operating at the following types of alarms:

1. All fire alarms and working fire incidents
2. All hazardous material incidents
3. All gas leaks and flammable liquid spills
4. Fires involving any type of motorized transportation
5. All aircraft landings or departures
6. Extrication operations or hazardous condition standby
7. Any IDLH area not cleared by monitoring devices.

**SECTION 3**

Company officers shall determine appropriate personal protective equipment on all other non-specified calls.

**SECTION 4**

Command Post personnel and others far removed from the incident scene, as well as crews performing routine EMS work, may opt not to wear their structural firefighting personal protective equipment at the discretion of the Incident Commander. If they leave the Command Post to enter the incident area, they shall be guided by the requirements as stated herein.

**SECTION 5**

The incident area is defined as anywhere conditions exist that will cause personal injury. This area will include the structure or vehicle involved; the immediate area of a leak, spill, or fire; the inside perimeter around structures considering building collapse; areas subject to explosion, flashover, or back drafts; situations involving vapor or liquid releases, along with the paths of vapor or liquid travel.

**SECTION 6**

All apparatus/driver operators are subject to the same requirements as stated herein when operating **in** an IDLH area. Helmets must be worn when pumping and operating around the apparatus. Driver operators should consider SCBA use when wind direction changes and places them in path of smoke.

**SECTION 7**

Personnel assigned to the Rehabilitation Sector, or otherwise on break outside of an IDLH area, may remove personal protective equipment.

**SECTION 8**

All appropriate equipment shall be worn during training exercises.

**SECTION 9**

The requirements stated herein are **minimum** requirements. The Company Officer shall retain the authority to mandate stringent applications when and where appropriate.

**SECTION 10**

Department approved eye protection shall be used while operating power tools or whenever the emergency scene or tasks present a danger to the eyes.

**SECTION 11**

When operating around equipment with high noise levels, hearing protection should be utilized.

**SECTION 12**

All personnel are strongly urged to wear helmets while riding in the jump seats on apparatus. However, if the height of an individual or the excessive heat of summer makes this impossible, personnel may remove their helmets while riding apparatus.

**SECTION 13**

City or personal gear shall not be placed or hung on the apparatus in such a manner that it will be detrimental to the apparatus finish or use.

**SECTION 14**

Personal Protective Equipment issued by the City of Dothan Fire Department is for departmental use only unless otherwise approved by the department head.

**SECTION 15**

Personal Protective Equipment shall be maintained in a clean, serviceable condition at all times. Any damage to PPE must be reported immediately so it may be repaired or replaced.

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