

TOWN OF WATERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

SECTION: Equipment Operations
SUBJECT: Department plan for care, maintenance, replacement, selection of personal protective envelope per NFPA 1851 and 1971.
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PURPOSE:

the town of Watertown fire Department will have an organized guideline and plan for the acquisition, distribution, maintenance and care of the PPE components. The PPE shall consist of helmet, hood, gloves, boots, coat, and pants for structural firefighting.

POLICY:

To attain the NFPA standard 1851 & 1971 for the selection, care and maintenance of protective ensembles for structural firefighting two categories of protection are established. All requirements for NFPA ensembles for interior SCBA qualified personnel shall be replaced on a 10 year cycle, here after referred to as level 1. All requirements for NFPA ensembles foreseeing support personnel shall be replaced whenever deemed un-usable, you're after referred to as level 2. Incident damaged gear may not be subject to this guideline. The fire district has standardized on globe manufacturer turnout gear.

PROCEDURES:

- A. the department through the decision of the fire district has standardized on globe turnout coats and pants.
- B. A department database of PPE including a replacement schedule shall be established and maintained.
- C. A chief officer of the department shall be required to do an annual evaluation of all firefighting PPE. See appendix A.
- D. Care and maintenance of PPE shall be her the manufacturers recommendations. See appendix B.
- E. Level I PPE shall be replaced on a 10 year cycle and shall include, gloves, coat and pants. Assigned PPE and ensembles are to be rotated into level II service. See appendix D.
- F. Any PPE components found to be defective shall be removed from service immediately and replacement requested to the chief.
- G. Dear shall be maintained at a clean condition.
- H. Boots, I protection and helmets shall be assigned upon membership and evaluated annually. Equipment shall be less than 10 years old based upon the label dates.
- I. Probationary firefighters shall wear a yellow helmet unless otherwise approved by the chief. Upon completion of firefighter 1 a helmet will be issued based upon job duties.
- J. Members, who are new, transfer and or are reactivated from leave with SCBA certification will be issued NFPA compliant gear from surplus inventory and added to the replacement list based upon the age of the gear and fit required.

- K. Members who obtained as SCBA certification through the firefighter 1 training shall be issued NFPA compliant gear from surplus inventory and added to the replacement list based upon the age of the gear and fit required.

RESPONSIBILITY:

- A. the individual shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of one's own PPE. Necessary professional services for repair and cleaning, upon approval of the chief shall be paid for by the department.

SAFETY:

- A. all PPE components shall meet the requirements of the applicable NFPA standards.
- B. PPE ensembles shall be provided based upon the job duties assigned.