

003 – PPE POLICY

Policy Title: Complete PPE Ensemble (Old Policy #1)

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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to insure that all firefighting personnel responding to emergencies with CCFD apparatus are fully equipped and prepared to go to work immediately upon arrival at the scene of an emergency.

Policy:

All firefighting staff, chauffeurs and officers shall have with them one complete set of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as issued by the department and defined below. All firefighting staff with the exception of chauffeurs shall don their full PPE ensemble before boarding any CCFD apparatus when responding to a call for services.

Exception #1 – As stated above, chauffeurs are not required to don their complete PPE ensemble when driving CCFD apparatus, although it is recommended that they do so. Upon arrival at the scene of a call for services, chauffeurs shall immediately don their complete PPE ensemble before performing their duties.

Exception #2 – Whenever CCFD apparatus is participating in training, public education or a public relations event where the apparatus remains in service and is available for calls; staff are not required to wear their complete PPE ensemble but shall carry it with them on the apparatus in case of a call for services. If a call for services is received during one of these events, then the normal conditions of this policy shall be in effect.

Exception #3 – When CCFD apparatus is waiting for the last staff member(s) to board before responding, personnel shall at a minimum don their boots and pants and finish gearing up in route while remaining seated at all times. This exception does not apply to Junior Firefighting staff, which must don their complete PPE ensemble before boarding apparatus prior to responding to any call for services.

PPE Ensemble:

The complete PPE ensemble, as issued by CCFD, shall consist of the following:

Boots, pants, coat, helmet, hood, SCBA mask or eye protection, suppression gloves and work gloves. Some firefighting staff has also been issued ladder belts; if these belts are worn, they shall be properly attached to the PPE ensemble and fastened.

Any firefighting staff that responds to a call for services that does not have their complete PPE ensemble, as issued by the department, shall remain on the apparatus for their safety.

Procedures:

The procedures and guidelines relating to this policy may be found in the CCFD Standard Operating Guidelines & Procedures under section 405.01 – Protective Clothing & Equipment.

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Addendums & Memorandums:

Any additions and memos that pertain to and/or change this policy shall have the additions and/or changes attached to this policy along with an effective date and time and the duration for which any such additions and/or changes may last.

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