

**City of Winter Park Fire-Rescue
Standard Operating Guideline**

230.02

Title: Protective Clothing / Equipment

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Purpose: To provide a guideline by which all personnel will effectively use all personal protective equipment afforded to them while operating in hazardous working environments.

Scope: This procedure will effect all personnel operating within the Fire/Rescue division and those outside the Division that operate at the scene of any emergency where the Winter Park Fire Department is operating in any capacity. Any deviation from this procedure must be approved by the Assistant Chief / Operations. The Company Officer and Battalion Chief are responsible for the enforcement of all portions of this procedure.

General: These procedures will apply to all employees involved in any emergency or training exercise that involves the Winter Park Fire Department.

230.02.01. All responding personnel, with the exception of the Driver/Operator, shall, during all emergency responses that may require immediate action upon arrival, wear full protective clothing.

230.02.02. Either enroute or upon arrival, and as needed, all personnel shall utilize all other personal protective equipment available to them, such as;

- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
- P.A.S.S. devices
- Infectious Control Materials
- Hearing Protection
- Eye Protection

230.02.03. Full Firefighters Protective Clothing as prescribed by the Winter Park Fire Department will include the following:

- Issued Head Protection / Helmet
- Nomex Protective Hood
- Complete Turn-Out Clothing ensemble, to include coat w/pants
- Issued Firefighting Gloves
- Issued Firefighting Boots
- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus with P.A.S.S. device

230.02.04. It will be considered mandatory for all employees operating in any hazardous environment where an oxygen deficiency or any type of hazardous inhalant could cause injury or death that Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus be worn and operated properly. These situations shall include but are not limited to:

1. All reported or actual structural fires / including salvage & overhaul
2. All automobiles fires
3. All dumpster or trash fires
4. When conducting a search of a structure for a reported fire or activated fire alarm
5. Any potential or reported Hazardous Materials Incident or Investigation

Note: Driver/Pump Operators working on an active fire scene shall be required to wear the proper complement of firefighting protective equipment. This is better defined in Standard Operating Guideline 210.03, Section .03.

230.02.05. Personnel working within the close proximity to motorized vehicles involved in a motor vehicle crash shall where their protective ensemble to a minimum of:

- Issued Head Protection / Helmet
- Complete Turn-Out Clothing ensemble, to include coat w/pants
- Issued Firefighting Boots
- Issued Firefighting Gloves shall remain available for hand protection

230.02.06. Hearing Protection shall be worn during the following operations or whenever the employee feels the noise that is created by the operation of any equipment will cause undo stress on the hearing:

1. All Emergency Responses
2. All pumping operations while at an emergency scene.

3. During all operational checks of any apparatus in a closed environment, such as the apparatus bay, including any power tools or self-contained power units for generators, hydraulic tools, chainsaws, etc. Employees shall wear hearing protection any time these small engines are started, either indoors or outdoors.
4. During all operations with the Air Compressor and SCBA refilling station.

SAFETY NOTE:

The use of Radio headsets while riding in or operating the apparatus will serve as hearing protection. Other types of hearing protection are available but not suggested when contact with radio communications is desired.

- 230.02.07.** Gloves that are issued and designed for use during Structural Firefighting shall be worn during any and all operations where a hand injury is likely. Examples will be: Firefighting, Firefighting Training, Hose loading operations, etc.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL EMPLOYEES

The State of Florida may withhold up to 25 % of an employee's Worker's Compensation benefits in cases where the employer provided appropriate safety appliances to the employee that would have prevented the injury, but which the employee failed to wear. Florida Statute 440.09 (4)