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Standard Operating Guidelines

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SOG TITLE: PERSONAL PROTECTIVE GEAR POLICY FOR OFFICERS

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Purpose: To establish a policy and procedure in regards to the usage of personal protective gear by officers at a fire scene.

It is to be understood that any Officer or Firefighter actively engaged in any fireground operation is expected to wear full protective clothing with SCBA.

- I. Due to the initial need for a quick size up for the reasons of tactical decisions and apparatus placement, the First In Officer may not have time to don full protective gear while doing the initial size up.

Initial size up may involve, but is not limited to:

1. Walking around fire building, vehicle fire, or other fire/emergency scene
2. Entering building where there is an automatic alarm sounding

3. Interviewing civilians, police, and/or EMS personnel on the scene
4. Other size-up activities that may arise.

Because the First In Officer must make quick decisions based on observable information the following policy regarding personal protective gear and SCBA will apply to the First In Officer only.

- A. The First In Officer will wear his/her helmet for purposes of identification.
- B. The First In Officer will not enter any closed environment where a smoke condition that limits visibility exists.
- C. The First In Officer will not come within 25 feet of any exterior fire without full protective equipment.
- D. The First In Officer will not come within 10 feet of any rescue situation without full protective gear.
- E. The First In Officer will not come within 100 feet of any suspected Hazardous Materials Incident without full protective equipment (including SCBA).
- F. The First In Officer will not participate in any fire ground activity other than size up without full protective equipment.
- G. The First In Officer will not enter any structure without notifying the Radio Room.

i.e. "Assistant 47-2 investigating."

NOTE: Do not give a "Nothing showing" report.

Report on what is showing.

i.e. "Assistant 47-2 arriving on location, building evacuated"

No Officer/firefighter will enter the building without permission of the First In Officer or Incident Commander.

No Officer/Firefighter will initiate any activity on the fireground without the permission of the First In Officer or Incident Commander.