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<p>Purpose: To ensure that all personnel are wearing the proper safety equipment for all emergency responses.</p>				

Procedure:

- A. All personnel are responsible for using the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided by the department.
- B. All supervisors are responsible for insuring personnel under their command understand and follow this procedure.
- C. Types of PPE;
 - 1. Structural PPE - Structural helmet, turnout pants, turnout coat, hood, turnout boots, self-contained breathing apparatus and structural gloves.
 - 2. Wildland PPE - Helmet, goggles, shroud, jacket and pants, boots, web harness system including canteens with water, Wiffs and fire shelter.
 - 3. Medical PPE - Gloves, HEPA filter masks, splash guard/eye protection and splash protective gowns.

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D. All equipment shall be donned prior to leaving the station with the exception of the web harness system and wildland helmets, which shall be donned upon arrival at the incident. All personnel shall don the equipment outlined above when responding to the following types of incidents:

1. Structural PPE
 - a. Structure Fires
 - b. Vehicle Fires
 - c. Refuse Fires
 - d. Miscellaneous Fires
 - e. Hazardous Materials Incidents
 - f. Bomb Incidents
 - g. Vehicle Extrications
 - h. Confined Space Entries
 - i. Smoke Investigations
 - j. Odor Investigations

2. Wildland PPE
 - a. Reported Wildland Fire
 - b. Brush Fire
 - c. Grass Fire
 - d. Smoke Investigation in Wildland Area

3. Medical - Because every emergency medical call presents different hazards, it shall be the responsibility of the Paramedic on scene to determine for the crew what appropriate level of protection shall be worn.
 - a. Emergency Medical Calls

 - b. Vehicle Accidents with Injuries

E. All personnel are mandated to follow federal, state and local laws as well as departmental policies.

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F. Undergarments - It is recommended that all personnel wear 100% cotton undergarments.

G. Personal Items;

1. Personnel may use personal items such as knives, Leatherman type tools, flashlights, utility gloves (for station maintenance only) and OSHA approved eyewear not provided by the Department.