

City of Belleville Fire Department

Number: 1008

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Belleville Fire Department that prudent practice be exercised to reduce the risk of injury with regards to wearing protective clothing and equipment.

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GUIDELINE

1:00 **Purpose:**

1:01 To reduce the risk of injury to all personnel through the proper use of supplied protective clothing and equipment.

2:00 **Procedures:**

2:01 **Interior Structural Firefighting:**

All issued protective clothing shall be worn including full bunker gear, boots, helmets, gloves, protective hoods and SCBA with PASS Alarm in the armed position.

2:02 **Exterior Structural Firefighting:**

All issued protective clothing shall be worn including full bunker gear, boots, helmets and gloves. The only exception is protective hoods and SCBA with PASS Alarm in the armed position do not need to be worn when personnel are not exposed to any harmful elements.

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- 2:03 **Grass, Brush Fires and Wildland Fires:**
All issued protective clothing shall be worn including full bunker gear and/or coveralls, boots, helmets, gloves and protective hoods. It is not recommended in warmer weather that fire fighters be dressed in full turn out gear to reduce the risk of heat stress. At a minimum, personnel shall wear their issued bunker pants/coveralls, boots and gloves.
- 2:04 **Medical Responses:**
In the case of Medical Responses, personnel shall wear Bunker Gear, Coveralls or Station Fatigues along with boots, eye protection, and medical gloves. Special consideration must be given to calls where personal protective masks and gowns should be used.
- 2:05 **Auto Extrications:**
In all Auto Extrication responses, full bunker gear, boots, helmets, gloves and eye protection shall be worn. Personnel manning a hose line shall be in full bunker gear, boots, helmets, gloves, protective hoods and an activated SCBA.
- 2:06 **Vehicle Fires:**
In the case of Vehicle fires, full bunker gear, boots, helmets, gloves, protective hoods and an activated SCBA shall be worn.
- 2:07 **Overhaul and Salvage:**
All issued protective clothing shall be worn including full bunker gear, boots, helmets, gloves, protective hoods and SCBA with PASS Alarm in the armed position.
- 2:08 **Eye Protection:**
Where a fire fighter is exposed to the hazard of eye injury, the employer shall provide and the worker shall wear eye protection appropriate in the circumstances.
- 2:09 **Foot and Hand Injury:**
Fire fighters exposed to the hazard of foot and hand injury shall wear protective boots or gloves appropriate in the circumstances.
- 3:00 **Scope:**
- 3:01 It shall be the responsibility of the Captain/ Officer in charge of each shift to ensure that this guideline is explained and followed.
- 3:02 It shall be the responsibility of **all employees** to understand and adhere to this guideline.

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