

Egg Harbor Fire Department and First Responders Standard Operating Guidelines

SUBJECT: TURN OUT GEAR

SOG 101

PURPOSE: To have in place a policy for all personnel to follow in the wearing of personal protective gear, not including SCBA.

SCOPE: **Any department member who may, while in training, responding to an incident or working at an incident be exposed to hazards which may injure parts of the body.**

DEFINITIONS: Protective equipment – full protective equipment shall mean and in relation to SPS 330, firefighting boots, protective coat and trousers, gloves, helmet with face shield, goggles and a protective hood that is issued by the department.

Protective Equipment SHALL BE WORN By All Personnel According to the following:

- 1.) Under NO circumstance shall any aspect of personal safety be sacrificed in order to increase the speed of any incident response or operation.
- 2.) Full firefighting protective gear shall be worn when responding to any type of alarm indicative of fire or other situations where protection is needed.
- 3.) Full protective equipment shall be in proper position for any operation involving, using, or near any power tool, or forcible entry tools.
- 4.) Any damage to turn-out gear, such as tears, rips, or breaks shall be reported to the officer on duty as soon as noticed.
- 5.) The officer in charge shall determine, with discretion, the appropriate level of equipment to be worn at an incident in which guidelines do not state “Full Protective Equipment” be worn. In any case any protective equipment shall be required for foreseeable hazards.
- 6.) It is the responsibility of the firefighter to see to it that their flashlights and all protective equipment are in working order.