

Shepherd Tri-Township Fire Department PROTECTIVE GEAR FIRE AND SERVICE CALLS

Procedure:

All firefighters responding to any incident other than a medical incident (which is covered by protective gear medical policy) will be required to wear their personal protective gear while they are on the incident scene. Protective gear for fire and service calls consists of the following:

1. Turnout bunkers
2. Turnout coat
3. Fire service boots
4. Fire helmet with face shield
5. Department approved leather gloves
6. S.C.B.A. When required as per S.C.B.A. Policy
7. Nomex hood

It is also recommended that firefighters have safety glasses readily available to them. The department acknowledges the fact that there are certain situations and conditions that protective gear could be a physical detriment to the firefighters. Environmental conditions will be monitored by the incident commander and they maintain the authority to limit or entirely dismiss this protective gear policy.

Procedure Overview/Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to assure that all firefighters will be in personal protective gear while on an incident scene. The department recognizes the fact that firefighters in personal protective gear are less prone to injury from hazardous conditions. The department is also aware that certain environmental conditions may warrant limiting personal protective gear to an as-needed basis. (Ex. A very hot humid day while on a slow burning grass fire.)