

## **Shepherd Tri-Township Fire Department PROTECTIVE TURNOUT GEAR**

### **Procedure:**

Full turnouts (personal protective gear; boots, bunker pants, turnout coat, helmet and gloves) are required to be worn by all fire department personnel when they are within a "FIRE PERIMETER" area.

### **Fire Perimeter:**

An area (when physically possible) that is adjacent to any building, structure, framework, vehicle, etc. that is: involved in fire, the scene of rescue work, under threat of explosion, or expected to have a leak of a flammable gas or an area that presents any sort of a safety hazard to personnel or to the public.

### **Determining the Fire Perimeter:**

The fire perimeter shall typically be 1 1/2 times the height of the building or structure from the ground level.

Example: A typical 3 bedroom ranch house is approximately 13 feet high from the ground level.

The "FIRE PERIMETER" line would run around the building and come no closer than 20 feet ( 1 1/2 x 13' ) to any corner of the structure.

No fire department member would be allowed near the "FIRE PERIMETER" of the building without full turnouts to do any kind of related work.( example: ladder raises, ventilation, setting up generators and/or lights, stretching hose, etc.)

The "FIRE PERIMETER" for a vehicle fire shall be established at 100 feet or more depending on the size up by the Incident Commander.

### **Logic:**

As well as fire department members, all other personnel (civilians, homeowners, police, ambulance attendants, etc.) should be considered to have their safety in jeopardy should they approach the scene of any emergency without proper protective clothing.

With fire/rescue activities (ventilation, laddering, hose streams, forcible entry, etc.) in progress, as well as the impending danger of the incident itself, it is in the best interest of all fire department members to observe, adhere to, and enforce this "PROTECTIVE GEAR POLICY".

When the area is considered by the Incident Commander to be safe for all, the area can then be deemed "safety secured". Business on or about the area can then be conducted as usual with all fire department members proceeding about their functions in a safe and orderly fashion.