

# **SOUTH VAN ZANDT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **Standard Operating Procedure**

### **Personal Protective Equipment & Clothing**

**Purpose-**This SOP is for the purpose of outlining required Personal Protective Equipment and Clothing for each type of incident the South Van Zandt Volunteer Fire Department may be called upon to respond. It also outlines the firefighter's responsibility as to care and storage of PPE.

- I. Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment
  - A. Fire Department Issue
    - i. The fire department will issue to each firefighter personal protective equipment as listed below:
      1. Probationary Firefighters-Used Globe GX-7 coat and pant, Cairns 660 Helmet, Hood, Firefighting Gloves, Boots, Personal Accountability Tags, Alpha-Numeric Pager.
        - a. Junior Firefighters-Used Globe GX-7 coat and pant, Cairns 660 Helmet, Hood, Firefighting Gloves, Boots, Personal Accountability Tags, Alpha-Numeric Pager.
        - b. Firefighters-New/Refurbished Globe Xtreme Coat & Pants, Cairns 1010 Helmet, Hood, Firefighting Gloves, Extrication Gloves, Leather Boots, SCBA Face Piece, Voice Amplification Unit. Personal Accountability Tags, Alpha-Numeric Pager.
      2. Firefighter Financial Responsibility
        - a. The PPE will be provided at no cost to all firefighters.
        - b. Any damaged in the line of duty PPE will be repaired/replaced at no cost to firefighter.
        - c. Any PPE damaged, lost, or stolen not in the line of duty shall be replaced at the

firefighters expenses. (Excluding theft from proper station storage.)

- d. Any firefighter that terminates his/her membership is responsible for returning cleaned/repared PPE to SVZVFD or replacing at firefighter's cost. (Approx. \$2000)
- e. The SVZVFD will seek any necessary legal remedy to recover SVZVFD property from firefighters terminating their membership. Including but not limited to Criminal Prosecution, and/or Civil Prosecution.

## B. PPE Care and Storage

### 1. PPE Storage

- a. All PPE will be stored on approved PPE storage racks at the fire station, unless written approval is on file from the Chief of the Department.
- b. Any firefighter with written approval from the Chief of the Department to store there PPE in their vehicle is required to store PPE in a Fire Dept. approved bag at the firefighters expense.
- c. Any firefighter with written approval from the Chief of the Department to store their PPE in their vehicle that damages, loses, or has stolen from their vehicle is financially responsible for PPE.
- d. Command Officers have the option of storing their PPE in an approved Fire Dept. storage bag in their vehicle. The Department will provide bag.

### 2. Care

- a. All firefighters are responsible for having their PPE clean and dry after every emergency incident.
- b. Any set of PPE that requires professional cleaning at officer's decision will be

replaced with borrowed gear and sent to professional cleaners.

- c. Any firefighter with written approval from the Chief of the Department to store PPE in their vehicle is required to clean & allow to air dry PPE prior to returning it to their Fire Dept. approved storage bag.
- d. Any firefighter with written approval from the Chief of the Department to store PPE in their vehicle in an approved bag, that returns their PPE to that bag prior to it drying, causing mold, will be required to replace/repair at their own expense.
- e. Each firefighter's PPE will be replaced by borrowed gear on an annual basis and sent for professional cleaning and repair at the expense of the department. A document will be entered into the Firefighter's training/personnel file each time this annual cleaning takes place.

## II. PPE/Clothing Requirements for Emergency Incidents

- A. Structure Fires-all personnel shall be in full Personal Protective Gear w/SCBA upon exit of apparatus at scene. If apparatus does not have seat mounted SCBA, then PPE shall be donned enroute and SCBA shall be donned immediately upon arrival on scene.
- B. Fire Alarms- all personnel shall be in full Personal Protective Gear w/SCBA upon exit of apparatus at scene. If apparatus does not have seat mounted SCBA, then PPE shall be donned enroute and SCBA shall be donned immediately upon arrival on scene.
- C. Smoke/Odor Investigation- all personnel shall be in full Personal Protective Gear w/SCBA upon exit of apparatus at scene. If apparatus does not have seat mounted SCBA, then PPE shall be donned enroute and SCBA shall be donned immediately upon arrival on scene.
- D. MVC-all personnel shall be in full Personal Protective Gear upon exit of apparatus at each MVC Scene.

- E. Grass/Brush Fire- all personnel shall be in full Personal Protective Gear upon exit of apparatus at each Brush/Grass Fire Scene. The firefighter will dress down at officer's direction when heat stress due to atmospheric temperature is a greater risk to the firefighter than products of combustion.
- F. EMS 1<sup>st</sup> Responder-all personnel shall be in Fire Dept. approved shirt and long pants (i.e. blue jeans, or dickey type work pants). Shirt must be fire department approved and will be provided by department. Shirt must identify you as a SVZ firefighter, have your name affixed, and your medical credentials. Personnel may respond in bunker pants and approved shirt, but must not carry mud or ash into residence from their boots.
- G. Landing Zone- all personnel shall be in full Personal Protective Gear upon exit of apparatus at each aero medical landing zone scene. All personnel must shield themselves behind apparatus during landing and take off.
- H. Rescue Other-all personnel shall dress according to type of rescue at officer's direction.

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