

TRURO FIRE RESCUE

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

S.O.G. #101 PROTECTIVE CLOTHING/EQUIPMENT EFFECTIVE 12-28-98

1.1. RESPONSE:

1.1.1. Personnel answering fire alarms, working drills, pumping details, and the like “MUST” wear helmets, fire turnout coats & pants, boots & gloves upon reaching the scene. (Exception) personnel manning the ambulance or involved in rehab, well away from the scene shall adhere to 1.1.2.

1.1.2. Personnel answering rescue calls, shall wear upon reaching the scene, blue EMS coats, fire turnout coat, fire department job shirt, blue windbreaker, department polo shirt or tee shirt. At all times members should make every attempt to wear some means of Department identification.

1.1.3. Personnel answering brush/grass fires can wear heavy-duty work boots, heavy-duty pants and yellow ANomex@ shirt.

1.2. MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS:

1.2.1. Personnel responding to motor vehicle accidents shall adhere to the following: Personnel actively engaged in extrication, or any other activity in or around the vehicle(s) shall wear full protective gear 1.1.1. (Exception) personnel engaged in patient care only, either in the ambulance or well away from the scene will adhere to 1.1.2.

1.3. SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS:

1.3.1. Personnel approaching a burning, or smoke filled building or motor vehicle shall wear SCBA equipment.

1.3.2. Personnel engaged in overhaul (even if there is no visible smoke) or in any other Asuspected@ contaminated atmosphere shall wear SCBA equipment.

1.3.3. Personnel responding to a hazardous materials incident shall wear SCBA equipment.

1.4. INFECTION CONTROL:

1.4.1. Personnel shall wear rubber gloves (at minimum) when having physical contact with any patient. (Be aware that body fluids may be found in any area that the patient has occupied)

1.4.2. Personnel should wear full protective clothing (gloves, masks, gowns, goggles etc.) When it is known, or suspected the patient may be carrying a contagious disease, especially when trauma releases an extensive amount of body fluid.

1.4.3. Personnel will follow the guidelines of the Truro Fire Department infection control policy.

1.5. PORTABLE POWER EQUIPMENT:

1.5.1. Personnel operating portable power equipment (chain saws, k-12 saw Hurst tool) shall wear goggles along with 1.1.1.

1.6. RESPONSIBILITY:

1.6.1. The officer in charge of the call after observing the conditions at the scene, and with the safety of the personnel as a foremost concern may:

#a. Require the wearing of additional protective equipment:

#b. Reduce the items of protective equipment to be worn.

1.6.2. The officer in charge of the incident shall assume full responsibility for carrying out the requirements of this S.O.G.