Grant County Fire Protection District 3

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

TACTICAL ACTION GUIDELINES

1. NUMBER: 9.1.10

2. SUBJECT: ***Emergency Response Clothing-Protective Clothing***

3. POLICY: Emergency Response Clothing-Protective Clothing is issued by the District and is critical for the safety of District personnel. Protective clothing shall be maintained and used in accordance with the Grant County Fire District 3's Policies and Procedures.

4. SCOPE: This Policy and Procedure is applicable to all personnel of Grant County Fire District 3.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES:

   A. It shall be the responsibility of the District Fire Chief or designee to enforce this Policy and Procedure.

6. PROCEDURE:

   A. All protective clothing shall meet the NFPA 1971 standard.

   B. No modifications or repairs will be made to protective clothing without written permission of the District Fire Chief. All repairs or modifications shall be made in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

   C. Every 90 days the Safety Officer will inspect all protective clothing, record such inspection, and forward the information to the District Fire Chief or designee.

   D. All protective clothing will be cleaned as needed in accordance to the manufacturer's recommendations. Cleaning will be done ONLY at a facility approved by the District Fire Chief or designee.

   E. Helmets will be cleaned as necessary. No markings except as follows will be worn on structural or wildland helmets:

      1. Front of helmet - Fire District Patch/Decal

2. Sides of helmet - Crescent Rank designator as follows:
    a. Water Supply Officer
    b. Safety Officer
    c. Firefighter
    d. Engineer
    e. Lieutenant
    f. Captain
    g. Assistant Chief
    h. Deputy Chief
    i. Chief
    j. Personnel holding First Responder or E.M.T. certification may also wear a Star of Life under the crescent. Helmets will have reflective tape on sides.
3. Back of helmet -Persons last name and first initial will be on the back of the helmet. First initial, then last name, in 1" black letters.

F. No portions of protective clothing will be used for firefighting without all liners and barriers installed as manufactured.

G. Protective clothing shall not be stored wet. After use or washing clothing, thorough drying in required to prevent molding.

H. Minimum protective clothing for response shall be:

1. Structural:
    a. Turnout pants (over boots)
    b. Turnout boots
    c. Turnout coat
    d. Structural helmet with face shield
    e. Structure gloves
    f. Flash hood
2. Wildland:
    a. Fire-resistant cotton or Nomex-shirt and pants
    b. Heavy duty leather boots
    c. Hard hat with goggles
    d. Leather gloves
3. E.M.S.:
    a. Vehicle or structure related:
        1) Full turnouts as listed under structural
    b. Non-threatening to personnel (i.e., heart attack, stroke, etc.):
        1) Proper protective clothing appropriate to the incident.

I. No privatively owned protective clothing or equipment will be used.