

HAMILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING GUIDE

PROCEDURE:	OPERATIONS	POLICY O-6
TITLE:	Protective Gear	

PURPOSE: The purpose of this guide is to outline the protective envelope to be worn by the personnel.

GENERAL: The protective envelope shall consist of the following items, which are all issued by the Hamilton Fire Department to personnel as needed. All gear shall be complaint with OSHA standards and NFPA 1971 *Standard on Protective Ensembles for Structural Firefighting*.

- Helmet
- Protective Hood
- Bunker Coat
- Bunker Pants
- Boots
- Gloves
- Safety Glasses

- Fire Police are issued specific gear that is not covered in this policy

PRE-FIRE PHASE: All firefighting personnel will be trained in the proper use and care of their protective equipment.

USE:

- Firefighters will don their protective gear prior to riding the apparatus.
- Apparatus operators are encouraged to wear *alternate and appropriate* clothing and footwear **while driving**. This is normally what the individual was wearing when he responded to the station during the alarm. The operator shall obtain his gear and stow it in the apparatus for possible use at the scene.
- Firefighters will wear appropriate gear while operating at the scene of an emergency.
- Firefighting gloves will be worn at all times. Extrication and work gloves may be worn appropriately during non-fire events such as rescues and clean up.

MAINTAINANCE:

- Personnel are responsible for maintaining their issued gear.
- When gear becomes dirty, it shall be broken down and washed in the provided front loading washer and air dried on site at the Fire Station. Manufacture's guidelines shall be followed when cleaning gear.
- Department officers may issue a second set of gear while the firefighter's primary gear is being cleaned. No firefighter is permitted to use another firefighter's gear without the approval of an officer.

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