


SHELBYVILLE FIRE & RESCUE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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Purpose:

The purpose of this S.O.P. is to set guidelines for the proper wearing of protective clothing to be followed by all members of the SFD.

Operations:

I. Emergency Response:

1. All members riding on Fire Dept. vehicles must be fully outfitted, except the driver, who does not have to don his/her gear while driving or performing pump operations.
2. The Officer should be fully outfitted except for his/her helmet, which may be left off to increase driver's visibility.
3. The firefighters should be fully outfitted prior to leaving quarters.
4. Gloves may be put on after leaving the vehicle.
5. Depending on the size of the firefighter, helmets may be left off during responses. (Due to the limited headroom in some vehicles, wearing a helmet could cause a firefighter to ride in an unsafe and uncomfortable position.)
6. Never move an apparatus until everyone is fully dressed as outlines above and secured by a seatbelt.

II. Non-emergency Movement of Vehicles:

1. While riding on all Fire Dept. vehicles, all members are required to have their PPE secured on the apparatus, so their gear will be with them in the event of an emergency.
2. Members are not required to wear their PPE during non-emergency movements of the apparatus. While the vehicle is in motion, they must remain seated and secured with a seatbelt. If an emergency is dispatched, they must either stop to don their gear, or wait until they have reached the scene to do so.

III. Emergency Scene:

1. All members engaged in fire suppression operations shall wear all protective equipment. This includes structures, cars, dumpsters, miscellaneous fire and rescue situations that pose a hazard to those involved in the operation.
2. PPE shall be worn to all hazardous material responses, but Officers must keep in mind that structural PPE will offer limited protection against many hazardous chemicals and should not put themselves or firefighters into a position that they are not adequately protected.
3. Protective clothing may be removed at the discretion of the IC.
4. All members entering structures and vehicles after an incident, for investigation purposes, shall wear their helmets and bunkers/boots at a minimum.
5. All members involved in brush fires shall wear their helmets and gloves.