

Springdale Fire Department

Policy & Procedures Manual

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Section 201 – Personnel Safety

201.3 – Firefighting Personal Protective Clothing

Full firefighting protective clothing shall consist of helmet with face shield or goggles, protective hood, turnout coat, turnout pants, boots, and gloves.

Full protective clothing shall be worn by all personnel when:

- Responding to any type of alarm indicative of fire, potential fire, explosion, potential explosion, or release of any type of hazardous material. All personnel, except for drivers, and command officers, shall don protective clothing prior to boarding the apparatus to respond.
- Working in the Hot Zone of any fire, potential fire, explosion, potential explosion, or release of any flammable or combustible material unless.
- Performing vehicle extrication.
- Working in the Hot or Warm Zone of a hazardous material incident or technical rescue unless alternate protective clothing is specified by command or the action plan. **Exception: Firefighting coat, pants and boots shall never be worn when participating in a water rescue.**
- Training/drilling for the above incidents.

All personnel shall wear a helmet, with chin strap fastened, in all circumstances where there is a potential for being struck by a falling object, or when working off any fire service ladder, and when working on or near roadways.

Goggles, helmet face shield, or SCBA mask shall be utilized for eye protection anytime there is potential for eye injury and at all times when performing extrication, performing overhaul, and when using power or striking tools.

Gloves shall be worn at all times when hand tools, power tools, hose, ladders or any other equipment is used that could cause injuries to the hands.

Helmet with eye protection, and gloves, are the minimum protective clothing under almost all circumstances.

Incident Commanders are granted authority to use discretion governing appropriate levels of protective equipment for personnel operating at incidents. Personnel shall be required to wear appropriate protective clothing as deemed necessary to provide protection against all foreseeable hazards.

All Command level personnel shall use protective equipment appropriate to their function on emergency scenes.