

Tempe Fire Department Policies and Procedures
Personal Issue Protective Ensembles/Equipment
604.02
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide issuing procedures and information on established minimum levels of protection for both emergency services and non-emergency members assigned to or involved in suppression, investigation, search, rescue, treatment, decontamination, recovery, site stabilization, and similar operations at fire or technical rescue incidents.

POLICY

NFPA 1500, Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health states the Department is to provide each member with protective clothing and equipment that is designed to provide protection from the hazards to which the member is likely to be exposed and is suitable for the tasks that the member is expected to perform.

NFPA 1670, Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents states the Department shall ensure that the protective clothing and equipment is supplied to provide protection from those hazards to which personnel are exposed or could be exposed.

All personal protective ensembles shall be approved by the Fire Chief with input from the Labor Management Process. Members shall only wear approved personal protective ensembles in the performance of their assigned duties.

PROCEDURE

- A. Appropriate personal protective ensembles/equipment shall be issued to all members when assigned to Emergency Services, appropriate Special Operations teams, and Fire Inspectors.
- B. It is the responsibility of each member to report worn, damaged or contaminated equipment to his/her supervisor.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Unsafe ensembles/equipment that has failed in service inspection shall not be used.
- B. Members shall not use ensembles/equipment they have not been trained to use
- C. Refer to Policy 604.03 for information regarding the Care & Maintenance of Firefighting Protective Ensembles
- D. Members assigned to a Ladder/Squad receive two helmets, coats, pants, boots, hoods, gloves, and SCBA mask
- E. Department approved EMS/Brush pants are only approved for use during the following types of situations:
 - 1. Brush fires
 - 2. EMS related incidents in which the employee may be exposed to blood or other bodily fluids.
 - 3. Other non fire related incidents for the purpose of covering PT shorts as described in Policy and Procedure 604.01.
- F. In an effort to reduce possible contamination of department facilities, turnouts and/or EMS/Brush pants shall not be worn indoors. This includes but is not limited to all Fire Stations, Fire Administration and the Fire Training Center.
- G. Any person leaving employment and/or special assignment shall return all personal protective ensembles/equipment to the Support Services Section.

ISSUED ENSEMBLES/EQUIPMENT

Structural Firefighting

- Helmet w/ goggles
- Turnout coat
- Turnout pant
- Structural firefighting boots
- Firefighting protective hood
- Firefighting gloves
- Personal SCBA Mask
- Flashlight *
- Personal tools *
- EMS/Brush pant
- EMS hip pack/equipment

*Currently issued to firefighter recruits only

Hazardous Materials Team

- Navy Blue Nomex Coveralls

Technical Rescue Team

- Navy Blue Nomex Coveralls
- Hiking boots
- Hydration kit
- Mountain Rescue/Confined Space helmet w/ integrated intrinsically safe light
- Confined space elbow and knee pads
- Rappel gloves
- Leather work gloves
- Aluminum locking carabineers
- Six bar rack-twisted w/six brake bars
- Large aluminum carabineer
- Class III Rescue Harness
- Personal Edge Kit
- Large Gear bag
- Water rescue shoes
- Technical Rescue Field Operations Guide

Dive Team

- Gear bag(s)
- Mask
- Fins
- Booties
- Snorkel
- Wetsuit
- Swim trunks
- Drysuit/Fleece

- BCD w/ attached knife
- Full face mask
- Regulator(s)
- Weightbelt
- Hood
- Gloves
- Redundant bottle w/ regulator
- Cutting shears

Fire Investigations

- Safety helmet
- Eye protection
- Brush jacket
- EMS/Brush pant
- Structural firefighting boots
- Gloves
- Personal SCBA mask
- EMS hip pack/equipment