

The Board of Fire Commissioners shall maintain a comprehensive safety and health program based upon sound engineering, education and enforcement for Board personnel whose duties and functions require use of personal protective equipment (helmet, hood, jacket, trousers, gloves, wristlets and footwear) (PPE). The Board finds that inherent in maintaining the Program is to assist personnel in the use and care of personal protective equipment. The Program is established to reduce the safety risks and potential health risks associated with poorly maintained, contaminated or damaged firefighting equipment. The intent and purpose of the Program is to provide the user an envelope of protection from multiple hazards the user is expected to encounter and repeated exposures. The Program, at a minimum, shall consist of: a) inspection; b) cleaning; c) repair; d) issuing and storage; e) training; f) recordkeeping; g) retirement and disposition; and h) special incident procedures for events such as contamination or firefighter injury or death.

The Board shall designate the District Safety Officer(s) for implementation and enforcement of the Personal Protective Equipment Program. The Safety Officer(s) shall have responsibility for all facets of the Program and shall have full authority to make necessary decisions to ensure success of the Program and its intent and purpose. The Safety Officer(s) shall develop written detailed instructions covering each of the basic elements in the Program, and is authorized to amend the instructions when necessary.

The Board shall enact Rules and Regulations, Procedures or Guidelines and Directives to implement or otherwise effectuate the purpose and intent of this Policy and Federal, State and local laws, and Rules, Regulations, Procedures, Guidelines or Directives promulgated thereto, as amended, which were enacted to insure or supplement the intent and purpose of this Policy. Said Rules and Regulations, Procedures or Guidelines and Directives may be amended or supplemented by the Board as it deems necessary.

This Policy does not modify existing Board Policies, Procedures, Guidelines, Rules, Regulations or Directives and shall be read and construed in conjunction with other Board Policies, Procedures, Guidelines, Rules, Regulations or Directives so that any inconsistencies or ambiguities in this Policy may be resolved by referencing other Board Policies, Procedures, Guidelines, Rules, Regulations or Directives. Any interpretation as to the meaning of this Policy shall not be contrary

to Federal, State or local laws, or contrary to or inconsistent with the mandated charge of the Board. If any provision paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase set forth in this Policy is for any reason held or determined to be unconstitutional or invalid, same shall not affect the remainder of this Policy.

Legal References: NFPA 1851

1st Reading:

Effective Date:

2nd Reading:

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