

Turnout Gear

Every firefighter shall be provided with turnout gear following his completion of his/her physical. All equipment issued to said firefighter will be solely their responsibility for returning back in same condition all equipment issued to them at the conclusion of their membership, or departure from the Fire Company.

All unused coats, pants and boots shall be stored in the Board office.

No gear may be used by any firefighter except that which has been acquired or authorized by the Board. If satisfied that a substitution can be made without impairing the safety of the firefighter or impairing the functions of the fire company, the Board, in individual cases, may waive this requirement.

No firefighter shall engage in firefighting duties, nor ride on a fire apparatus to or from the fire scene without wearing a complete set of turnout gear, including but not limited to District 3 issued helmet, jacket, bunker pants, boots, gloves, hood (properly positioned upon their head), and SCBA equipment. SCBA mask will be properly donned upon entering the hot zone. The Incident Commander will determine when SCBA equipment maybe removed. Masks maybe removed upon entering the safe zone.

With the exception of the Chiefs, no turnout gear will be removed from the firehouse, with the exceptions of drills and training without permission from a fire commissioner or the firefighter's company chief.

All turnout gear worn by firefighters shall conform to the NFPA standards governing gear, and if any conflict exists between the instructions of the Fire Chief and those of the Board, the more stringent requirements shall govern.