Wearing of Protective Clothing

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1.0 Purpose

1.1. To provide a safety guideline for the wearing of protective clothing by members of the Taylors Bridge Fire Department, Inc.

2.0 Requirements

2.1. Fire Ground

2.1.1. All firefighters will wear full protective clothing within the **"Hot Zone"** of an incident as determined by the Incident Commander. Generally, a good guideline to follow is within 50 feet of an object involved.

2.1.2. Safety vest can be used as protective clothing only if deem by the Incident Commander (i.e. water points, EMS support, vehicle accidents).

2.2. Aboard Apparatus

2.2.1. Drivers operating apparatus on an emergency call may drive without their coat and helmet on. This is the **only** time this will be allowed.

2.2.2. Drivers must have their turnout gear in their possession, somewhere on the apparatus.

2.2.3. Officers responding to an emergency shall wear their turnout gear while responding to the incident. They may choose to remove it on the way back to the station.

2.2.4. Firefighters responding to an emergency shall wear full turnout gear while responding to the incident. Firefighters may remove some of that gear while on the scene with permission of the Incident Commander

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2.2.5. When returning to the station all firefighters will use their own discretion about wearing full turnout gear. The only exception will be when riding on Engine 1633. Firefighters riding Engine 1633 will keep their turnout pants on and have their remaining gear at hand in case of another incident.

2.3. The Fire Chief will deal with any member who fails to obey these rules on an individual basis.