

SUBLIMITY FIRE DISTRICT

Operational Guide

SUBJECT: Wearing of Protective Equipment	O.G. NUMBER:
PURPOSE: To describe appropriate Wearing of Protective Equipment	Original Date: 5/10/98
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All firefighters at the scene of a fire or incident shall wear full firefighting gear, including at minimum: turnout coat; bunker boots and pants; helmet; hood; and gloves.

All firefighters shall don appropriate SCBA with PASS alarms for all interior structural fires; fires in other confined spaces; areas where an oxygen deficient or toxic atmosphere (IDLH) may exist; and at other incidents that require respiratory protection.

Members raising ladders, operating lines outside a fire building, performing exterior ventilation (roofs, etc.) or other external activities are not mandated to use respiratory protective equipment. However, it is strongly suggested that SCBA be worn while performing these or similar operations.

When masks are removed, they shall not be dropped or left in a building or other area where they may be subject to damage.

To reduce the possibility of injury, members responding to alarms shall not don respiratory protective equipment while enroute. SCBA must be donned prior to apparatus movement or upon arrival at the scene.

NOTE: OSHA REQUIREMENTS

1910.156 (f) (1) (ii) Approved self contained breathing apparatus with full facepiece, or with approved helmet or hood configuration, shall be provided to and worn by fire brigade members while working inside buildings or confined spaces where toxic products of combustion or an oxygen deficiency may be present. Such apparatus shall also be worn during emergency situations involving toxic substances.