

	BEDFORD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & RESCUE Standard Operating Guideline	
	Discipline: Operations	DATE: June 1, 2022
	Reference Number: F/R-11	
	APPROVED BY: Chief Janet Blankenship	
	SUBJECT: Personal Protective Equipment	

Purpose:

The purpose of this guideline is to establish standard operating guidance for Bedford County Department of Fire & Rescue personnel on personal protective ensemble in accordance with NFPA 1971.

Scope:

This standard applies to all personnel required to work in hazardous environments and establishes guidelines for use of structural personal protective equipment (PPE).

This SOG shall meet NFPA 1971 standard on Protective Ensemble for Structural Fire Fighting. Each Member shall be sized and measured for structural PPE that is specifically made for him or her and worn when appropriate and must be maintained in safe working condition. Each member will be issued the following equipment:

A. Structural PPE

- (1) set of turn out gear to include coat and pant that meets current NFPA guidelines
- (1) helmet (personal helmets may be used as long as they follow company guidelines on color and meet or exceed NFPA requirements)
- (1) pair of structural firefighting gloves
- (1) Nomex particulate hood
- (1) pair of extrication gloves
- (1) Scott SCBA mask with carrying bag
- (1) pair of leather structural firefighting boots

It is each agency’s responsibility to ensure its firefighters are fit tested annually and fit testing records are maintained and available if requested. BCoFR maintains fit testing equipment that is available for departments to utilize on a rotating basis.

Accountability:

It is the responsibility of each individual to ensure that he/she is in proper PPE at all times while operating on scene.

Members are required to inspect their issued PPE every 6 months by using the PPE Inspection Form. If any PPE does not pass the required fields, that PPE must be taken out of service for repair or discarded and documented as such.

All documentation pertaining to PPE inspections shall be maintained by the members’ agency.