



ABINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Protective Clothing and Equipment

1.0 PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for the use protective clothing and equipment to reduce the risk of illness, injury or death that might result from a member's exposure to a hazardous environment. This document applies to all members who are expected to work in hazardous environments.

This guideline is written to comply with the NFPA 1500 Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program Section, Chapter 7 Protective Clothing and Protective Equipment, 7.1

2.0 RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility to ensure that the actions described in this procedure are carried out belong to the following.

2.1 Company Members

2.2 Company Officers

3.0 PROCEDURE

- 3.1** Each company is responsible for providing each member with the appropriate protective clothing and protective equipment to provide protection from the hazards to which the member is or is likely to be exposed. This protective clothing and protective equipment shall be suitable for the tasks that the member is expected to perform.
- 3.2** Protective clothing and equipment provided must meet the applicable standard(s) for that equipment.
- 3.3** Prior to issue of protective clothing and equipment members shall be trained in the

maintenance and use of the equipment.

- 3.4** Protective clothing and equipment shall be used whenever the member is may be exposed to the hazards for which it is provided.
- 3.5** Each member will properly maintain the protective clothing and equipment that has been issued to him/her.
- 3.6** Any equipment or protective clothing that is found to be unsafe or inoperable should be taken out of service and reported to the designated person(s) in their company.
- 3.7** Protective clothing and equipment that has been identified as damaged or inoperable should be tagged out of service and not be used until repaired.

4.0 RECORDS

- 4.1** Training Records
- 4.2** NFPA 1500 Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program