

**Manasquan Fire Department  
Manasquan Fire District #1  
Standard Operating Guideline**

**430.10**

**Title: Safety Apparel While Working In or Near Moving Traffic**

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**Purpose:** The purpose of this guideline is to describe the required personal protective apparel to be worn by Manasquan Fire Department members when working at an incident that places the member in or near moving traffic. Incidents such as vehicle collisions/injury crashes, extrications, fluid spills, dangerous conditions, and vehicle fires are typical situations where this policy is applicable.

**Scope:** For incidents where exposure to the hazards of moving traffic are present for fire department personnel working on foot. Conforming to this policy places the member in compliance with Federal law 23 CFR Part 634 and applicable provisions of the Federal Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Devices (MUTCD)

**General:**

The Manasquan Fire Department policy regarding the policy can best be summarized by the following statement. "If your feet are on the street, your vest is on your chest".

**430.10.01 Procedure**

Specifically when the nature of the incident requires the member to work in or near moving traffic, the following PPE shall be worn;

Structural firefighting helmet with chin strap properly donned.

ANSI107-compliant Class II vest, Class III Highway Safety garment, or ANSI 207 Public Safety vest.

Protective footwear.

In instances where a member prefers to wear a structural turnout jacket due to inclement weather or other outer wear due to cold, rain, etc. or is required to wear a structural turnout jacket due to duties assigned at the incident scene the ANSI safety highway vest must worn over the turnout jacket or other outer wear. Turnout jackets are **not** deemed acceptable as high visibility highway safety apparel when worn without the ANSI compliant vest on the outside of the jacket.

Structural firefighting bunker pants and boots may be worn in lieu of standard protective footwear.

#### **430.10.02 Non-Vest Incidents**

Several unique incident types may be encountered where donning the highway safety vest may increase the risk of injury for the member or where wearing of the safety vest may be impractical. Under these limited situations the requirement for donning ANSI compliant vests by members directly involved in operations in the hot zone is modified.

These exemptions for wearing a highway safety vest applies only to members directly involved in activities within an established “Hot Zone” and only when the “Hot Zone” is protected from the hazards of moving traffic by apparatus blocking, lane closures, etc.

The required ANSI compliant highway safety vest **need not be worn** when a member is required to;

- 1) Don structural PPE and SCBA to work in close proximity to a source of heat such as during suppression of a vehicle fire.
- 2) Don hazardous material PPE to avoid potential exposure to chemicals and or other contaminants.
- 3) Don technical rescue PPE and/or equipment for a technical rescue incident such as extrication, rope rescue, water rescue, ice rescue, etc.

All members on scene performing duties or involved in activities other than those listed above are required to don ANSI compliant vests when working in or near moving traffic.

Members directly involved in source of heat, chemical, or technical rescue activities as listed above who have completed their activities within the designated Hot Zone or have left the Hot Zone area are required to don ANSI compliant vests.

