

The Board of Fire Commissioners shall maintain a comprehensive safety and health program based upon sound engineering, education and enforcement for Board personnel whose duties and functions require use of personal protective equipment (helmet, hood, jacket, trousers, gloves, wristlets and footwear) (PPE). The Board finds that inherent in maintaining the Program is to assist personnel in the use and care of personal protective equipment. The Program is established to reduce the safety risks and potential health risks associated with poorly maintained, contaminated or damaged fire-fighting equipment. The intent and purpose of the Program is to provide the user an envelope of protection from multiple hazards the user is expected to encounter and repeated exposures. The Program, at a minimum, shall consist of: a) inspection; b) cleaning; c) repair; d) issuing and storage; e) training; recordkeeping; retirement and disposition; and special incident procedures for events such as contamination or firefighter injury or death.

The Board shall designate the District Safety Officer(s) for implementation and enforcement of the Personal Protective Equipment Program. The Safety Officer(s) shall have responsibility for all facets of the Program and shall have full authority to make necessary decisions to ensure success of the Program and its intent and purpose. The Safety Officer(s) shall develop written detailed instructions covering each of the basic elements in the Program, and is authorized to amend the instructions when necessary.

The Board shall enact Rules and Regulations, procedures or guidelines and directives to implement or otherwise effectuate the purpose and intent of this Policy and Federal, State and local laws, and Rules, Regulations, Procedures, Guidelines or Directives promulgated thereto, as amended, which were enacted to insure or supplement the intent and purpose of this Policy. Said Rules and Regulations, procedures or guidelines and directives may be amended or supplemented by the Board as it deems necessary.

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