

## **CLIO AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **OPERATING GUIDELINE**

TITLE: INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF TURNOUT GEAR

REFERENCES: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SAFETY STANDARDS PART 74

THE LIFE AND HEALTH OF DEPARTMENT MEMBERS INVOLVED IN FIREFIGHTING, RESCUE, AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS, DEPENDS IN A LARGE PART ON THE CARE, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PROTECTIVE CLOTHING PROVIDED TO THEM.

DEFINITION:

TURNOUT GEAR - HELMET WITH SHIELD AND/OR GOGGLES, PROTECTIVE HOOD, BUNKER COAT, BUNKER PANTS, BOOTS, GLOVES, SCBA MASK, AND CPR MASK.

INSPECTION:

#### FIREFIGHTER

It shall be the responsibility of each Fire Fighter to inspect his/her personal turnout gear, after each use for cuts, tears, or other damage. If any of these are found, he should, as soon as practical, report it to the station sergeant.

If any item is rendered unsafe or unusable, it shall immediately be taken out of service.

The fire fighter is not to respond to any incident until replacement gear/clothing is provided.

#### SERGEANT

It shall be the responsibility of the Station Sergeant to inspect all protective clothing weekly.

The inspection shall be documented on a form approved by the Chief and shall be kept on file for a period of one year.

The inspection shall look for damage such as, but not limited to; cuts, tears, burns, excessive wear, loose or missing reflective trim, missing parts on helmets.

The inspection shall also look for cleanliness.

#### CLEANING

All bunker gear shall be laundered as needed but not less than one time every three months.

The Station Sergeant shall assure that there are sufficient supplies available to launder the gear.

#### REPAIR

All bunker gear shall be kept in good repair.

**The Station Sergeant shall make arrangements for repairs on all turnout gear as needed.**