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Standard Operating Guidelines

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Purpose: To set guidelines for the issuing of protective bunker gear to all members of the King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company.

Each member of the King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company will be issued a complete set of protective bunker gear upon joining the Fire Company after the member completes a medical form and is authorized by the Fire Chief.

Protective bunker gear shall consist of the following:

- Helmet
- Nomex hood
- Firefighting gloves
- Rescue gloves
- Eye protection
- Bunker coat
- Bunker pants
- Boots
- Accountability Tags (2)

Firefighter qualifications / role will be designated by helmet color, front piece color and title as defined below:

White helmet, White shield: To designate the positions of Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, and Assistant Chief.

Orange helmet, Black shield: To designate the position of Safety Officer.

Red helmet, Black shield: To designate the position of Chief Engineer.

Black helmet, White shield: To designate line officers holding the position of Lieutenant.

Black helmet, Black shield, "Engineer": To designate interior qualified firefighters holding the position of Engineer.

Black helmet, Black shield, "Firefighter": To designate interior qualified firefighters. This helmet will be issued upon completion of the training requirements set forth in KP-1-0013 and with permission of the Fire Chief.

Yellow helmet: To designate the position of Probationary Firefighter.

Yellow helmet, Red stripe: To designate the position of Junior Firefighter.

It is the responsibility of each member to make sure his/her gear is kept clean and in good order. Any defect or problem with the bunker gear should be reported to the Protective Equipment Coordinator as soon as possible.

Bunker gear is to be stored at the firefighter's assigned gear rack. Firefighters wishing to store their gear in personal vehicles may do so with permission of the Protective Equipment Coordinator and Fire Chief. Gear stored in personal vehicles must be done so in Fire Company approved or issued gear bags.

If any item of gear is lost, it shall be replaced at the discretion of the Fire Chief or Protective Equipment Coordinator.

No firefighter is permitted to respond to fires if any one component of his/her gear is missing.

Mistreatment or lack of maintenance of issued bunker gear may result in the forfeiture of issued bunker gear at the discretion of the Fire Chief.

Full protective bunker gear shall be worn by all firefighters at all times engaged in interior or exterior structure or vehicle fire suppression, ventilation, overhaul, etc. activities.

At the discretion of an Officer, portions of protective gear can be taken off during certain fire/emergency scene operations as the nature of the operation and/or weather dictates.

Issuance of 2nd Sets of Gear

Second sets of gear will be issued to the following positions provided an appropriately sized set is available in inventory:

Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief, Lieutenant, Safety Officer, Chief Engineer

Second sets of gear can be stored in personal vehicles provided proper protection from UV light is in place or use of a Fire Company approved or issued gear bag.

Gear Uniformity Policy

All bunker gear will be of company issue. No personal gear may be substituted without the permission of the Fire Chief and Protective Equipment Coordinator.

Gear may not be altered in any way without the permission of the Fire Chief and Protective Equipment Coordinator. This includes the removal and / or addition of any stickers / decals to protective helmets.