

## **Turn Out Gear**

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Full turnout gear, as listed below, shall be worn properly while operating at any incident scene or training operation where fire equipment is on the scene or has been dispatched as a firematic vehicle.

Exceptions to this rule will be:

- 1) Water rescues
- 2) EMS only calls
- 3) Brush Fires (helmet, eye protection, gloves, boots are required)

The Incident Commander can alter what gear is required to be worn at any incident scene based on the level of danger present; the level of protection from the turnout gear shall be appropriate for the potential level of danger.

Full turnout gear should consist of the following N.F.P.A. approved items:

A) Helmet - Chinstrap down and securely fastened holding the helmet on the head. The chinstrap shall be stored hanging down when the helmet is not in use. The 4.5" wrap around lexan face shield or approved goggles shall be used whenever operating in a situation where there is any danger of any particles flying into the facial area. Earflaps should be worn down whenever the person may possibly be exposed to any heat condition.

B) Bunker Coat - Thermal liner and vapor barrier to be worn at all times. The "storm" flap should be properly fastened any time the coat is worn. The collar shall be worn in the up position and securely fastened closed during any hazardous operations.

C) Turnout gear must be worn as per manufacturers specifications and instructions. The District must inspect turnout gear at least annually. Turnout gear must be washed in accordance with NFPA standards in terms of frequency and washing/drying methods.

D) Gloves - only NFPA approved gloves shall be worn.

E) Nomex Hood - A Nomex hood should be worn anytime the Firefighter is wearing an S.C.B.A. The hood should be worn over the S.C.B.A. mask straps. It should be securely tucked into the coat collar.

Only District issued items shall be worn on any turnout gear, i.e. patches, decals, etc. One externally mounted light is acceptable, to be worn on the side of the helmet.

The I.C. can declare that specific personnel may not be required to wear specific piece(s) of this listed turnout gear if their safety will not be compromised; e.g., hose rolling, pump operators, etc.

All turnout gear shall be returned to, and stored in a clean, dry state. Turnout gear shall not be stored in direct sunlight for any prolonged periods, especially in vehicles.