Purpose:

This policy will outline the use of safety and protective equipment as related to EMS operations.

Policy:

1. Use of Protective & Reflective Clothing

   Reflective clothing shall be worn during all operations that occur in areas where there is a danger to EMS crews being struck by traffic or other moving vehicles.

   Suitable reflective clothing will include either reflective vests or turn-out gear issued by the department.

2. Use of Turn-Out Gear and Helmets

   At a minimum, ECPs shall wear protective gear including turn-out jacket and helmet with eye protection, during all operations that involve extrication or where there is the potential for injury to ECPs due to the risk of fire or non-stable environment. During times of extended extrication, use of turn-out pants is preferred.

   ECPs not equipped with the proper safety equipment will not be allowed to enter vehicles or areas where a potential for injury has been identified.