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TO: ALL MEMBERS
FROM: FRED C. WINDISCH – FIRE CHIEF
DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2004
RE: **RULES AND OPERATING PROCEDURE**
SEAT BELTS AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

It is apparent that not all PVFD staff understands the importance and necessity of wearing seat belts and protective clothing while responding to emergencies. All PVFD staff will adhere to and enforce this ORDER immediately.

ALL PVFD OWNED EQUIPMENT DRIVEN ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS

All passengers must be seated and belted whenever the vehicle is in motion. The only exception to this rule is during slow speeds (less than 10mph) such as parades and the annual Santa Claus events.

Seat belts may be removed after setting the parking brake or by direct order of the right seat officer upon arrival of an emergency scene. This specifically refers to arrival at an emergency where one or more personnel are ordered to depart the vehicle for a specific assignment and the vehicle is being positioned elsewhere.

Failure to adhere to this rule will result in the senior officer and/or right seat officer's suspension from active duty for a minimum of seven (7) days, or increased by the Fire Chief. In addition, the non-complying individual will receive the same reprimand as the right seat officer. The Fire Chief reserves the right to provide one (1) written reprimand that will be placed in the respective personal file.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

ALL FIRE DISPATCHES - INCLUDING VEHICLE FIRES AND RESCUES

All personnel riding in PVFD vehicles must don the minimum of pants, suspenders and boots prior to boarding the vehicle (except for Squad 60). Personnel are encouraged to don the coat prior to boarding. All personnel **MUST** remain seat belted at all times the vehicle is in motion.

The vehicle driver is exempt from wearing PPE during the response, however the driver is encouraged to wear a minimum of PPE pants, suspenders and boots. The **driver** must don pants, boots and helmet as soon as possible after arrival at fires and rescues.

ALL OTHER DISPATCHES

All personnel must be appropriately attired. This specifically means that PVFD outerwear must be worn. **If PVFD outerwear is not available at the time of the response, the minimum attire is pants, suspenders and boots.**



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Verify mva;/medical current policy is below; this order supercedes all

The following clothing minimums are to be followed by all members responding to these examples of specific emergencies:

EMS Medical Call – Some type of PVFD outerwear, such as a t-shirt or jumpsuit, must be displayed. If no PVFD outerwear is immediately available, the minimal clothing to be worn is bunker pants and boots.

Motor Vehicle Accident, Fuel Spill, Entrapment – Minimal PPE is bunker pants and boots.

Any Type Of “Fire” Response – Minimal PPE is bunker pants and boots.

Other - Minimal PPE is bunker pants and boots