



Carroll County Department of Fire & EMS

Standard Operating Procedure

DOCUMENT DETAILS

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Applicability: ☒ Volunteer ☒ Career

I. PURPOSE

To establish a procedure to ensure personnel are visible while operating on non-suppression activities to prevent hazards from moving equipment or vehicles.

II. DEFINITIONS

Safety Vest: High Visibility florescent vest that meets the ANSI (American National Standards Institute) Standard for Public Safety.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Specifications

1. The vest will meet ANSI-207, Standard for High Visibility Public Safety Vests
2. All future safety vests purchased by the Department will include the “break away” feature. The model and color will be determined by the Director

B. Distribution

1. All heavy apparatus and support vehicles will have one vest per riding position
2. All EMS units shall carry three (3) vests
3. All chief and duty officer vehicles shall carry at least (3) vests

C. Personnel will always wear safety vest (day or night) over the turnout coat when functioning on or near roadways or parking lots for non-fire events

D. The Incident Commander may allow a turnout coat to be removed based on the conditions of the incident. If the coat is removed, the vest must still be worn

E. Safety vests are not required when

1. Performing emergency medical services that are not on a roadway or requires personal protective equipment
 2. The removal is approved by the incident Commander
- F. Safety vests are not to be worn when performing any fire suppression activity or when the potential for performing a fire suppression activity exists. Vests are not to be used in conjunction with SCBA
- G. Maintenance
1. Safety vests should be inspected monthly with the personal protective clothing
 2. If a vest is found to be damaged, the officer in charge shall be notified and a replacement vest secured
 3. Vests may be cleaned in accordance with the instructions provided on the tags. The vest is to be inspected after washing and the officer in charge notified if there are questions

IV. RECISION

This Standard Operating Procedure rescinds all directives regarding Safety Vests or similar content previously issued for personnel of the Carroll County Department of Fire & EMS.

V. RELATED STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES / DOCUMENTS

VI. ATTACHMENTS