TOLEDO FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

B-23 Fire Gear Inspection

Non-Emergency Manual

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Purpose

To establish a policy and procedure for the inspection of fire gear to determine safety and serviceability pursuant to NFPA guidelines.

Definitions

1. Fire Gear includes all sets of personal protective equipment (PPE) and apparel, such as, but not limited to, fire gloves, boots, helmets, fire coats, bunker pants, etc.

2. NFPA is the National Fire Protection Association.

3. Maintenance Officer is the Captain of the Fire Shop, i.e., Maintenance Bureau, located at 3917 Imlay, Toledo, Ohio

Policy/Procedure

1. All Fire Gear must be NFPA approved or recommended and shall only be used or authorized for use pursuant to this Policy.

2. All sets of personal protective equipment (PPE) and apparel (Fire Gear) must be maintained, kept clean, and serviceable. It shall be the responsibility of members to see that their equipment, i.e., Fire Gear, is kept clean and serviceable on a daily basis, as well as, after every use, cleaning and inspected pursuant to this Policy. Likewise, it is the responsibility of each member to attend and participate in training regarding the use and serviceability of their Fire Gear.

3. The Battalion Chief shall cause to have all sets of personal protective equipment and apparel, i.e., Fire Gear, inspected on a biannual basis and as needed. The biannual inspections must occur, at a minimum,

during the months of January and July.

4. Only inspected personal protective equipment and apparel (Fire Gear) shall be used by Toledo Fire and Rescue Department personnel. Fire Gear shall not be used unless inspected and must be turned into the Fire Shop for proper disposal in accordance with and pursuant to this Policy. The Maintenance Officer shall maintain all records of all Fire Gear turned in due to age, wear, non-serviceability or this Policy.

5. The Station Commander shall require that all sets of PPE, i.e., Fire Gear, of members assigned to their station are inspected biannually and maintained as necessary, pursuant to this Policy.

6. The Station and Company Commanders shall perform an inspection of all sets of personal protective equipment and apparel, i.e., Fire Gear, for all members assigned to his/her shift on a biannual basis. All findings shall be documented by the Station Commander on the their Station Dashboard using the Gear Inspection form under the Maintenance Bureau tab.

7. If a garment needs repair / fails inspection, check the box on the inspection form and write in the supplied area what is wrong with the garment to the best of your ability. This will send information to the maintenance bureau fire gear technician for the needed repair. If a replacement garment is needed, notify your Battalion Chief for a slip for replacement. If a loaner coat or pant is needed, follow up with the shop during normal business hours to get a loaner garment until the needed repairs are complete or until the new set of gear arrives. Any questions with this, call 3503 to talk to the fire gear technician for assistance.

8. The Maintenance Officer shall ensure that all fire personnel's personal protective equipment has been checked a minimum of twice a year by reviewing the appropriate records. This will serve as a check and balance for the personal protective equipment inspection program. If the Maintenance Officer, any Fire member, or Officer finds personnel who are in need of having personal protective equipment inspected, he/she shall inform the appropriate Battalion Chief.

9. Members requiring personal protective equipment training, inspection or replacement shall contact their respective Company Commander.

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