



# TOLEDO FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT



## C-83 High Visibility Safety Vest

### Emergency Manual

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### Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to establish response and operational guidelines for the use of a High Visibility Safety Vest during fire and medical incidents on highways, roadways, and/or streets.

### Definitions

A High Visibility Safety Vest is a Class II Garment intended for users who need greater visibility and whose activities occur near highways or roadways.

### Policy/Procedure

**1.** The High Visibility Safety Vests shall be worn prior to exiting the apparatus anytime a member is to be actively working on highway or roadway incidents:

- Attending to an injured and/or ill patients in vehicles directly adjacent to moving traffic (i.e. EMS incidents)
- Directing traffic around an accident or fire incident
- Aiding a stranded motorist
- Whenever a member is on the highway or roadway controlling traffic for backing operations

**2.** High Visibility Safety Vests are provided to every seated riding position on Toledo Fire and Rescue Department apparatus.

**3.** A High Visibility Safety Vest shall be worn in a fashion that allows it to be seen by oncoming traffic. The vest can be worn over the firefighter turnout coat or Class B uniform. Personnel who are on-scene and are not directly exposed to fire, flame, excessive heat, hazardous materials or other competing

hazards would be expected to wear a high visibility vest. Member(s) assigned to Fire Control shall not wear a reflective vest due to the flammability. Instead they shall wear their turnout gear.

## **VIOLATION OF POLICY**

Violation of this policy is cause for disciplinary action.

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