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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