

# Operating Guidelines

Section: Personal Protection

Subject: Bunker & Associated Gear

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## Purpose

To administer the use of personal protective gear.

## Procedure

### 202.1

All approved bunker gear, including boots, helmet, protective hood and approved fire gloves will be stored on supplied fire department gear rack in a manner that will allow for fast donning.

### 202.2

Issued coveralls shall be stored on supplied fire department gear rack in a manner that will allow for fast donning.

### 202.3

No Firefighter will use another Firefighter's gear without their permission. The Officer in charge may wave 202.3 if to do so is deemed to be in the best interest of the department.

### 202.4

Each Firefighter is responsible for the serviceability of their gear. Any deficiency in their gear must be brought to the attention of the assigned Platoon Captain or Fire Chief.

### 202.5

Bunker gear will be worn for every emergency, training exercise or other Fire Department activities with the exception of coveralls for forestry related calls or training. (Note: Some activities may not require Firefighters to wear their protective gear. This decision will be made at that time by the Officer in charge.)

## **Responsibility**

It is the responsibility of every Officer and firefighter to ensure that this guideline is followed. Authority to deviate from this guideline rests with the Incident Commander, who is solely responsible for the end results.