

## **Falmouth Fire-EMS Operating Guideline**

### **Department Issued PPE and Communication Equipment/Inventory**

#### **Objective:**

To provide all members with a clear understanding of what personal protective and communication equipment is issued and the process for maintaining the inventory of all issued items.

General Information: Members who are issued PPE and communications equipment are required to keep track of the equipment and ensure that it remains in good working order. If there are any problems or damage to equipment, members must let their department supervisor know as soon as possible.

Some equipment may become damaged at a fire or training event.

#### **Guidelines:**

##### **A. Issued Equipment:**

- a. Firefighters are issued the following:
  - i. Helmet
  - ii. Eye Protection (Safety Glasses or Goggles)
  - iii. Nomex Hood
  - iv. Firefighting Gloves
  - v. Turnout (Bunker) Coat
  - vi. Turnout (Bunker) Pants
  - vii. Suspenders
  - viii. Firefighter Boots
- b. EMS-only Members are issued the following:
  - i. Helmet
  - ii. Eye Protection (Safety Glasses or Goggles)
  - iii. Firefighting Gloves
  - iv. EMS Coat
  - v. EMS Pants
  - vi. Firefighter Boots
- c. New EMS Members and EMS Members who live out of town:
  - i. EMS members who are new or do not live in the Town of Falmouth may be assigned to use EMS gear kept in the Duty Crew locker at Central Station in lieu of their own issued EMS gear.

B. Personal Equipment

- a. Firefighters may use their own personal equipment (for example: Helmet) if it meets the current NFPA Standard and Bureau of Labor Standards (BLS) Guidelines.
- b. Personal gear must be approved in advance by the Fire Chief and must be inspected annually.

C. Communications Equipment

- a. Members who reside in town may be issued a pager (Minitor) and charger to use to alert them of calls. The serial number of the pager is maintained in Administration and is checked annually. EMS members may be issued a portable and charger to use while on duty or responding to calls.

D. Annual Inventory

- a. Annually an inventory process will be conducted to verify that members still have possession of all issued equipment and gear. All issued equipment and gear (with the exception of the chargers) need to be visually inspected by an officer.

These guidelines may be changed or altered by the Fire-EMS Chief at any time.