

HR LF	HR HF	<b>Massachusetts</b> <b>Fire District - 14</b> <b>Technical Rescue Team Personal Protective Equipment</b> <b>TRT 3100-18-008</b>	<b>Effective Date</b> <b>10/17/2019</b>
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**I) PURPOSE/SCOPE/APPLICATION**

- A) To establish guidelines for the minimum selection of PPE to be used at all technical rescue incidents. Additional PPE for each type of technical rescue will be dictated by the SOG for that incident type.
- B) This Standard Operating will identify Personal Protective Equipment issued by District 14, Personal Protective Equipment that is the responsibility of the member, proper use and recording keeping associated with Personal Protective Equipment
- C) This SOG will be applied during all training and live Technical Rescue Team Activations

**II) REFERENCE DOCUMENTS**

- A) NFPA 1951
- B) EN12492-2012
- C) EN1385-2012

**III) DEFINITIONS**

- A) **Helmet** Team Wendy Exfil SAR Backcountry, extra padding and 2 helmet vent caps, Head lamp for front of helmet with batteries issued by District 14.
- B) **Harness** Petzl AVAO BOD FAST international version, Class III full body harness, as issued by District 14.
- C) **Footwear**: Over the ankle footwear with steel safety toe will be utilized at all incidents.
- D) **Eye Protection**: Safety glasses or helmet integrated goggles shall be the preferred eye protection. All members will carry either and have them available when needed.

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- E) **Gloves:** Clean non-firefighting leather gloves will be utilized when any member is dealing with ropes or any other equipment that may cause damage to the skin without proper protection.
- F) **Clothing:** Non-restrictive weather appropriate PPE shall be utilized. No fire gear shall be utilized unless the situation dictates. Team shirt will be worn on all training evolutions and all team deployments. The shirt will have the team logo on the left front chest and team name across the back.

**IV) SPECIALIZED ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A) All members shall be responsible for enforcing this SOG.

**V) SAFETY**

- A) N/A

**VI) ENFORCEMENT**

- A) Failure to understand this Standard Operating Guideline may result in disciplinary action.
- B) Any deviation from this Standard Operating Guideline may require a written report to the Chief overseeing the team and/or the District 14 Chair.
- C) This policy is for internal use only and does not enlarge an employee's civil liability in any way. The policy should not be construed as creating a higher duty of care, in an evidentiary sense, with respect to third party civil claims against employees. A violation of this policy, if proven, can only form the basis of a complaint by this department for non-judicial administrative action in accordance with the laws governing employee discipline.

**VII) STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE**

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- A) No team member will be apply any stickers or other adhesive materials to their helmets without prior approval from the Team Leaders or District Operational Chiefs.
- B) Once a year in the month of January all team members will bring all personal equipment to the monthly drill. During this drill we will perform a yearly inspection of all equipment belonging to District 14 and log its condition on the digital equipment inspection form
  - 1) Helmet - Cracks, crazing, dents, abrasions, thermal damage, warping, or discoloration, damaged or missing components of the suspension and retention systems, will be inspected and logged
  - 2) Harnesses – any frayed, cut or otherwise damaged components, bent or twisted hardware
- C) Any damage to the equipment occurring through the proper use and maintenance will be covered by the District, should repairs or replacement be necessary
- D) Routine cleaning (light cleaning to remove soils and contaminants without taking the PPE out of service) will be accomplished as soon as possible following each training or emergency incident where the PPE has been soiled or has come into contact with blood, tars, fuels, paints, or other hazardous materials
- E) The Technical Rescue Team Leader will determine the level of PPE that members will wear during technical rescues including collapse, confined space, high angle, and/or below grade incidents, as well as training evolutions
  - 1) All appropriate PPE shall be donned prior to entering the warm zone at any incident.
- F) Record Keeping

