

Buechel Fire Protection District
Interdepartmental Correspondence



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To: All Members

Subject: Safety Vest added to apparatus

From: Lt. Col. Richard Harrison

The fire district has purchased new safety vests that we will soon be mandated to wear when operating on any roadway while assisting EMS or while mitigating chemicals from automobile accidents. The Safety Bureau will be writing a new policy on the use and requirements of the new standard with regard to proper application of the new Federal regulations.

For the time being, please ensure each member wears one of the vests at all times while operating on any roadway. This includes while wearing full protective clothing during accident/victim extrications. At this time there are proposals submitted to exempt us from this requirement during firefighting activities, however upon implementation in November, the exemption will most likely not have been completed.

Also, the vests should be added to the apparatus inventories and checked on the appropriate day as part of our safety equipment. Notify the on-duty Captain if a vest is missing from the apparatus, so a replacement can be obtained.

If you have any questions regarding this new safety practice, see myself, Lt. Zimlich, or Sgt. Jones.