

# Buechel Fire Protection District

## SAFETY POLICIES

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	<p>The purpose of this procedure is to see that the full extent of protection offered by the protective clothing in service is fully utilized.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="284 583 1373 940">1. Full protective clothing, is required to be worn by all personnel operating at the scene of any emergency until it is deemed unnecessary by the officer in command. Full protective clothing includes: approved fire coat, boots, bunker pants, helmet and gloves. The Nomex hood is required on all structure fires by everyone except Chief Officers and the Apparatus Operators who remain outside of IDLH atmospheres. All protective clothing is to be donned before boarding apparatus for any run. Officers may omit their gloves until they arrive at the scene. Apparatus operators may omit their coat and gloves while driving. Donning of the coat and gloves by the apparatus operator is optional at the scene of the emergency.</li><li data-bbox="284 982 1373 1052">2. Shirts are to be worn under the fire coat at all times, bare chests on the fire-ground or on any apparatus will not be permitted.</li><li data-bbox="284 1094 1373 1192">3. The amount of protective clothing to be worn for training sessions, both district and outside training will be determined by the instructor conducting the class.</li><li data-bbox="284 1234 1373 1304">4. On non-emergency functions, the type and amount of protective clothing to be worn will be determined by the Officer in charge.</li><li data-bbox="284 1346 1373 1451">5. It shall be each member's responsibility to keep all protective clothing and equipment in a clean and serviceable condition. For coats and bunker pants refer to the manufacturers care instructions attached to the label.</li><li data-bbox="284 1493 1373 1562">6. The Personal Alert Device shall be turned on before entering any structure fire or during any large-scale firefighting activities.</li><li data-bbox="284 1604 1373 1925">7. The fire district recognizes that members may wish to provide certain articles of personal protective equipment, based on personal preferences and comfort. Any member who desires to provide any personal equipment shall request in writing and have those articles approved prior to placing the equipment in service. Equipment submitted for approval must comply with the applicable NFPA, NIOSH, MSHA or appropriate Standard for the equipments intended use. Documentation shall be provided if requested and maintenance records in accordance with manufacturers instructions shall be maintained if required. Equipment must be approved</li></ol>

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8.	<p>by the fire district's Safety Officer and Equipment Officer prior to use on any response or emergency run.</p> <p>Those members who choose to provide equipment on their own must abide by fire district policies and procedures in effect at the time permission is granted, and further those members are hereby advised that maintenance and inspection of equipment is required as prescribed in the fire districts policies and procedures. Any equipment identified as unsafe or non-serviceable shall be immediately removed from use and replaced. If the fire district provided the equipment it will be replaced or repaired as needed by the district. Equipment provided by the member shall be replaced at the member's own expense unless otherwise provided for through cost recovery procedures.</p>