

GLASGOW FIRE DEPARTMENT
Standard Operating Guideline

GUIDELINE: TURN-OUT GEAR			SECTION: 208
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POLICY

All personnel, on or off duty, responding to any incident shall properly wear full protective clothing as described in this SOG.

TURN-OUT GEAR

1. Bunker boots and pants shall be worn with all buckles and snaps fastened. All vapor barriers and protective liners shall be worn with the bunker pants.
2. Pull-over protective hood shall be donned prior to wearing the turn-out coat.
3. All turn-out coats shall be worn with the protective liner and vapor barrier in place. All enclosure systems (snaps, velcro, buckles) shall be securely fastened. All coat collars shall be turned up at the neck and the connection should be fastened.
4. Helmet shall be worn with chin straps securing the helmet to the head. Helmet liners shall be worn in the down position to provide maximum ear and neck protection. The helmet shall be kept in operating condition.
5. Gloves shall be worn to provide maximum protection for hands and wrists on the fire ground and any other duties to prevent injury.

APPROVAL

1. Only equipment issued by, or approved by, the Glasgow Fire Department shall be worn or used.

EXEMPTIONS

1. Apparatus drivers may forego the requirement for full protective clothing only when it is indicated that the clothing may interfere with safe driving practices under emergency conditions. Drivers must comply with this policy upon arrival at the incident.
2. Personnel responding to medical calls may forego the requirements for full protective clothing, unless information indicates that the incident may involve hazardous working conditions. All personnel using rescue tools shall wear protective clothing.
3. Administrative officers may not be required to wear full protective clothing if not engaged in investigations or hazardous conditions.
4. The incident commander may utilize discretion to allow personnel to remove protective clothing as conditions permit but shall assume responsibility for injuries, etc. that may occur.