

CHRISTIANA FIRE COMPANY OPERATIONS STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE	
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CONCEPT/PROCEDURES: Personal Protective Equipment/Turnout Gear (PPE)	
OBJECTIVE/PURPOSE: Provide policy for upkeep and maintenance of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	
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- I. The Christiana Fire Company has gone to great measures to provide each of our members the most up to date and highest quality Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Thousands of Dollars are spent every year on Turnout Gear (PPE)
- II. Each Active member is issued (1) Morning Pride Ben2 Helmet, (1) Fire Hood, (1) Pair of Firefighting Gloves, (1) Turnout Coat, (1) Turnout Pants, (1) SCOTT Facepiece, (1) Pair of Globe Leather Firefighting Boots. If approved by the Chief's Officer, members may substitute personally owned PPE (i.e. Leather Helmets, etc). Members should remember that this is PERSONAL turnout gear and the Christiana Fire Company is NOT liable for any injury resulting from or damage to said equipment.
- III. All Personal Protective Equipment issued by the Christiana Fire Company is to be keep in clean, working order at all times. After each working alarm, members are to wash ALL Turnout gear in accordance with the Manufacture's specifications. Turnout gear is to be washed within 24 Hours of the alarm. Keep in mind that not washing turnout gear can create excessive wear and can be interpreted as Destruction of Company Property.
- IV. If any issued equipment is damaged, it is to be reported to the Chief's Office immediately. If company issued gear is damaged and requires repair, the Company will make the arrangements and supply the member with a 2nd-line (reserve) piece of turnout gear (PPE) until repairs are complete. If the piece of Turnout gear requires replacement, members will be issued a 2nd line piece of equipment until the replacement comes in.

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- V. If any NON-issued equipment is damaged, it is to be reported to the Chief's Office immediately. If NON-issued gear is damaged and requires repair, it is up the MEMBER to make arrangements and the company will supply the member with a 2nd line piece of turnout gear (PPE) until repairs are complete. If the piece of Turnout gear requires replacement, members will be issued a second line piece of equipment until the member: either A. replaces the damaged equipment or B. chooses to use company issued gear. If option "B" is chosen, the company will issue a new article of equipment to the member, as soon as it is available.
- VI. The Company is asking each member to use good judgment when it comes to there PPE. Each member needs to remember that this PPE protects them from multiple dangers and has saved many of our members' lives. If your Helmet looks "Used" or "Worn" or "Salty", take a minute to inspect the helmet. Members should ask themselves: Does it have missing paint? Does it have solid flammables on it? Do my Bourke eye shield curl or bow down? Is there any wire showing in my brim? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you need to REPAIR or REPLACE. Please consult your manufactures instruction manuals for inspection, repair or replacement.