

# POINT PLEASANT BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Personal Protective Equipment

### Standard Operating Guideline

**Departmental Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** – All members of the Point Pleasant Beach Fire Department shall be issued Personal Protective Equipment, which includes: boots, bunker pants, bunker coat, gloves, helmet and Nomex hood.

**Use of PPE:** All members shall wear all Departmental issued PPE, on all emergency responses, during training and whenever required by the incident commander. Additionally, members shall wear a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) on all incidents that involve an IDLH\* atmosphere or the potential for an IDLH atmosphere.

- **Exception:** The Driver/Operator and Incident Commander may delay donning their PPE if wearing such equipment will hinder their movements in the performance of their assigned duties, so long as they are not operating in an IDLH atmosphere or are exposed to fluids or materials that may cause injury.

**Removal of PPE:** Only the Incident Commander may order members to operate on an emergency scene without wearing their full PPE. The Incident Commander will make such a decision only after confirming that there is no danger or potential danger to the members operating on the scene.

**Enforcement:** It is the responsibility of the Officer or member in charge of each apparatus to ensure that all members assigned to the apparatus are wearing their proper PPE.

**Personal Use of PPE:** Any member who wants to use their Departmental issued PPE in an activity not directly related to a Point Pleasant Beach Fire Department emergency call, training or other activity sponsored by the Department, must receive approval from an Officer, prior to use.

**\*Immediately dangerous to life or health (IDLH)** means an atmosphere that poses an immediate threat to life, would cause irreversible adverse health effects, or would impair an individual's ability to escape from a dangerous atmosphere.