



Nelson County Emergency Services Council
Nelson County, Virginia

<i>Nelson County Emergency Services Council Standard Operating Guideline</i>	
Subject:	Turnout Gear
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Purpose:

To establish a procedure for donning protective gear at all structural fire calls which shall include but not be limited to working fires, chimney fires, smoke in a structure, detector sounding, etc. This does not apply to wildfire situations.

Procedure:

Upon arrival, or before responding, all firefighters with the intention of operating in or near the affected structure will don protective helmet, coat, pants, and boots. Each firefighter will have a Nomex hood and gloves on their person.

Turnout gear is designed to be a system. Unless all components are utilized, maximum protection is not recognized.

Special Note Regarding Helmets:

It is very rare in Nelson County for a single department to work a structure fire without assistance from other departments. Incident commanders will not always know all firefighters operating on the fireground. To be certain no untrained firefighter ever enters a hazardous area, firefighters who have not yet completed Firefighter 1 and been released by their department will wear an orange colored helmet. This also applies to Firefighters under the age of 18. An orange helmet assures that a commander will recognize that member as "in training".

Other Helmet Colors Include:

White	Chief Officer
Black	Company Officers
Yellow	Firefighters
Blue	Safety Officers
Orange	Member In-Training