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1. PURPOSE

1.1. The purpose of this Policy is to describe the required personal protective apparel to be worn by members of Units working under the Davie County Fire Marshal's Office (DCFMO), when working at an incident that places the member in or near moving traffic. Incidents such as vehicle collisions/injury crashes, extrications, fluid spills, dangerous conditions, and vehicle fires are typical situations where this policy is applicable.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1. For incidents where exposure to the hazards of moving traffic are present for DCFMO personnel working on foot, this policy can be summarized in the statement. "**If your feet are on the street, your vest is on your chest.**" Conforming to this policy places the member in compliance with Federal law 23 CFR Part 634 and applicable provisions of the Federal Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Devices (MUTCD).

3. PROCEDURE

3.1. Specifically, when the nature of the incident requires the member to work in or near moving traffic, the following personal protective apparel shall be worn;

- Helmet with chin strap properly donned
- ANSI 107-compliant Class II vest, Class III Highway Safety garment, or ANSI 207 Public Safety vest
- Protective Footwear
- Other PPE as dictated by the Incident (Fire = Structural PPE, Non-Fire or Brush Fire Incidents = TechGen Gear)

3.2. If a member prefers to wear a structural turnout coat due to inclement weather; i.e. rain, cold, etc, or is required to wear structural turnout gear due to duties assigned at the incident scene, the ANSI highway safety vest must be donned over the turnout coat. Turnout coats are not acceptable as high-visibility highway safety apparel when donned without the ANSI-compliant vest on the outside of the coat.

3.3. Structural bunker pants and boots may be worn in lieu of standard protective footwear.

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4. NON-VEST INCIDENTS

- 4.1. Several unique incident types may be encountered where the donning of a highway safety vest may actually increase risk of injury for the member or where wearing of a vest may in fact be otherwise impractical. Under these limited situations, the requirement for donning ANSI-compliant vests by members directly involved in hazard area “Hot Zone” activities is modified.
- 4.2. The exemptions for wearing a highway safety vest applies only to members directly involved in activities within an established “Hot Zone” and only when the “Hot Zone” is protected from the hazards of moving traffic by apparatus blocking, lane closures, etc.
- 4.3. The required ANSI-compliant Highway Safety vest need not be worn when a member is required to;
 - 4.3.1. Don structural PPE and SCBA to work in close proximity to a source of heat such as during suppression of a vehicle fire,
 - 4.3.2. Don hazardous material personal protective equipment to avoid potential exposure to chemicals or other contaminants.
- 4.4. All members on-scene performing duties or involved in activities other than those listed above are required to don ANSI-compliant vests when working in or near moving traffic.
- 4.5. Members directly involved in source of heat, chemical, or technical rescue activities as listed above who complete their activities within the designated Hot Zone are required to don ANSI-compliant vests once their activities within the Hot Zone are completed or they leave the immediate “Hot Zone” area of the incident scene.