



WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE ASSOCIATION STANDARDS MANUAL

Title: Protective Clothing and Helmet Identification Standard

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Purpose:

To establish and protective clothing and equipment standard for personnel, that potentially will operate in a hazardous environment or event. Such protective clothing and protective equipment shall be suitable for the task that the member is expected to perform. This standard is also to reaffirm the established helmet color coding and designation standard currently adopted by the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association and Washington County Commissioners.

Procedure:

Fire Service Personnel Protective Clothing and Equipment shall meet the following requirements in NFPA 1500, 1971, & 1999.

Emergency Medical personnel protective clothing shall meet the following requirements in NFPA standards 1500 & 1999.

Color coding and designation of helmets for fire ground and EMS personnel:

Helmet Color	Designation	Note
White	Chief Level Officer	Meets County Officer Standard
Red	Captains	Meets County Officer Standard
Blue	Lieutenants	Meets County Officer Standard
Orange	Sergeant & Special Operations Technician	Meets County Officer Standard
Yellow, Black or Natural Leather	Structural Firefighters, NON – Trained Personnel	A structural firefighter minimum training is firefighter 1 and qualified by the fire/rescue co. Any color combination may be used. A non trained member, helmet must be clearly labeled on 3 sides with a reflective marking “NT” or “NC”. Letters must be 2” in height. EMS trained personnel only must label their helmets with a star of life or a rocker with their training level.