Title: Incident Command Vest Colors

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1.0 Purpose:

To establish a policy that effectively identifies the command staff and support functions of the command structure, that is consistent with the National Incident Management System’s requirements.

2.0 Applicability:

This policy will apply to all Washington County Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services companies.

3.0 Definitions:

NIMS  National Incident Management System

WCVFRA  Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association

4.0 Command Vest Colors:

The WCVFRA will recognize the following command structure vest colors as outlined in the basic color coding of the NIMS command structure:

A. Command Positions:
1. Incident Commander  Silver with white accents
2. Safety Officer  Silver with white accents
3. Liaison Officer  Silver with white accents
4. Public Information Officer  Silver with white accents

B. Operations Positions:
1. Operations Section Chief  Red with white accents
2. Medical Care Branch Director  Red with white accents
3. Hazmat Branch Director  Red with white accents
4. Search and Rescue Group Leader  Red with white accents
5. Medical Unit Leader  Red with white accents
6. Suppression Group Leader  Red with white accents
7. Staging group Leader  Red with white accents
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C. Logistics Positions:
1. Logistics Section Chief
   Yellow with white accents
2. Service Branch Director
   Yellow with white accents
3. Support Branch Director
   Yellow with white accents
4. Communications Unit
   Yellow with white accents
5. Supply Unit
   Yellow with white accents

D. Planning Positions:
1. Planning Section Chief
   Blue with white accents
2. Resource Unit Leader
   Blue with white accents
3. Situation Unit Leader
   Blue with white accent
4. Documentation Unit Leader
   Blue with white accent
5. Demobilization Unit Leader
   Blue with white accents
6. Technical Specialist
   Blue with white accents

E. Finance/Administrative Positions:
1. Finance Section Chief
   Green with white accents
2. Procurement Unit Leader
   Green with white accents
3. Cost Unit Leader
   Green with white accents
4. Time Unit Leader
   Green with white accents
5. Compensation/Claims Unit Leader
   Green with white accents

5.0 Compliancy:

The recommended vest colors in section 4.0 are based on command vest kits that are available from various vendors. It is understood that not all vest listed are required by every department, however all departments should have vest to cover section 4.0 letter A- Command Positions, and section 4.0 letter B-Operations Positions. The remaining sections outline the vest colors that are recommended to be utilized by other agencies has an incident would progress in size and complexity.

Implementation:

It is the intent of this document that all Washington County Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services companies, comply with this document by January 1, 2010.