

<b>HALIFAX FIRE DEPARTMENT R&amp;R ARTICLE 9</b>	<b>PPE</b>
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**PURPOSE:**

To set forth guidelines for Personal Protective Clothing, as used by the members of the Halifax Fire Department.

**SCOPE:**

This guide will outline the acceptable level of protective clothing to be used by members of the Halifax Fire Department. Members will wear this gear completely, during all operations requiring they are protected from the environment they are being subjected to. The requirement for protective clothing will also apply to Training Evolutions.

Full Protective Clothing for Structural Incidents shall include:

- A. Helmet
- B. Hood
- C. Turnout Coat
- D. Turnout Pants
- E. Boots
- F. Gloves
- G. (and if deemed necessary: SCBA, PASS)

Full Protective Clothing for Wildland Incidents shall include:

- A. Helmet
- B. Hood
- C. Yellow Wildland Coat
- D. Yellow Wildland Pants
- E. Work Boots
- F. Gloves
- G. (structural coat acceptable during cold weather)

Full Protective Clothing for EMS/Rescue incidents shall include:

EMS Call: At a minimum-Long pants with

Fire Department T-shirt

Uniform Shirt

Sweatshirt

Jacket

(Dress depending upon weather)

Universal precautions for blood born pathogens:

Gloves

Mask-if indicated

Eyeshields-if indicated

Structural Protective Clothing shall be worn during all Rescue/Extrication incidents.

Responses for EMS not in buildings, anywhere outside, particularly after dark, clothing with reflective properties shall be worn. This may include:

Structural coat and helmet

Wildland coat and helmet

EMS Jacket with reflective striping

Members are reminded that all Protective Clothing must meet or exceed current NFPA, OSHA and NIOSH Standards.