



Stamford Fire Department

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Subject: Traffic Safety Vests
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31.00 PURPOSE

To establish policy to describe the required personal protective apparel to be worn by Stamford Fire Department members when working at an incident that places the member in or near moving traffic. Incidents such as vehicle accidents, extrications, fluid spills, dangerous conditions or any incident that exposes the member to moving traffic while working on foot. This policy places the member and department in compliance with Federal Law 23 CFR Part 634 and applicable provisions of the Federal Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Devices.

31.01

When an incident specifically requires a member to work in or near moving traffic, the following personal protective apparel shall be worn in addition to the PPE required by the Stamford Fire Department:

- Structural Fire Helmet with chin strap properly donned

- ANSI 107-compliant Class 2 vest,

- Bunker pants & boots or protective footwear

31.02

If a member is required to wear a structural turnout coat during operations at the incident, the ANSI safety vest must be donned OVER the turnout coat. Turnout coats and pants are not acceptable as high-visibility safety apparel when donned without the ANSI safety vest on the outside of the coat.

31.03

Incidents that may be encountered where donning the ANSI safety vest may increase risk of injury to members or where wearing a vest may in fact be otherwise impractical. Under these limited situations, the requirement for donning an ANSI safety vest by members directly involved in the hazard zone is modified.

Exemptions for wearing the ANSI safety vest applies only to members directly involved in activities within the hazard zone, and only when the hazard zone is protected from the hazards of moving traffic by apparatus blocking, lane closures, etc.



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31.04

ANSI safety vests are not designed to use in high temperature environments, and are not required when:

1. Don structural PPE & SCBA to work in close proximity to a heat source such as during suppression of a vehicle fire.
2. Don hazardous materials PPE to avoid potential exposure to chemicals or other contaminants.

31.05

All members on-scene performing duties or involved at activities other than those listed above are required to don ANSI safety vests when working in or near moving traffic.

Members directly involved in source of heat, chemical or technical rescue activities, who complete their activities within the designated hazard zone are required to don ANSI safety vests once their activities within the hazard zone are completed or they leave the immediate hazard zone of the incident scene.

31.06

ALL MEMBERS SHALL DON AN ANSI CLASS 2 VEST WHILE WORKING A VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH A PIN-IN OR ANY TYPE INCIDENT ON ANY HIGHWAY OR STREET WHERE FIREFIGHTERS ARE EXPOSED TO MOVING TRAFFIC.