

Santa Barbara City Fire Department - Standard Operating Procedures <b>Safety Operations</b>	Code: <b>S-IV-1</b>
<b>PPE</b>	
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## **GENERAL**

### **I. POLICY**

- A. The department shall provide each member with the appropriate protective clothing and protective equipment to provide protection from the hazards of the work environment to which the member is or may be exposed. Such protective clothing and protective equipment shall be suitable for the tasks that the member is expected to perform in that environment.
- B. Protective clothing and protective equipment shall be used whenever the member is exposed or potentially exposed to the hazards for which it is provided.

### **II. PROCEDURE**

- A. Members shall be fully trained in the care, use, inspection, maintenance, and limitations of the protective clothing and protective equipment assigned to them or available for their use.
- B. Protective clothing and protective equipment shall be used and maintained in accordance with manufacturers' instructions. A maintenance and inspection program shall be established for protective clothing and protective equipment. Specific responsibilities shall be assigned for inspection and maintenance.
- C. Department members will wear full protective clothing at all times when engaged in active firefighting, hazardous materials, or technical rescue operations. "Full Protective Clothing" is defined as that safety equipment issued by the Fire Department to fully encapsulate the Firefighter during such operations. The exceptions are when the Incident Commander allows removal and at certain EMS calls when full protective clothing is not required.