

**CLAYTON FIRE COMPANY NO.1 INCORPORATED
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDLINE # III-7**

Date of Effect: March 1, 2012	To be reviewed: January, 2020
To: All Members	Revised: January 1, 2019
Ordered By: Alexander C Carrow, Fire Chief	
Subject: Cleaning and Inspecting of Turn-out Gear	

This guideline shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until superseded.

Purpose: This SOG will establish guidelines for members to inspect and clean their own set of turn-out gear, as well as establishing the policy for current members to maintain their own set of turn-out gear.

- I. Prior to assigning gear to a member the officer in charge of turnout gear or their designee will inspect all aspects of the turnout gear. These will include the following:

Helmet

- Proper fit and size on firefighter
- Insure all proper protective measures are intact inside of helmet
- Any leather helmets placed in service must be inspected by fire chief prior to being placed in service.

Hood

- Insure proper fit on firefighter.
- Insure elastic around face has proper integrity and functioning properly.

Turnout Coat

- Inspecting coat for tears or rips in outer layer and moisture barrier.
- Inspecting coat to determine all snaps, buckles, clasps, and Velcro is in place and working properly.
- Inspect Drag Rescue Device to insure it's in proper working order.
- Inspect outer shell along with reflective material of coat for soiling, discolorations and tears.
- Insure elastic in wristlets is still has proper integrity and functioning properly.

Turnout Pants

- Inspecting pants for tears or rips in outer layer and moisture barrier.
- Inspecting pants to determine all snaps, buckles, clasps, and Velcro is in place and working properly.
- Inspect outer shell along with reflective material of pants for soiling, discolorations, and tears.

- Insure suspenders are in proper working order and fit correctly.

Gloves

- Insure proper fit on firefighter.
- If style permits the need of gauntlet style gloves that cuffs are in proper working order.

Boots

- Insure proper fit on firefighter.
- Insure boots are sealed and not leaking

II. All turnout gear will fall into the following criteria for assignment;

- Non-interior Firefighters will not be allowed to operate in gear with a manufacture date of 15 years or older.
- Interior Firefighters will not be allowed to operate in gear with a manufacture date of 10 years or older.

III. Cleaning of Gear- types of cleaning will be broken down into three types of cleaning;

- Routine Cleaning- will consist of cleaning debris off with garden hose back at station, using a soft bristled brush and a liquid detergent to clean gear. This can be done anytime and should be completed after every working fire.
- Advanced Cleaning- will consist of separating the outer shell from the inner layer of both the coat and pants. Removal of DRD and suspenders if possible and placing inside a zip up mesh bag. Then securing all buttons, zippers, and Velcro enclosures on coat and pants. Then placing all in gear extractor and running it through a complete cycle. After cycle is complete all gear should be placed in gear drying cabinet to dry. Once drying is complete the above inspection was should be done to insure turnout gear is ready for service. This should be complete once a year or anytime turnout gear is heavy soiled with containments.
- Outside Cleaning by Approved Company- will be completed if turnout gear is heavy soiled with body fluids, hazardous materials, or when advance cleaning isn't able to fully clean the gear as it should.
- The Fire Chief or his designee can request a member Advance Clean their assigned set of gear anytime they feel it is needed.
- Anytime a member is washing their assigned turnout gear every effort will be made to provide them with a spare set.