

BURLINGTON TWP. FIRE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE #45

TRAFFIC SAFETY VEST

Purpose: This policy establishes the department requirements for the use of traffic safety vests when operating in areas of vehicular traffic. This policy is also designed to meet the intent of the 2007 edition of NFPA 1500 and the U.S. Department of Transportation, 23 CFR Part 634 and the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Scope: For all members to safely operate around vehicular traffic.

Traffic Safety Vests:

1. Traffic Safety Vests are issued to all members.
2. At least one extra Traffic Safety Vest is also located on all apparatus.

Traffic Safety Vests shall be worn:

1. Whenever personnel are operating in areas of vehicular traffic.
2. When operating on any federally funded roadways or parking lots.
3. This includes any type of duty you are performing; even the duty of treating a patient with medical care.

When to Don the Vests:

1. Traffic Safety Vests shall be donned immediately upon exiting the apparatus or vehicle and include instances when turnout gear is worn. Turnout coats alone are not acceptable as high-visibility highway safety apparel.

Exception to the requirements:

1. When SCBA is worn.
2. When wearing Hazardous Material personal protective equipment.
3. When wearing Technical Rescue personal protective gear.
4. When you are exposed to flame, fire, or high heat.