

SAFETY GRAM

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SAFETY VEST, "WEAR IT"



In order to provide greater safety and visibility for Division of Fire Services members, florescent safety vests shall be worn during day and night outdoor-emergency incidents, where the situation does not require firefighter bunker gear. There is a potential risk of injury from vehicle movement. Outdoor Emergency Incidents are those that require emergency duties to be performed outside of a structure. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- A medical emergency, such as a heart attack in a parking lot.
- Public services call, such as a downed tree or power-line on or near roadway.
- Setting up a landing zone for Med-a-vac.
- Re-packing hose lines while on streets.
- Other situations involving traffic incidents or the need for readily identified emergency responders.
- Fire Police at motor vehicle accident scenes.

Personnel operating within the Incident Command System and assigned to Command Staff or Sector positions are to be attired in the proper ICS vest.

Housekeeping



Containers shall be marked on the outside with the chemical content name. Spray bottles that are not marked can lead to disaster. Example: Does a green fluid in a spray bottle clean, disinfect or degrease?

Dispersion level Chart

- Dispersion Range 0-40 is stable air, low fire intensity, less long range spotting.
- Dispersion Range 41-70 is moderate unstable air, increased fire intensity and long range spotting.
- Dispersion Range 70+ is unstable air, high amount of upper lifting, intense fire activity, potential for long range spotting and plume dominated wildfires.

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Fight fire aggressively, but provide for safety first. **I**nitiate all action based on current and expected fire behavior.

Recognize current weather conditions and obtain forecasts.

Ensure instructions are given and understood.

Obtain current information on status.

Remain in communication with crewmembers, your supervisor, and adjoining forces.

Determine safety zones and escape routes.

Establish lookouts in potentially hazardous situations.

Remain in control at all times.

Stay alert, keep calm, act decisively.

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