

ESCAMBIA COUNTY FIRE-RESCUE

Rules, Policies, and Guidelines

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Traffic Safety Vests

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PURPOSE:

To provide a means of reducing the possibility of personnel being injured while working in close proximity to vehicular traffic or other emergency scenes where visibility is reduced because of darkness, weather or other adverse conditions.

OBJECTIVE:

To enhance the safety of all personnel while working on or around roadways and traffic.

SCOPE:

All Personnel

PROCEDURE

Normal safety precautions must be exercised on the scene of all alarms. Personal safety vests, turnout coat, and/or reflective rain gear in accordance with 23 CFR part 634 and ANSI 107-2004 class II or III certified safety apparel shall be worn by all fire rescue personnel prior to disembarking the apparatus to perform job function(s) to include but not limited to:

- Day time operations when working on or adjacent to roadways
- Backing apparatus or other vehicles
- Civilians, students, or employees of other divisions should also be supplied a safety vest while riding/observing on ECFR apparatus or vehicles
- Operating at emergency scenes on roadways regardless of traffic volume
- During low light conditions (inclement weather, dawn/dusk hours, night time operations, etc.)
- As directed by any officer that deems the use of such vest as a necessary precaution

Safety vests will be supplied on all apparatus and vehicles owned or insured by ECFR. While safety vests do not insure complete protection, they do increase on-scene visibility and therefore decrease the possibility that personnel will be struck by a moving vehicle. Personnel should remain alert to their surroundings and take other safety precautions to reduce the possibility of personnel being struck by vehicular traffic.