

Allegany County Emergency Services Board
Policy and Procedures
Helmet & Safety Vest Colors
Date: 7/13/10

1. Purpose and Scope

1.1. Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to standardize the colors of helmets and vests being utilized by the Fire and EMS first responders in Allegany County. The intent is to provide a more consistent means of identifying officers and capabilities on the fire ground.

1.2. Scope: The Scope of this policy will cover all Fire and EMS first responders in Allegany County.

2. Policy

2.1. Helmets

2.1.1. When deemed necessary by the incident commander, first responders are required to utilize personal protective equipment when operating on an incident scene. The personal protective equipment may include appropriate helmets.

2.1.2. The helmets should be color schemed as identified below:

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| 2.1.2.1. Chief Officers | White |
| 2.1.2.2. Captains | Red |
| 2.1.2.3. Lieutenants | Blue |
| 2.1.2.4. Firefighters | Black or Yellow |
| 2.1.2.5. Probationary/Untrained FF | Green |
| 2.1.2.6. EMS Personnel | Blue with Star of Life Decal |

The helmets should display an approved SCBA sticker for those firefighters that are SCBA certified and have successfully participated in the respiratory protection program.

2.2. Safety Vests

2.2.1. Safety Vests are utilized to identify the position a first responder fills in the incident command system. The vests should follow the color scheme identified below:

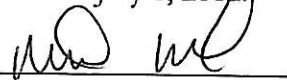
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| 2.2.1.1. Incident Commander | White |
| 2.2.1.2. Incident Safety Officer | Orange |
| 2.2.1.3. All Other Positions | Red |

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3. Administration

3.1. This policy will be reviewed and modified by the Allegany County Fire and Rescue Board.

3.2. This policy will be phased in over several years with final implementation occurring on July 1, 2012.



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President