

LAKWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

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DATE IMPLEMENTED: JANUARY 1, 2024 DATE REVISED:	TITLE: TRAFFIC SAFETY VESTS

PURPOSE:

This operating guideline establishes the department requirements for the use of traffic safety vests when operating in areas of vehicular traffic. Our safety requires an understanding and appreciation of the high risk that firefighters are exposed to when operating in or near vehicular traffic. One method for providing for the safety of our personnel is the use of traffic safety vests that are a high-visibility vest that meets the requirements of ANSI 107-2004 as a Class 2 or Public Safety vest.

SCOPE:

This Guideline shall apply to all Fire Department Personnel.

GENERAL:

1. Traffic Safety Vests are available on each vehicle/apparatus, so they are readily accessible by personnel.
2. The vest shall be worn whenever personnel are operating in areas of vehicular traffic, and when operating on any federally funded roadway or parking lot.
3. The vest shall be donned immediately upon exiting the vehicle, or apparatus, and includes instances when turnout gear is worn. Turnout coats alone are not acceptable as high-visibility highway safety apparel.
4. The exceptions to these requirements are:
 - a) When SCBA is worn.
 - b) When actively involved in Fire Suppression.
 - c) When there is a potential for exposure to the products of combustion.
 - d) When actively involved in vehicle extrication.
 - e) When wearing hazardous materials personal protective equipment.
 - f) When wearing technical rescue personal protective equipment.