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**Ocean City Fire Department**  
**Standard Operating Guidelines**

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## General Policies

Subject: High Visibility Safety Vests  
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Section: 237.00

### 237.01 Purpose

To establish Fire Department policy on the wearing of appropriate safety apparel on emergency incidents.

### 237.02 Policy

- A. In order to provide greater safety and visibility for Ocean City Fire Department members, high visibility safety vests or other issued reflective materials shall be worn during day and night emergency incidents that occur in or near traffic conditions. Traffic conditions will be defined as any street or road that is open to any type of vehicle traffic. Included in this is any sidewalk or path that is next to any traffic condition. This policy is in accordance with the Town of Ocean City, Maryland Health and Safety Manual, section XI (Health and Safety Programs), and subsection R (Personal Protective Equipment, Traffic Protection). Examples include, but are not limited to:
1. medical emergency in or near a street or large parking area
  2. re-packing hose lines.
  3. setting up a landing zone for a Medevac.
  4. other situations involving traffic or the need to readily identify emergency responders.
- B. The prescribed safety vests may be of the following types:
1. Issued by Ocean City Fire Department, high visibility safety vests with reflective stripes and marked Fire Department or Emergency Services.
  2. Issued by Ocean City Fire Department, a turnout coat that is in acceptable condition determined by a Command Officer.
  3. Issued by Ocean City Fire Department, a raincoat that is in acceptable condition determined by a Command Officer.
- C. Safety vests as well as turnout coat and raincoat are part of minimum equipment issued and part of the daily uniform issued and is therefore required to be in accordance with SOG 217.00.

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**237.03 Responsibilities**

- A. Company Officers as well as all Fire Department members are responsible to make sure that all members are attired properly to ensure high visibility and identity as a Fire Department member.
- B. Personnel operating within the Incident Command System and assigned to Command Staff or Sector positions are to be attired in the proper ICS vest and are not required to wear the issued fluorescent safety vest.