Ocean City Fire Department FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

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TO ALL OCFD Personnel

FROM Fire Chief Richard R. Bowers, Jr.

SUBJECT Personnel Health & Safety Pandemic COVID Respiratory

Protection

Respiratory protection for first response personnel is a critical health and safety priority to protect our Paramedics and Firefighters during the COVID-19 pandemic.

When personnel are unable to socially distance, they are required to wear a cloth or surgical mask at all times. For example, in the Medic Unit or Fire Engine

When personnel are responding to emergency incidents and will have a patient encounter and contact, they are required to wear an approved N95 mask for on-duty respiratory protection along with all BSI safety equipment. Anytime personnel are on the boardwalk a mask is required.

We must continue to take the necessary precautions to protect our Paramedics and Firefighters from COVID-19 and other airborne and bloodborne communicable diseases. All personnel are required to immediately comply with the Fire Chiefs General Order.