
**Ocean City Fire Department
Standard Operating Guidelines**

General Policies

Subject: High Visibility Safety Vests
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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. 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
 - 2. Issued by Ocean City Fire Department, a raincoat that is in acceptable condition and meets the ANSI requirements for square inches of high visibility material
- C. Safety vests are part of minimum equipment issued and part of the daily uniform issued