

**PENNINGTON COUNTY FIRE SERVICE BOARD (FSB)
BEST OPERATING PRACTICES (BOPs)**

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS	Date	BOP#
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)	Addition: 1/1/1993	FSB201
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PREMISE:	It is the intention to provide protective clothing and equipment and to ensure that it is maintained in a safe and functional condition. Department personnel must be protected from personal injury to the maximum practical extent while engaged in emergency activities.
PURPOSE:	The purpose of this BOP is to minimize injury to Pennington County (County) personnel engaged in emergency activities through the appropriate use, maintenance, inspection, and wearing of protective clothing and equipment (PPE).
SCOPE:	All Pennington County Fire Service (PCFS) personnel shall wear full PPE, as defined below, when in the proximity of, or engaged in, any incident and/or activity which poses a threat to safety or health.

PROCEDURES:

1) General

- a) The definition of full protective clothing varies with the type of incident or activity.
- b) Incidents involving combinations of activities (such as medical and extrication) require the wearing of protective clothing appropriate for all the activities in that combination incident to account for the highest hazard present.
- c) Items and styles of protective clothing shall be approved by the Department and shall be kept in good repair.

2) Standards

- a) Regarding Structural PPE, departments shall follow:
 - i) NFPA 1971: Standard on Protective Clothing for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting.
 - ii) NFPA 1851: Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting, and Proximity Fire Fighting
- b) Regarding Wildland PPE, departments shall follow:
 - i) NFPA 1977: Standard on Protective Clothing for Wildland Fire fighting and Urban Interface Fire Fighting

- ii) NFPA 1877: Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Wildland Fire Fighting Protective Clothing and Equipment.