

Polson City and Rural Volunteer Fire Department Operating Guidelines

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301.03 Traffic Safety

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Purpose: To ensure the safety of all emergency personnel within the fire department operations. To be in compliance with **23CFR634** regarding Worker Visibility. To decrease the likelihood of emergency personnel fatalities or injuries caused by motor vehicles and all other vehicle traffic while working within the right-of-way on Federal-aid highways. This also includes any and all streets, roads that a department vehicle may respond to or on.

Procedure: When dispatched to any incident involving a motor vehicle involved in a crash or spill or other, such as mutual aid or EMS assist, it will be the responsibility of all responders to retrieve from the apparatus they are responding on, a high-visibility traffic vest and put the vest on shortly after exiting the apparatus or before exiting the apparatus. The officer of the apparatus will make sure that all responders are wearing the high visibility vests before engaging the scene. The scene Safety Officer or the Incident Commander will be required to enforce this. Where there could be multi incidents at the same time, the highest ranking officer on the scene will be required to enforce this.

- A vest will be required on all traffic accidents or any incident where department personnel will be around or near a street or road way.
- A violation of this guideline will be addressed in the discipline policy at the officer's or chief's assessment. Please refer to discipline policy 100.10.

Vests: The approved vest is described in **23CFR634** are ISEA 107-2004 or 207-2007 requirements.

Training: All members of the Polson City and Rural Volunteer Fire Department will be required to view the training video obtained from Respondersafety.com. All members will be shown where the vests are kept on each apparatus. They will be shown how to wear the vest over their turnout gear.