

Wilton Fire Department

Safety Bulletin

This bulletin is in regards to **Wearing Proper PPE on Calls.**

The Safety of our personnel (you) while performing the duties as assigned is of the utmost importance. Our ability to be safe while performing our duties while helping others with their emergencies comes in part from wearing the proper PPE on the calls we run. When I say call I am talking about every call from the routine to the not so routine. From wearing medical gloves on medical aids while taking a blood sugar to wearing full structure gear and SCBA while checking out a gas leak in a structure. Every year the fire service losses approximately 100 firefighters. In 2007, 53 out of 103 of our fallen brothers and sisters were volunteer firefighters (research is from NFPA) that is just about half. In 2007 there were approximately 54,000 firefighters injured in the course of performing their duties on a call (research is from NFPA). So let's not get in the mindset that it cannot happen to me. Take no call as routine. Always expect the unexpected. Treat every call as the big one even if it is not and when the big one happens we will be ready for it.

Happy New Year!!

Thank You!!

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Remember, We are all Safety Officers!
Be Safe!