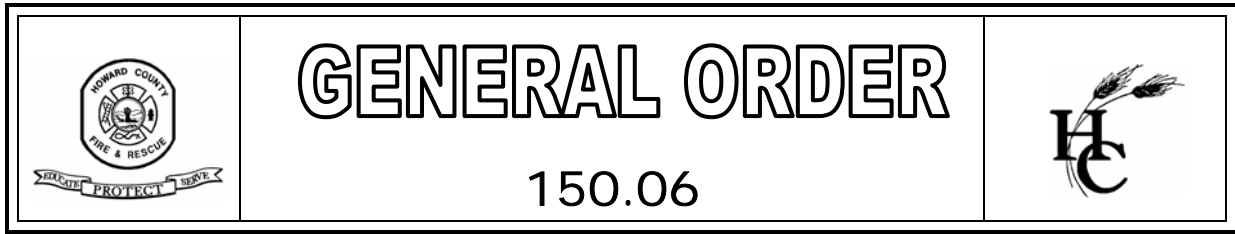


# DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES



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<b>Administration</b>	<b>1/17/1995</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**SUBJECT: Fluorescent Safety Vests**

**APPLICABILITY: All Personnel**

**POLICY:**

To establish criteria for the use and wear of the fluorescent safety vest, in accordance with NFPA 1500, Section 6-2.3.

1 GENERAL

1.1 Fluorescent orange safety vests shall be available for each seated position on all apparatus and support vehicles within the Howard County Department Fire and Rescue Services (DFRS).

1.1.1 Staff and chief officer vehicles shall be equipped with a minimum of two (2) vests.

1.2 At all times on-scene apparatus should be used to shield and protect personnel, when possible.



2 USE AND WEAR

2.1 Safety vests shall be worn by all personnel when operational activities require a need for high visibility.

2.2 Fluorescent safety vests shall be mandatory when operating in the traveled portion of any highway, street, or road. This shall include the shoulder and median of a divided highway.

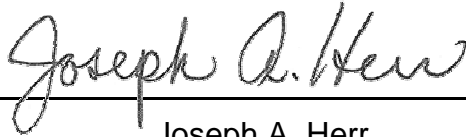
2.3 Vests are not required when personnel are actively involved in suppression or rescue operations; provided they are wearing full protective equipment. (helmet, bunker coat, bunker pants)

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- 2.4 Fluorescent safety vests shall be worn when DFRS personnel need to be clearly identified during public events.

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