



GLASTONBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES



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CATEGORY: EMERGENCY OPERATIONS - GENERAL
SUB-CATEGORY: DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVE
SUBJECT: HEARING PROTECTION

Section I – Introduction

A. Objective

To provide Department members with the necessary equipment that will protect and provide superior hearing protection.

B. Applicability

It shall be mandatory for personnel to wear hearing protection headsets whenever operating in or within close proximity to fire apparatus or loud machinery in confined areas.

C. References

Town of Manchester Fire-Rescue-EMS – General Operating Guideline

Section II – Guideline

Apparatus vehicle headsets will be donned and adjusted. Head straps are adjustable by Velcro straps and should fit comfortably. Microphones should be approximately 1" in front of wearer's mouth. Speak directly into the microphone; the voice activation sensitivity is adjustable and should open on normal voice volume. There are intercom volume adjustments on the control box as well as on the side of the ear cuff. Radio volume may also be adjusted by using the volume control on the radio.

You may hear the intercom open from time to time; this is normal caused by your own breathing or noise within the cab. Once again, make your own adjustment to fit your needs.

Miscellaneous

All headset locations are intercom capable. Drivers and Officers positions are intercom/radio capable.

Communication type hearing protection is legal per DOT and encouraged by OSHA.

Any problems with headset equipment shall be directed to the Station's Captain or his/her designee.

Bauer Air Compressor

Personnel operating the Bauer air compressor, located at Station 1, shall don hearing protection while working in the room with the compressor running.

Section III- Approval

Fire Chief Michael P. King

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