UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

29.1 QUARTERMASTER

29.1.1 The Quartermaster is responsible for the distribution of uniforms and equipment in accordance with procedures established by the Bureau of Support Services.

29.1.2 Members shall wear only uniforms and equipment that are in compliance with the specifications and are issued by the Quartermaster.

29.1.3 Patches, emblems, or unit designations and numbers, may be worn by members in accordance with AUC-270 and PAID-2/75 Addendum A.

29.1.4 The approved Fire Department shoulder patch is mandatory for all ranks on the following articles of uniform clothing:
   - Winter dress shirt
   - Summer dress shirt
   - Short sleeve work/duty shirt
   - Long sleeve work/duty shirt
   - Job shirt
   - Uniform dress coat
   - Uniform all weather coat
   - Work/Duty jacket

29.2 APPOINTMENT - PROMOTIONS

29.2.1 Firefighters 6th grade, when directed, will procure from the Quartermaster the following:

A. Uniform Equipment
   - Uniform cap
   - Work/duty jacket
   - Seasonal uniform shirts (dress and work)
   - Collar insignia
   - Work pants
   - Blue tie and tie clasp
   - Black leather belt
   - Work/duty shoes
   - Black socks (not issued by the Quartermaster)
B. **Firefighting Equipment**

- Fire helmet with eye shields and frontpiece
- Bunker gear
- Boots
- Work gloves
- Protective hood

C. **Training school equipment:**

As directed by the officer in command of the training school.

29.2.2 Prior to graduation from the Fire Academy, Probationary Firefighters shall procure from the Quartermaster a new dress uniform (dress coat, dress trousers, uniform all weather coat, dress shoes, and white gloves). Confirmation of compliance shall be indicated in evaluation #3, under Company Commander's Review on the BP-91A.

29.2.3 During their probationary period, until they receive their dress uniforms, Firefighters 6th grade shall wear the uniform prescribed in Section 29.2.1 paragraph A. The wearing of the work/duty jacket may be dispensed with during the period from May 1 to October 31.

29.2.4 Firefighters 6th grade shall, when directed, submit one photograph in civilian clothes (2 ½ inches x 4 inches, studio quality, black and white) to the Bureau of Personnel.

29.2.5 Firefighters 6th grade advanced to Firefighters 5th grade shall immediately submit two photographs (2½ inches x 4 inches, studio quality, black and white or color) in uniform and cap to their assigned Company Commander. One photograph shall be forwarded to the Bureau of Personnel with member's name, unit, and date of appointment, on the back. The second photograph shall be attached to the inside of the member's personnel folder.

29.2.6 Members promoted shall procure from the Quartermaster the dress uniform for their new rank within 30 days after the date of such promotion.

29.2.7 Members promoted shall immediately procure from the Quartermaster the work/duty uniform for their new rank.
29.2.8 Members shall, within 60 days after promotion to any rank, forward a bust photograph (2½ inches x 4 inches, studio quality, black and white or color), in uniform, and cap, to the Bureau of Personnel. Member's name, rank, unit, and promotion date shall be printed on the back of the photograph. The second photograph shall be attached to the inside of the member’s personnel folder.

29.3 DECORATIONS, CHEST INSIGNIA

29.3.1 Deleted.

29.3.2 Members entitled to wear chest insignia to indicate medals and awards granted by the Department shall be guided by instructions in PA/ID 2/75.

29.4 CONDITION AND APPEARANCE OF UNIFORMS

29.4.1 Members shall be responsible at all times for their well-groomed personal appearance and compliance with requirements of this chapter. Members are responsible for cleaning and pressing of uniform clothing. They shall, when uniforms or parts become ill fitting, soiled or worn, promptly have item(s) repaired or replaced by the Quartermaster. The Quartermaster shall make the determination of whether the item(s) can be repaired or require replacement.

29.4.2 Officers shall, when members are detailed to funerals, parades or places of public assembly, require such members to wear dress uniform and present a neat, well-groomed appearance.

29.4.3 Members shall not wear uniforms or parts that are worn or soiled. Uniforms at all times shall be well pressed, brushed, and fully buttoned. Shoes, badges and insignia shall be well polished. Caps shall be in good condition, of proper size and fit, and worn evenly across the forehead, with the lower border of hatband not more than 1½ inches above eyebrow level. Hands shall be kept out of pockets of trousers, jackets and coats.

29.4.4 Members in dress uniform shall wear dress shoes issued by the Quartermaster. Black socks shall be worn.
29.4.5 Members in uniform shall not carry umbrellas, nor wear buttons, badges, or decorations other than those permitted by the Regulations or official orders.

29.4.6 Members shall not appear at any time in a borrowed uniform or part.

29.4.7 Members are prohibited from wearing earrings or facial adornments while on duty or when wearing a Fire Department uniform.

29.5 **UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS**

29.5.1 Uniforms and equipment specified in this chapter shall be inspected annually by Battalion Chiefs during the period of April 15 to June 15. Uniforms and equipment not complying with provisions of this chapter shall be condemned. Proper entries shall be made on form CD-80B. Records of such inspections shall be maintained by each division and battalion and reports forwarded as provided for in Chapter 30.

29.5.2 Officers in command of the various headquarters bureaus or divisions shall inspect uniforms of all members assigned thereto, including limited service members. Reports of condemned uniforms shall be forwarded in compliance with Chapter 30.

29.5.3 Chief and Company Officers shall require all members under their jurisdiction to comply at all times with provisions of this chapter. Battalion Chiefs shall condemn any article or equipment or any garment which is not in compliance with specifications.

29.5.4 Condemned helmets, eyeshields, work gloves, boots, bunker coats/pants, and protective hoods must be replaced immediately. A member whose bunker coat/pants have been condemned should immediately return condemned item to the Quartermaster for repair or replacement. The member should wear his/her backup bunker gear while the condemned item is being repaired or replaced. Members without backup bunker gear should contact SOC for loaner gear.

29.5.5 During Annual Inspection by Battalion Chiefs members shall wear the work/duty uniform.

29.5.6 The following items shall be neatly laid out in apparatus quarters for inspection by Battalion Chiefs: Both sets of bunker gear, helmet, hood, boots, work gloves, hose spanner, hose strap, book of Regulations, all parts of dress uniform, work/duty jacket, long and short sleeve work/duty uniform shirts, shorts, golf shirt, job shirt, work pants, and work/duty shoes.
29.6 SCHEDULE FOR WEARING OF UNIFORMS

29.6.1 Members shall be familiar with all sections of this chapter, which prescribe proper uniform for the season. Uniform for the season shall also be worn by members visiting Department Headquarters on Department business and on all other occasions where members represent the Department. Members assigned or detailed to special duties shall, unless otherwise ordered, wear the uniform prescribed for the season.

29.6.2 The formal or dress uniform issued by the Quartermaster shall be as follows:

**Officers:**
- Cap (white)
- All weather coat
- Dress coat
- Dress trousers
- Dress shirt (short sleeve or long sleeve white)
- Blue tie with FDNY tie clasp
- Collar insignia
- Gloves (white)
- Black belt (Chiefs – gold buckle)
- Dress shoes
- Black socks (not issued by the Quartermaster)
- Gold name pin (Battalion and Deputy Chiefs only)

**Firefighters:**
- Cap (with badge)
- All weather coat
- Dress coat (with badge)
- Dress trousers
- Dress shirt (short sleeve or long sleeve blue)
- Blue tie with FDNY tie clasp
- Collar insignia
- Gloves (white)
- Black belt
- Dress shoes
- Black socks (not issued by the Quartermaster)
29.6.3 The work/duty uniform issued by the Quartermaster shall be as follows:

**Officers:**
- Cap (white)
- Shirt: Lieutenants and Captains (light blue - long/short sleeve)
  - Chief Officers (white only – long/short sleeve)
- Work pants
- Shorts
- Black belt
- Work/duty shoes
- Black socks (not issued by the Quartermaster)
- Work/duty jacket
- Collar insignia
- Blue tie with FDNY tie clasp (from 0900 to 2300 hrs.)
- Job shirt
- White T shirt (not issued by the Quartermaster)

**Firefighters:**
- Cap
- Shirt (long/short sleeve)
- Golf shirt
- Work pants
- Shorts
- Black belt
- Work/duty shoes
- Black socks (not issued by the Quartermaster)
- Work/duty jacket
- Job shirt

Notes regarding work/duty uniform:

The wearing of ties with Chief and Company Officer’s long sleeve work/duty shirt is optional from 2300 to 0900 hours, however, ties are required at all hours when dealing with the public (e.g. receiving visitors, inspection duties, etc.). Ties are optional when responding to, operating at, and returning from alarms. Ties are optional for Chief and Company Officers at all times when wearing short sleeve work/duty shirt. Chief and Company Officers may wear only solid white T-shirts under open necked work/duty shirt. T-shirts shall have no lettering, logos or graphics visible through the uniform shirt.

Firefighters may wear the job shirt in lieu of the work/duty shirt between 2300 hours and 0900 hours. At no time may T-shirt be worn in lieu of golf shirt or work/duty shirt. The job shirt may be worn over the work/duty shirt.
29.6.4 Members shall comply with the following schedule for wearing uniforms:

**October 1 to April 30**

**Formal:**
Dress uniform with all weather coat and long sleeve shirt

**Work:**
Officers: Work/duty uniform with long sleeve shirt  
Firefighters: Work/duty uniform with long sleeve shirt

**May 1 to September 30**

**Formal:**
Dress uniform with long/short sleeve shirt.

**Work:**
Officers: Work/duty uniform with long/short sleeve shirt (tie optional for short sleeve shirt)  
Firefighters: Work/duty uniform with short sleeve shirt or golf shirt.

**Guidelines for wearing of shorts**

The wearing of Department issued shorts is authorized, subject to the following guidelines:

Shorts are an optional part of the uniform year round. They may be worn by Company Officers and Firefighters.

Shorts may be worn while in quarters and may be worn under the bunker gear during fire and emergency operations. (Shorts shall not be worn for CFR-D/CPR responses, ERS NC, and Class E alarms unless worn under bunker gear.)

Shorts may **not** be worn for AFID, Annual Education Day, hydrant inspection, complaint investigation, or public education activities (e.g., Operation Sidewalk, Fatal Fire Campaigns).

Units called to Bureau of Training and Satellite Training Locations (e.g., Brooklyn Navy Yard) may wear shorts.

Officers shall require members to present a neat appearance. Soiled and/or wrinkled uniforms shall not be worn. Work/duty shoes shall be worn. White socks may be worn with work/duty shoes when wearing shorts.

29.6.5 Outside of quarters the work/duty jacket may be worn with the work/duty uniform.

29.6.6 During the inclement weather, the all weather coat may be worn over the dress uniform.
29.6.7 Modifications of the uniform of the season will be noted on Department Orders when required.

29.6.8 When on duty at a place of public assembly, the dress uniform shall be worn. All weather coat shall be removed when detail is indoors.

29.6.9 Members performing housewatch duty shall wear work/duty uniform without cap.

29.6.10 Pilots and Marine Engineers shall wear work/duty shirts with clip-on collar insignia, work/duty pants, uniform cap when topside, and work jacket when weather conditions require additional cover.

29.6.11 Deleted.

29.6.12 Members performing field inspection duty will wear work/duty uniform of the season. Uniform cap with badge must be worn. Wearing of work/duty jacket is optional. Bunker coat and bunker pants shall not be worn.

29.6.13 Dress uniform with seasonal dress shirt will be worn by members detailed to office or clerical duty (may be modified by officer in command of unit).

29.6.14 Officers performing inspectional activities while available for response to alarms shall wear work/duty uniform (with cap and tie).

29.6.15 When short sleeve shirt is permitted to be worn without tie, only top button may be left unbuttoned.

29.6.16 The Bureau of Operations may, during unusual weather conditions, temporarily modify Regulations governing the wearing of uniforms or parts.