

BULLETIN

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TO: All Personnel
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SUBJECT: PPE Modifications

Logistics has noticed an increase of personal modifications to issued PPE, specifically turnout gear. Examples of personal modifications include tool pouches, belts, loops, patches, etc. This is a reminder to adhere to SDFD Operations Manual SI 10 Section 10.IV.A.2. that states, **“Protective clothing and equipment will not be modified, changed, or altered under any circumstances.”** Modifications of any type can compromise the safety of the garment. Additionally, personal modifications can void the warranty in the event of damage or injury occurring during use.

Battalion Chiefs and Captains shall ensure all personnel under their supervision are adhering to this policy. Repair or replacement needs identified informally or during annual inspections should be documented via PStrax and coordinated through the Equipment Center.

Please direct all questions through your chain of command.