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Allegany County
Emergency Services Board
Policies and Standards

Subject: Helmet and SCBA Placard System	Approved:
Approved: _W. Shu M_ ,	**Emergency Services Board Chair**

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to improve accountability and crew integrity within Allegany County.

Scope: Scope of this policy is to cover all SCBA and Fire-EMS helmets in Allegany County.

Policy:

To improve incident scene safety and strengthen our accountability program for responders while on the incident scene, those personnel assigned to a unit, shall utilize the Helmet Placard System (HPS). This is advantageous for not only the IC but the unit officer to help maintain crew integrity, especially if crews are split with different assignments. It also proves extremely useful when on an incident scene operating with multiple departments.

This is not a requirement but guidance for those departments participating in the HPS.

HPS consists of two (2) vertical placards, approximately 2 3/16" wide x 3 9/16" tall, which are highly reflective and are different colors to coincide with units. They also have the department number as an "Identifier."
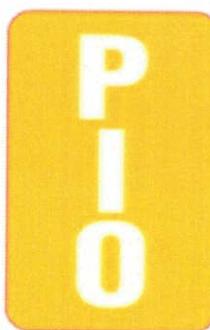

GREEN = Truck — Officer 16 / Crew 16
BLUE = Rescue — Officer 16 / Crew 16
RED = Engine — Officer 16 1 / Crew 16 1
GREY = Support* — Officer 16 / Crew 16

Includes Tanker, Utility, Brush and UTV.

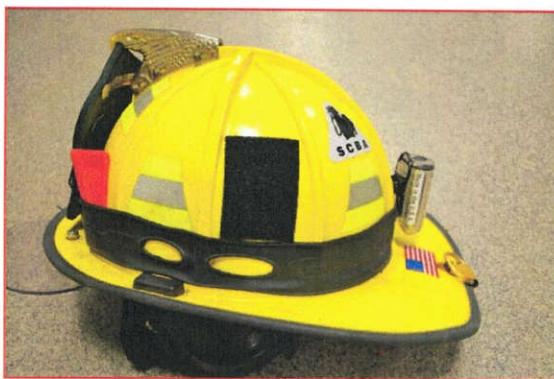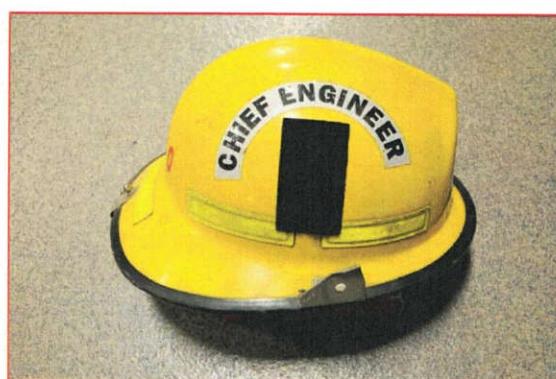| IC 16	16	P I O	S 16	518
Command	D/C or A/C**	Public Info. Officer	Safety	EMS

A section of the "Loop" (soft) VELCRO is permanently mounted directly to the firefighter's helmet where any HPS shall be affixed.
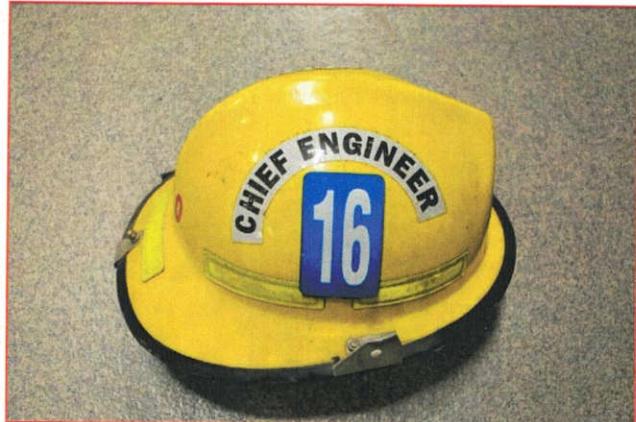
Ben II-Style

Metro-Style

These placards are to be affixed to the helmet (one each side) prior to exiting the apparatus. **This includes the operator and officer**.

To ensure that the "identifier" is not covered by any rubber straps, the permanent placement of the "Loop" (soft) VELCRO on the helmet shall be mounted be 1" from the brim.

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SCBA Identifiers

Similar to the helmet identifiers, all SCBA packs, will have a horizontal, reflective unit identifier on the band holding the cylinder. Like the helmet identifiers, the SCBA identifier will be a solid background w/ white alpha/numeric and the officer will be a white background with coordinating alpha / numeric.

EMS SCBA identifiers