

USE OF DISTRICT GEAR AND EQUIPMENT POLICY

The Western Reserve Joint Fire District firefighters shall not wear District issued turnout gear or use District issued equipment in the course of working or volunteering for another fire department or emergency service. Likewise, a firefighter shall not use District issued turnout gear or equipment in non-approved hands-on training. Any loss or damage to District equipment in violation of this policy shall be the responsibility of the offending District employee.

Absent exigent circumstances or pre-approval of a Chief Fire Officer, no firefighter shall wear turnout gear issued by another fire department or emergency service organization when responding to an emergency or participating in a drill/training activity as a Western Reserve Joint Fire District firefighter or EMS service providers. All firefighters must realize that loss or damage to turnout gear or equipment owned by another fire department and/or emergency service organization may not be covered by the District's insurer. Firefighters may be held responsible for reimbursement to the owner of the damaged or lost turnout gear or equipment.