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MEMORANDUM

TO: OFD Personnel
VIA: Roderick S. Williams, Fire Chief
FROM: Richard Wales, Deputy Chief
RE: Response to ATI/ASI/SOV

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The purpose of this MEMO is to communicate additional guidance regarding OFD's response to Scenes of Violence (SOV) which includes Active Threat/Active Shooter Incidents and other incidents that involves violence, effective April 3, 2017.

All units are now equipped with Level 3A vests appropriate for the number of assigned personnel (3 person engine = 3 vests; 4 person tower and engine = 4 vests; and rescues = 2 vests. These PPE are to be kept inside the vehicle for quick access with the exception of the nine (9) new rescues (exterior compartment) to be deployed in the coming months.

- OFD personnel will wear the assigned ballistic vests for scenes of violence (involving gunshot wounds, stabbing or report of shots fired) and active shooter incidents. The vests may also be required to be worn at the discretion of the company officer and/or chief officer in other situations.
- The only authorized Level 3A vests to be worn on duty are those issued by the Orlando Fire Department.
- No photos are to be taken of the equipment assigned to be used in ASI/SOV incidents.
- A Chief Officer will be dispatched to the scene upon confirmation of "shots fired" or person(s) reported injured from a gunshot wound.

- Level of personnel protection is predicated on the situation found.
 - The use of available ballistic protection is required by all personnel for scenes of violence and in “warm zone” operations during an ASI.
 - If scene conditions deteriorate and change to an ASI, additional resources must be requested to include a Chief Officer (if not already dispatched or on scene).
 - Tower trucks and HR1 will be used as the primary Rescue Task Force (RTF) teams for ASI.
 - Upon transition to an ASI, personnel assigned to engines or rescues may be required to function as RTF members.
 - Additional equipment to include helmets, drag devices and Rescue Task Officer bag(s) have been placed in all Field Operations Chief Officers vehicles for use on ASI.

The additional equipment will be added to the vehicle inventory forms. Any questions about this memo should be communicated via the Chain of Command.