



GOTT FIRE DEPARTMENT
5590 PORTER PIKE
BOWLING GREEN, KY 42103
(270) 842-7855



CRAIG PEAY
FIRE CHIEF
563-9201

KENNY HENDRICK
DEPUTY CHIEF
842-3215

CHUCK WHITE
ASST. CHIEF
792-3107

April 16th, 2008

RE: GLO-JO® Helmet Bands

From: Jonathan Birge – Engineering Officer
Craig Peay – Chief

Dear Joe, and Staff,

In today's ever changing world of firefighting, there is not often a product that comes out that helps across the fire fighting spectrum of duties. Whether you are fighting fire, pumping an engine, doing vehicle extrication, or searching for a lost person; keeping track of the safety of your personnel is the most important job there is, so as to assure that we all go home at the end of the day. Finally we have found an effective product on the market that is designed specifically for helping personnel have visibility of each-other; be it at night in open areas or during interior operations involving smoke conditions, this product is known as the Glo-Jo® Helmet Band. Thus far, we feel the Glo-Jo® Helmet band is the best device on the market designed for visibility of personnel while working at night or while in low light, low visibility conditions. A little over a year ago, our department received four Glo-Jo® bands, and they were distributed to three firefighters and the chief. In the situations we have used them, all we have is praise; as the technology utilized in this relatively small thin piece of equipment most definitely helped us to increase the safety of our personnel.

Just recently, our department was called for mutual aid on a missing person in our neighboring department district. When we arrived on the scene the size-up was a fifteen year old male had gone into a river and never resurfaced. Our department was to do a river right search on the bank. Taking our orders, three of us who had received the Glo-Jo® band's put our helmets on, activated the light and proceeded with our duties on this scene. All along the way the aqua-blue luminescence of the Glo-Jo® kept us in sight even when the dark of the night and glimmer of flashlights faded as our distance increased. Our Chief, which helped with the river right operation, also activated his Glo-Jo®; this greatly helped all of us in knowing where the man in charge was. Even with the hectic hustle and bustle of all of the other search units, EMS and Law Enforcement and there lights our personnel was easily identifiable among everyone.

During another incident a few weeks after the previously described one, we got to try our Glo-Jo's in a fire situation, with two of our firefighters being second interior crews on a house fire; as the firefighters entered the structure they activated their Glo-Jo's. From their two accounts on how the band worked, the report was flawless in how the band assisted while searching for fire. One account verbatim: "the brightness was very

effective in telling where my nozzle man was, even in the heavy smoke". This actual account has been a common theme with the many other interior operations that we have dealt with involving challenged visibility.

As a department, it is obvious how this piece of equipment will help firefighters in their day to day duties as first responders, we can also say from experience that it also has been beneficial during training exercises. The Glo-Jo® is the best piece of equipment that we have had in a long time. We would recommend this product to anyone who is willing to listen, not only for how well it works, but also for the safety of ourselves and others like us. The main purpose of all of this, is that we all go home at the end of the day; and in our job, if there is anything that can help us operate more safely, we support it. The increased awareness of knowing where our men and women are while on a scene with limited visibility has been afforded by the Glo-Jo® helmet band. We put our trust in this product and recommend it to everyone working in the fire service.

GLO-JO® Helmet Band

- Dependable
- Effective
- Easily visible
- Affordable

We have let this product work for us, let it work for you.

Your Fellow Firefighters at
The Gott Fire Department

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be a stylized name, possibly "Gott" or similar, written over the printed text of the department name.