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To Whom It May Concern,

Subject: Adding Accessories to Helmets

This letter is to verify that adding accessories to your Paul Conway Helmet is permitted by the NFPA 1971 Standard on Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity fire Fighting 2007 edition .

The standard states the following :

“Fire and emergency response organizations are cautioned that accessories are not a part of the certified product but could be attached to the certified product by a means not engineered, manufactured, or authorized by the manufacturer.

Fire and emergency response organizations are cautioned that if the accessory or its means of attachment causes the structural integrity of the certified product to be compromised, the certified product might not comply with the standard for which it was designed, manufactured, and marketed. Additionally, if the accessory or its attachment means are not designed and manufactured from materials suitable for the hazardous environments of emergency incidents, the failure of the accessory or its attachment means could cause injury to the emergency responder.

Because the aftermarket for certified product accessories is so broad, fire and emergency response organizations are advised to contact both the manufacturer of the accessory and the manufacturer of the certified product and verify that the accessory and its means of attachment are suitable for use in the intended emergency response environment. Fire and emergency response organizations should seek and receive written documentation from both the accessory manufacturer and the manufacturer of the certified product to validate the following information:

- (1) The accessory for a certified product, and its attachment method, will not degrade the designed protection or performance of the certified product below the requirements of the product standard to which it was designed, manufactured, tested, and certified.
- (2) The accessory, when properly attached to the certified product, shall not interfere with the operation of function of the certified product or with the operation or function of any of the certified product’s component parts.

Users are also cautioned that the means of attachment of the accessory that fail to safely and securely attach the accessory to the certified product can cause the accessory to be inadvertently dislodged from the certified product and create a risk to the wearer or other personnel in the vicinity.”

Lion Apparel generally allows the use of products related to flashlights, decals, and thermal imaging cameras to be used on our helmets as long as they are attached in a way to be removable. Drilling holes in the brim or other parts of the helmet are not allowed. Furthermore, Lion Apparel will maintain the warranty on helmets that use such accessories.

Should you need further clarification or have any other questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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