

# PPE DECON

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## PURPOSE

To minimize exposures to carcinogens and their effects. All personnel, PPE and equipment exposed to contaminants and carcinogens shall be gross decontaminated prior to leaving the incident to remove as much soot and particulates as possible

- A. Identify a decontamination coordinator (coordinates the process)
- B. Identify gross decontamination area (consider area were run off will not pool, porous areas)
- C. Set up decontamination area with kit(s) and hose for rinsing

### **Gross Decontamination procedure (on-scene)**

- 1) fresh water rinse
- 2) spray on soapy water
- 3) brush
- 4) fresh water rinse
- 5) Trade out hoods with command prior to leaving the scene

### **Gross Decontamination procedure (station)**

- ✓ Use baby wipes to remove as much soot as possible from head, neck, jaw, throat, underarms and hands immediately and while still on scene
- ✓ Once PPE and equipment are gross decontaminated, prepare for transport to station for further decontamination.
- ✓ Change your clothes and wash them immediately after a fire
- ✓ Shower thoroughly after a fire
- ✓ Clean your PPE, gloves, hood and helmet immediately after a fire
- ✓ Do not take home contaminated PPE
- ✓ Decontaminate fire apparatus interior after fires

## Field decontamination Kits

- 5 gallon bucket with lid (or similar container)
- Spray bottle with diluted soap mixture (10% soap concentrate mixed with water)
- Soft brush
- Baby wipes
- Plastic bags for transporting contaminated gear or equipment
- **Optional** – ¾" garden hose or 1" forestry hose with adapters and nozzle

## **KEY CONSIDERATIONS**

- DECONTAMINATION IS CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL PERSONNEL!!!!
- Sanitized hoods are located in the command vehicles