



Roosevelt Fire Department
Policies and Procedures

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Policy Title:
PPE Cleaning

Purpose: To ensure all Roosevelt Fire District and personal PPE is cleaned per the manufacturer's specifications, and in accordance with all policies and guidelines set forth by the Fire District.

Scope: This policy is to be followed by all members of the Roosevelt Fire District who have been issued PPE and who also have personal PPE.

Training: Training on this policy will be given on an as needed basis.

Procedure:

- A. This will be followed by all Interior members after direct involvement in any incident where the member encounters the products of combustion. (Structure Fires, Vehicle Fires, Live Fire Training, etc.)
 - a. Firefighters should perform on scene gross decontamination as soon as the firefighter's duties are complete.
 - b. Gross Decon will remove up to 85% of the contaminants on the firefighter.
 - c. Gross Decon will limit the amount of cross contamination ultimately reducing the firefighter exposure.
 - d. Before rehab, firefighter should use decontamination wipes to remove contamination from exposed skin. This process alone can remove up to 50% of the skin contamination and prevent ingesting carcinogens.
 - e. Firefighters should shower and change into clean clothes as soon as possible to stop the exposure.
 - f. Firefighters should wear medical gloves and proper respiratory protection when cleaning equipment.\
 - g. Wash all equipment and apparatus used on the fire scene.
 - h. If contaminated equipment cannot be cleaned at the scene, store it in an exterior compartment or an airtight container such as a garbage bag until it can be cleaned.
 - i. Dirty gear, tools and equipment should never be brought to homes or living spaces at the Firehouse.

- B. All PPE (i.e. Turnout Coat, Bunker Pants, Nomex Hood, etc.) shall be brought to a location approved by the Roosevelt Fire District (RFD Station 2, and RFD Station 5) and cleaned per the specifications set forth by the manufacturer as well as the Roosevelt Fire District

- C. This policy will be followed in conjunction with the Roosevelt Fire District Decontamination Policy and not as an alternative. (See RFD DECON Policy)
- D. When available, a temporary set of PPE may be made available.

Operation:

- A. Remove all liners from turnout coat and bunker pants
- B. Place all PPE, including liners, into washing machine
- C. Shake CITROSQUEEZE PPE Cleaner well
- D. Pour 6-8 fluid ounces into washer
- E. Select desired wash cycle, then press START button on washer
- F. When cycle has finished, put PPE in dryer and start desired cycle