TOLEDO FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

B-72 Post Fire Decontamination

Non-Emergency Manual

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If PPE is soiled by contaminants from the fire or other emergency incident it shall go through the following steps:

- All loose debris will be brushed off with hand brooms, not blown off with air bottles.
- Areas with visible contaminants will be washed with brushes using Dawn or comparable liquid detergent on PPE (this includes boots).

All fire equipment shall be decontaminated before placing back on the fire apparatus which includes but not limited to the following items:

- SCBA
- SCBA Face piece using the proper cleaning agent
- All hand tools
- Nozzles
- Hose

While loading hose or equipment personnel should wear gloves to protect their hands from the products of combustion or being contaminated.

PROCEDURES FOR FIRE STATIONS

Upon arrival at station the following procedures should be done to limit exposure to personnel, fire apparatus and the station:

- Do not enter the common areas or living quarters of the fire station with PPE.
- Minimize the time contaminated station wear is worn in the station.

- Wash or wipe out the floors of the apparatus.
- Clean all SCBA face pieces if not already completed at the emergency scene.
- Replace equipment and or needed supplies.
- **REFILL THE NEUTRAL DISINFECTANT CLEANER (NDC) BOTTLE IF NEEDED.**
- All contaminated hoods and gloves shall be washed.
- After all equipment and supplies are replaced all personnel shall take a shower and put on clean clothing/uniforms.

EQUIPMENT

Each Engine shall carry the following items in the decontamination bucket:

- 5 gallon bucket w/lid
- 1 soft brush
- 1 hard brush
- 1 long hard brush
- 1-10 feet section of garden hose
- 1 bottle of dish washing detergent
- 1 SPRAY BOTTLE OF NDC
- 2 packs of Rescue Wipes (To be used on face, jaw, neck, arms and hands avoiding contact with eyes and irritated skin – Also for use on helmet and flaps)
- Small Office Trash bags

See Also:

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