

Procedures for Using Field Gross Decon Kits

This document is to be considered the guideline for using the Field Gross Decon Kit until a SOG is finalized. After any incident that involves extinguishing a fire or being involved in firefighting operations, this procedure is to be followed. Each kit includes the following items: Scrub Brush, Safety Glasses with Case, Medical Gloves, Moist Wipes, Small/ Large trash bags, SCBA Mask Wipes.

In addition to the kits, each Engine is equipped with a garden hose adapter, small section of garden hose and nozzle for cleaning and sunscreen. Each fire fighter was issued an additional hood, safety glasses, and a pair of work gloves.

1. After removing your turnout coat and hood, use the wipes to remove as much soot as you can around the head, neck, jaw, throat, under arms and hands immediately and while still on the scene.
2. An extra pair of safety glasses are provided in the kit to be used while decon efforts are underway. Using the adapter provided, truck water can be used to wash the gear in a gross decon method by attaching the hose and nozzle, use the brush and water to remove as much debris and particulates from your gear. Rinse brush before returning to bag.
3. It is suggested that members carry an extra duty t-shirt, duty pants and socks on their assigned apparatus in the event personal uniforms need to be changed on scene.
4. Use the small trash bags to dispose of all wipes that have been used. Do NOT use these trash bags for biohazards.
5. Use the large trash bags to seal up gear that is contaminated beyond the level that field decon would benefit or if the gear needs to be cleaned due to expected infectious exposure.
6. Gross Field Decon should be applied to all equipment when possible, however it should not replace the detailed cleaning of all the PPE and equipment when the apparatus return to the station.