



Rio Hondo Fire Academy

Gross Decontamination on the Training Ground

Purpose: The purpose is to provide the staff and students a procedure that will remove the harmful chemicals and carcinogens that are accumulated through fire extinguishment, overhaul, and/or training through on training ground gross decontamination.

Responsibility: It shall be the responsibility of the Lead Instructor and/or the Drillmaster to ensure that any necessary decontamination of staff, students, and equipment be completed before returning to service.

Equipment Needed:

1. 5-gallon bucket
2. N95 dust mask
3. Cleaning wipes
4. Garden hose
5. Nozzle
6. Dish soap
7. Heavy duty brush
8. Heavy duty trash bag
9. Protective latex gloves
10. Eye protection
11. Rolling storage bin

Procedure: Individuals performing the decontamination should wear, at the minimum, eye protection, a N95 mask, and latex gloves. The decontamination hose line, if being pumped off the engine, will be charged to pump pressure only. Otherwise, the hose line will be used at full pressure.



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Decontamination Procedures:

1. Add water to two of the buckets
2. Add dish soap to one of the buckets
3. Brush and wash off PPE gloves
4. Without tipping, remove your helmet, brush and wash helmet
5. While PPE hood is still on, wash off hood, face piece and regulator
6. Wash SCBA tank, pack and connections
7. Brush and wash turnout jacket, pants and boots. Hang or lay out turnouts in a shaded area to partial dry.
8. Bag all PPE in trash bags and place in rolling storage bin
9. Use cleaning wipes to clean face, neck, arms and hands.
10. Shower and change into clean clothes.
11. While wearing eye protection, N95 mask and latex gloves, wash turnouts in the Academy washer. Hang to dry in a shaded location.

**AT NO TIME SHOULD TURNOUT JACKETS, PANTS, HELMET AND/OR BOOTS BE
WORN INSIDE THE TRAINING FACILITY**