

Douro-Dummer Fire Service Policy

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Section: Personal Protective Equipment

Subject: PPE Decontamination on Scene and Post Incident

Purpose: To establish a policy to ensure PPE & equipment are decontaminated, when exposed to contamination during a fire event.

Scope: This policy is to be followed by any fire personnel exposed to contamination because of a fire event.

Policy: Evidence supports that decontamination is key to preventing exposure to cancer causing carcinogens. This policy is intended to reduce the impact on the firefighters from fire related activities.

1. Firefighters shall ensure initial decontamination of exposed gear is completed after a firefighter exits a space when products of combustion are present.
2. Firefighters shall ensure that secondary decontamination of gear is completed at the appropriate fire station or properly prepared for transport to a third-party cleaner when necessary in accordance with DDFS Best Practices.

Reference Policies

1.01 for care options

Reference Best Practices

7.13 Decontamination