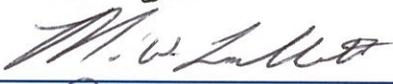


	Standard Operating Guideline: FIRE 4	
	Subject:	FCDPS PPE Cleaning and Maintenance
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PURPOSE: To reduce health risks associated with poorly cleaned and maintained structural firefighting PPE in accordance with NFPA 1851.

I. POLICY:

A. PPE cleaning and maintenance is the responsibility of the individual assigned user.

1. FCDPS personnel will inspect assigned PPE for contamination and damage at the beginning of every shift.
2. Soiled or contaminated PPE will be cleaned ASAP. Second Nomex hood will be utilized when necessary.
3. Damaged PPE will be reported up the chain of command and or to the logistics officer in charge of PPE issue and maintenance.

B. PPE will be inspected yearly by the FCDPS officer in charge of PPE logistics.

1. PPE will be cleaned prior to yearly inspection by user.

2. Records of issue, inspection and repair will be maintained by the officer in charge of PPE logistics.

C. Cleaning and Decontamination

1. Necessary routine cleaning of PPE will be performed by the issued user after engaging in suppression activities.
2. Routine cleaning of PPE will be done as follows:
 - a. Brush off debris
 - b. Rinse off other debris with garden hose
 - c. Brush areas of the garment with a soft bristle brush where necessary, rinsing afterwards.
 - d. PPE will be hung dry and **NOT** put in a dryer or direct sunlight.

D. Need for advanced cleaning of PPE will be determined after consultation with chain of command and or the officer in charge of PPE logistics

E. Future advanced cleaning of PPE will be done in house with a commercial washer-extractor.

1. Prior to advanced cleaning:

- a. All items will be removed from pockets
- b. Liner will be separated from shell
- c. Drag Rescue Device will be removed from coat
- d. All closures, pocket flaps, collars and hardware will be secured.

F. PPE will be replaced if deemed beyond repair or after no longer than 10 years of service.

G. Volunteer FCDPS agencies will be responsible for their own PPE cleaning and maintenance program. FCDPS career and administrative staff will gladly offer any guidance or assistance when requested.