

Doffing Procedures for Structural Firefighting Gear and SCBA Operations Level Hazardous Materials and Weapons of Mass Destruction Certification Psychomotor Skills Testing

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Program Goal

Designed for candidates preparing for the Firefighter I (Haz-Mat competencies) or Awareness and Operations Hazardous Materials Level certification examination process to demonstrate the concepts for doffing Structural Firefighting Gear.



Program's Intent

- Prepare candidates for certification testing in doffing structural firefighting gear
- Assist instructors to demonstrate doffing structural firefighting gear
- NOT intended as the ONLY means for doffing structural firefighting gear
- NOT intended to challenge or change the methodology or configuration of protocol or CONN-OSHA regulations for doffing structural firefighting gear in the State of Connecticut



Hand Protection

In order to remove the coat sleeves properly and maintain protection to route of entry (skin), thumb straps should be placed over the inner glove.



Thumb Straps



Working as a Team

- Firefighter A completes final decon rinse station
- Firefighter A will step into a large size plastic trash can liner
- Firefighter A will doff Structural Firefighting Gear and SCBA
- Firefighter B will assist
- A chair or tabletop could be used in place of Firefighter B



Firefighter A

Firefighter B

Trash Can Liner



Protect the Regulator and Facepiece

Firefighter A loosens the shoulder straps and waist belt and removes the harness from his back to protect the facepiece, regulator and hoseline



Maintain Control of Regulator



Assisting Face-to-Face



Firefighter A



SCBA Harness

Firefighter B

Firefighter B grasps the harness and maneuvers it to face Firefighter A



Doff Helmet

- Firefighter A removes the helmet
- Firefighter B continues to hold the SCBA harness



Doff Coat and Outer Gloves

- Firefighter A removes the coat and structural firefighting gloves

Structural Firefighting Gloves



Peel Sleeves and Gloves



Peel coat sleeves and structural gloves as if they were attached, similar to the way a child removes a winter coat and mittens after playing outside



Doff Hood

With the nitrile or medical gloves still protecting the hands, reach beneath the hood yoke and guide the hood from the head and onto the low pressure regulator line



Hood Yoke

Regulator Hose Line



Doff Suspenders

Remove suspenders from the shoulder by backing the elbow through the suspender opening



Suspender



Peel Pants to Boots



Gloved hands remain on the inside of the bunker pants

- Peel the bunker pants down over the top of the boots keeping the gloved hands on the inside of the pants
- Peel like a banana



Remove Feet from Boots



Trash Can Liner

Using the plastic trash can liner as a means of protection, remove the pants and boots



Step Towards Cold Zone



Step towards the Cold Zone and seal the plastic trash can liner



Continuous Air Flow!



- With the gloved hand loosen the facepiece straps and gently push the facepiece away from the face without activating the donning switch (open or on)
- Air MUST continue to flow away from the routes of entry to the body



Doff Inner Gloves

Remove the inner glove by rolling or peeling the glove from the wrist to the fingertip



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Move to Medical Surveillance

Step to the Medical Evaluation Station

