Doffing Procedures for Structural Firefighting Gear and SCBA Hazardous Materials **Operations Certification Psychomotor Skills Testing**



Connecticut Commission on Fire Prevention and Control Certification Division

Certification Findings

- Certification has found that some instructors have shown the traditional manner doffing of the SCBA
- Air flow away from the face is assessed during the Haz-Mat certification practical examination
- In an effort to reduce the contamination to the routes of entry to the body, the doffing switch on the regulator <u>should not</u> be activated to stop the flow of air to the facepiece
- The following presentation was developed to assist in the training of Haz-Mat Ops certification candidates and *Doffing Structural Firefighting Gear and SCBA*



Donning Hand Protection

Thumb Straps

In order to remove the coat sleeves properly and maintain proper route of entry the thumb straps should be placed over the inner glover





Working as a Team

- Firefighters A & B complete 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





Protect the Regulator and Facepiece

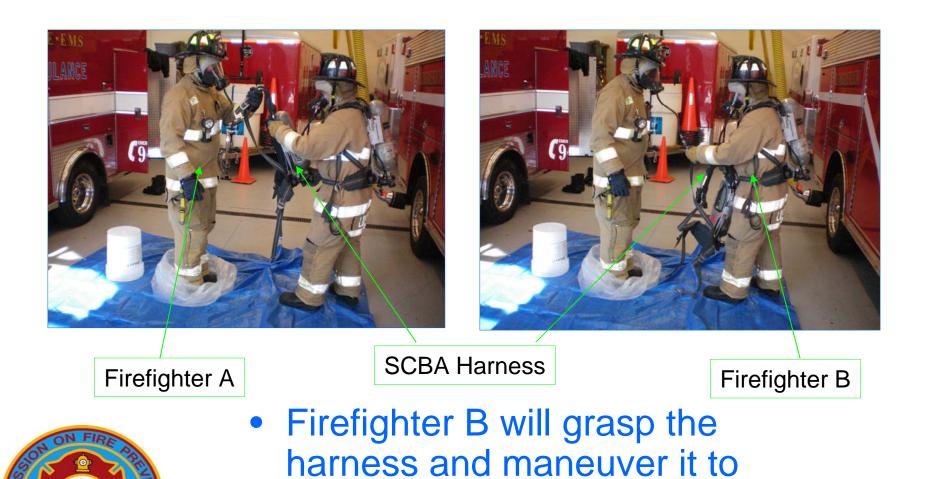
 Firefighter A will loosen the straps and belts and remove the harness from his back protecting the regulator and hoseline



Maintain control of Regulator



Assisting Face-to-Face



face Firefighter A

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Doff Helmet

 Firefighter A will remove the helmet





Doff Coat and Outer Gloves

 Removing the coat and structural firefighting gloves

Structural Firefighting Gloves





Peel Sleeves and Gloves



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





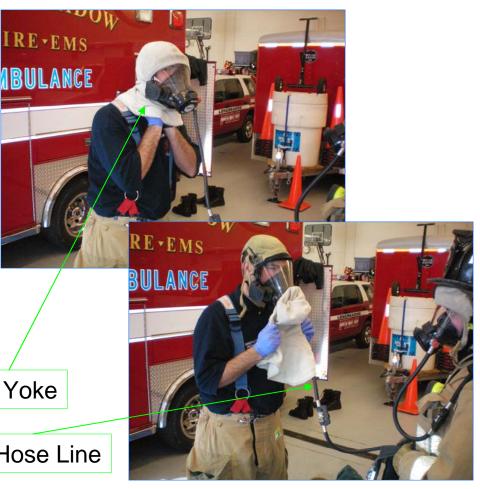
Doff Hood

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

Hood Yoke



Regulator Hose Line



Doff Suspenders

 The suspenders should be removed from the shoulder by backing the elbow back closely through the arm opening







Peel Pants to Boots



Gloved hands remain on the inside of the gear



- Peel the bunker pants using the gloved hands on the inside of the pants below the bunker boots
- Peel like a banana

Remove Feet from Boots



Trash Can Liner



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

Step Towards Cold Zone









Continuous Air Flow!



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• With the gloved hand loosen the facepiece straps and gently push the facepiece away from the face without activating the donning switch

Air MUST continue to flow away from the routes of entry to the body

Doff Inner Gloves

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





Move to Medical Surveillance

• Step to the medical evaluation station



