

Doffing Procedures for Structural Firefighting Gear and SCBA

Hazardous Materials Operations Certification Psychomotor Skills Testing

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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 should not 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

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



Thumb Straps



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



Firefighter A

Firefighter B

Trash Can Liner



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



Firefighter A



Firefighter B

SCBA Harness

- Firefighter B will grasp the harness and maneuver it to face Firefighter A



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



- 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 yoke 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

Suspender



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



- Step out and seal the 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
- 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



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