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LAUNDERING OF TURNOUT GEAR

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Purpose:

This guideline shall provide instruction for washing and drying turnout gear while maintaining its integrity.

Guideline:

Structural fire-fighting protective clothing shall be laundered at least every six months. Laundering should take place anytime the turnout gear is soiled, or has become contaminated with hazardous materials or biological agents. Cleaning processes for protective clothing shall be as recommended by the protective clothing manufacturer for the types of contaminants and for the materials that are to be cleaned. A washing machine, dryer and recommended turnout gear cleaner (CITRO PPE soak & wash) are provided at the station.

At no time shall any member launder department issued PPE or personal clothing that are known or suspected to be contaminated with hazardous materials or biological agents at home or at a Laundromat facility.

If the elements that are known or suspected of being contaminated can not be treated immediately, they must be removed from service, isolated, tagged and bagged until they can be cleaned as necessary.