

Kent Fire Department Policy & Guidelines

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Approval: _____, Fire Chief

FIRE INCIDENT DECONTAMINATION

- Policy References:**
- 1) WAC 296-305-04001
 - 2) KFD Haz Mat Operational Guide
 - 3) Policy #307 – Control Plan for Hazardous Materials Exposures
 - 4) Policy # 213

Affected Members: All Uniformed Employees

Policy Statement: All fire events requiring the use of respiratory protection have known and unknown hazards and contaminants that cause respiratory health problems and have the potential for secondary exposure from contaminated clothing and equipment. To reduce the risk to Kent Fire Department personnel engaged in fire suppression and overhaul duties, firefighters shall be decontaminated prior to removal of respirators when it is presumed that they have been exposed to hazardous substances. Reasonable precautions shall be taken to maintain uncontaminated atmosphere to the breathing zone and facepiece supply hose when exchanging air bottles.

Protective clothing and equipment that is presumed to have been exposed to hazardous substances shall be appropriately decontaminated before returning to quarters. Dirty bunkers shall be cleaned in accordance with Policy 213.

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Battalion Chief in Charge of Clothing

1. Ensure that all personnel engaged in suppression activities have a reserve turnout coat, pants, hood and gloves for use while their primary set undergoes cleaning

Battalion Chief in Charge of Equipment

1. Ensure each engine in the Kent Fire Department has a high-pressure garden hose 10' in length, a spray nozzle and a fitting to allow connection to a 2-1/2" discharge.

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| Incident Commander | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Designate an on-scene decontamination area, usually at the attack engine.2. Implement the hazardous materials decontamination procedure as described in the KFD Hazardous Materials Operational Guide when warranted. |
| Attack Pump Operator | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Set up a decontamination station utilizing a 10' garden hose and spray nozzle.2. Lightly spray individuals with water to remove loose particulates from protective clothing and equipment. |
| Company Officers | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ensure that members of their company are decontaminated at the end of suppression activities including overhaul, before returning to quarters.2. Ensure that dirty bunkers are sent to Station 77 for proper cleaning. |
| All Members | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Will be decontaminated, when practical and when it does not delay essential operations, after exiting a fire area prior to removal of their SCBA face piece.2. Wash all exposed and dirty equipment prior to placing back on apparatus.3. Transport exposed fire hose back to quarters by utility vehicle, or on tailboards if it can be properly secured. The crew compartment should be avoided.4. Keep their reserve turnouts at their assigned stations.5. Clean and rinse off exposed protective clothing with soapy water and a scrub brush. Pockets should also be cleaned out.6. Send dirty bunkers to 77 for cleaning in accordance with Policy 803.7. Clean boots, helmets, gloves and other exposed equipment with soap and water.8. Clean interior and exterior surfaces of apparatus as soon as practical.9. Take a shower upon returning to quarters, as soon as practical. |