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 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



Trash Can Liner

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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

SCBA Harness

Firefighter B



 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



BULANCE

Hood Yoke



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





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 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

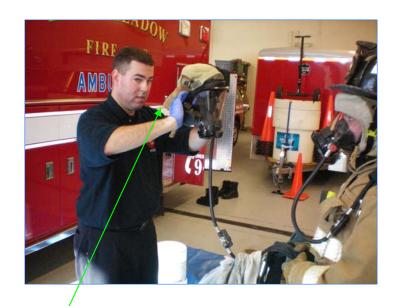






Continuous Air Flow!





 With the gloved hand loosen the facepiece straps and gentle 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



