
	STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE			
	OPERATIONS			
	FIRE SCENE INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE – CLEANING & CARE OF DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS			
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1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this guideline is to reduce exposure to certain occupational carcinogens by implementing work practice controls and to alter the manner in which some emergency and routine tasks are performed.

2.0 Responsibility

- 2.1 It is the responsibility of all Highland Park Fire Department personnel to understand and follow the information documented in this Standard Operating Guideline. Supervisors are responsible for insuring that personnel maintain compliance with this guideline.

3.0 Routine Cleaning of Uniforms



- 3.1 Routine cleaning of station wear can be done in the designated station washer and dryer following the manufacturer’s recommendations. Cleaning recommendations include:
 - 3.1.1 Machine wash warm with like colors.
 - 3.1.2 Only non-chlorine bleach on colors when needed.
 - 3.1.3 Tumble dry, low.
- 3.2 Members are encouraged to use these washers and dryers in lieu of taking items home to be laundered. Normal detergent for these washers is supplied at the stations.

4.0 Contaminated Cleaning of Uniforms

- 4.1 Uniforms that have been contaminated in some way, that are thought to be salvageable, may be bagged and laundered in the Department’s extractor.
- 4.2 Contaminated station wear should not be left to sit bagged for long periods prior to laundering as it may not be salvageable once it has been left to sit. For items with oily materials on them, a small amount of pre-treatment with spot cleaner used for the turnouts may be useful in attempts to breakdown the material so that it can be successfully cleaned.
- 4.3 Utilize appropriate barrier gloves prior to handling any contaminated uniform items.

5.0 General

- 5.1 Only use high efficiency detergents supplied by the Department for the extractors.
- 5.2 Lint traps/filters shall be cleaned prior to each run of laundry through the dryer, and the lint disposed of properly.

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6.0 References and Supporting Documents

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