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Fire Ground Decon



Gross decon in the field is as simple as soap and water. The decon kit is made of a bucket, dish soap, a bristle brush and a hose. The use of this simple kit will reduce our cancer exposure by known carcinogens and chemicals found on today's fire ground



Your mask needs to be cleaned; depending on the mask many can be dunked in a soapy solution then rinsed. Follow this up with a thorough wiping to ensure you remove all soot and dirt.



Start by rinsing off with a low pressure line, a booster line works great for this; the idea is to knock off all the large debris and rinse the gear. Next scrub the gear with a soapy solution and repeat the rinse. This will aid in further removing contaminants from the gear and reducing exposure



Make sure to take your SCBA apart, remove the bottle to fully expose the harness. Scrub both with soapy solution and rinse.



Don't forget to decon yourself, use cleansing wipes to remove any soot and dirt from your face, neck and hands. Take a shower once your return to quarters to further assist in removing toxins.

