

BULLETIN

NO.: 20-046
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TO: All Firefighters and BSU Lifeguards
FROM: David Picone, Battalion Chief, Health and Safety Officer
SUBJECT: Post Fire Gross Decontamination Kit

Post Fire Decontamination (PFD) kits are completed and will be issued over the next two weeks to the following:

- Frontline Engines, Trucks, Fast Response Squads, USAR and Lifeguard BSU

These kits are designed to be used when firefighters are exposed to gross fire ground contaminants or whenever necessary to reduce cancer risks. Decontamination is a high priority after fire ground operations are controlled. The following changes to our SOPs will be included in future updates of the Post Incident Decontamination Policy:

- **Post Fire/Incident Gross Decontamination Policy Changes**
 - The IC should coordinate grossly contaminated units to be Out-Of-Service with the IC and their assigned Battalion Chief
 - Notify and Emergency Command and Dispatch Center (ECDC) by requesting out of service “**Fire Decon**”
 - Company officers should insure all personal decontamination is complete (showering), a second set of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is operationally ready and then return to service
- **Key Points**
 - Firefighters are to decontaminate themselves and all equipment before entering the rehabilitation area and the apparatus to ensure we always “**leave it at the scene**”
 - Avoid Cross-contamination whenever possible
 - Use wipes and **SHOWER ASAP**
 - Kits are reusable and will need to be transferred during change out operations with a future goal to add PFD Kits to outfit our ready reserve fleet
 - Use the **Daily Inventory Quick Check** in **PSTRAX** to report kit shortages either during the morning checks or as an “As Needed Check.”

This short instructional video will provide step-by-step decontamination procedures for all fire and lifeguard BSU personnel [PPE Decon Procedure](#). PFD kits are being distributed by the Cancer and Health Coordinator along with Logistics personnel. Distribution will begin Mid-March 2020 until completed. Attached is a Post Fire Gross Decontamination Kit Inventory to add to the apparatus manuals and quick information sheet for reference. Below are pictures for the storage locations.

Please contact the Cancer and Health Coordinator, Kyle O’Neill with any questions or concerns at koneill@sandiego.gov.

Wellness Resources link: [“Promoting Safe and Healthy Lives”](#) or call 833-SDFD-HSO
password – support

Engine Company Kit Location



Truck Company Kit Location



BSU Kit Location

