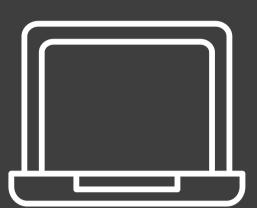
HOW TO DECONTAMINATE THE APPARATUS

A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

The fireground is full of toxins, and the importance of PPE decon is well established. But what about the apparatus? Using a decontamination solution properly can eliminate many fireground toxins to help reduce firefighters' exposure to carcinogens like soot and other particulates. Follow this step-by-step guide to protect your crew by decontaminating the apparatus.

Put on full PPE, including gloves, goggles, mask and coveralls.



Remove portable equipment,

tools and electronics from apparatus compartments. Cover any remaining electronics.

Prepare your decontamination solution.





Detail the cabin using your decontamination solution, paying special attention to knobs and handles, seat belts and spaces between seats and corners of tool compartments. Replace the cabin air filter.

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Detail tool compartments using your decontamination solution, making sure to get the corners and crevices.

Close all cabin **windows** and **set** the **parking brake**.

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Start the **engine** and start the **HVAC fan** on a low setting.





Apply the solution liberally into the cabin interior and tool compartments, including all surfaces and the air intake vents.

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Be sure to **apply the solution from at least 18 inches** for a fine mist instead of droplets.



Close the doors and **wait 20 minutes**, leaving the engine and fan on. Be sure to **ventilate the exhaust**.



Turn off the engine and let the apparatus sit, cabin windows and tool compartment doors closed, for **4 to 8 hours**.



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