


Ocean City Fire Department
FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

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TO	ALL OCFD Personnel
FROM	Fire Chief Richard R. Bowers, Jr. 
SUBJECT	Ocean City Fire Department Clean Hood Program

Beginning January 1, 2021, the Ocean City Fire Department will institute a Clean Hood Program. Firefighters and Paramedics have a three times higher risk of cancer than the general population. A cleaning and sanitizing process for protective hoods that is done on a regular basis will remove the toxins and carcinogens from the smoke that penetrates our hoods. This program will reduce the exposure of carcinogens to the firefighters and paramedics. The OCFD has decided to use a company that specializes in this cleaning and sanitizing process.

The department will be implementing a two-hood system. Each OCFD SCBA certified member will receive a Navy hood and a Tan hood. Career personnel, on the last shift of the month, will place their issued hood in a paper bag and give it to their shift supervisor. Volunteer personnel that are SCBA certified, will do the same on the last day of each month. If during the month of service, you run a working fire incident, the hoods will be collected on the fire ground by the safety officer or incident commander. The hood will then be sent for cleaning and sanitizing and will be returned to you when it is cleaned.

January	Navy
February	Tan
March	Navy
April	Tan
May	Navy
June	Tan

July	Navy
August	Tan
September	Navy
October	Tan
November	Navy
December	Tan

After any working fire all members are to wash their fire gear as soon as possible. There is a new gear dryer that has been placed in service at headquarters to help facilitate this process. Please work together to make this a successful program.