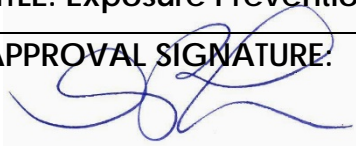


# ROWLETT CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY

TITLE: Exposure Prevention

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## 1. Purpose

To provide recommendations for RCCC members who may have been exposed to toxins, carcinogens or other harmful chemicals while performing their volunteer duties.

## 2. Background

The RCCC considers exposure prevention and best practices a priority, and as such, is providing this policy to assist members in this area.

## 3. Authority

Authority for this policy resides with the RCCC Board of Directors and Program Leadership. This policy is voluntary and intended to be a minimum best practice recommendation for all members. In accordance with the RCCC Waiver of Liability, the RCCC assumes no risk for any real or potential exposure of any kind, or the failure or compliance with this policy by program members.

## 4. Decontamination

4.1. Personal decontamination procedures should be considered any time a member is exposed to a condition or substance that is a potential toxin, carcinogen, or otherwise may be harmful.

4.1.1. As soon as practical, members exposed to products of combustion or other airborne contaminants should:

4.1.1.1. Use wipes to remove contaminants from head, neck, jaw, throat, underarms and hands immediately. Wipes are located on all RCCC apparatus for this purpose.

4.1.1.2. Change your clothes and wash them; or isolate them in a trash bag until washing is available. It is recommended that responding members keep a clean, full set of clothes, including shoes and socks, in a response bag to wear after decontamination in case it is done while on scene.

4.1.1.3. Shower as soon as possible after being exposed. "Shower within the Hour."

4.1.2. Fire Explorer members who have been issued gear shall follow Rowlett Fire Department policies on cleaning and decontaminating turnout gear after an incident as prescribed by department personnel, or the Explorer Advisor.

4.1.2.1. Gear should be removed as soon as practical after an incident.

4.1.2.2. At no time shall gear in need of decontamination or cleaning be stored in the living quarters of your household.

4.1.3. Above all, be aware of your surroundings, look for risks and listen to directives from others in authority to keep you and your team safe.

## 5. Immunizations

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5.1. All members are encouraged to ensure the following immunizations are kept up to date in consultation with your medical health professional:

5.1.1. Tetanus

### 6. Additional Information

6.1. <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/disease/resonderimmun.html>

6.2. <https://www.njti-tert.org/training/5m-training/how-one-state-recommends-immunizations-for-natural-disasters/>

6.3. <https://www.nvfc.org/fire-service-organizations-release-best-practices-for-preventing-firefighter-cancer/>

6.4. <http://www.nvfc.org/cancer>

6.5. <http://www.everyonegoeshome.com>

6.6. <https://www.firstrespondercenter.org/cancer/fire-service-occupational-cancer-alliance-update/>