

Operating Guideline # 814

Post Incident Station Procedure

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Operating Guideline (OG) is to establish guidelines concerning firefighter duties to maintain equipment at the ready for response. Further, this guideline will ensure that the firefighter understands the full contribution required for the service performed.

**GUIDELINE:**

1. All personnel are required to return to the station following responses in order to assist with clean-up of apparatus and equipment. Personnel must obtain permission from an officer to be excused from clean-up or to leave the station before clean-up is completed.
2. All apparatus will be washed upon return to the station. For responses which occurred on dry, paved roads, it may be necessary to wash only the wheels, tires and lower one half of the vehicle.

EXCEPTION: Apparatus should not be washed following extended cold weather operations.

3. Personnel who used SCBA are responsible to assist in the cleaning and the return to service of the SCBA (including refilling cylinders) in accordance with departmental OG's.
4. All equipment used at the scene will be checked and cleaned prior to being put back in service.
5. All personnel will inspect and clean (if necessary) their own personal protective equipment/clothing following each response.
6. The Officer at the station is responsible for ensuring that:
  - a) All apparatus is cleaned, checked and serviceable
  - b) All equipment is cleaned, checked and serviceable.
  - c) All necessary reports, forms and attendance sign-in are completed.
  - d) Personnel are dismissed when the required return to service is completed.
7. Equipment or apparatus which is not serviceable shall be reported to the District Fire Chief, then if required the Deputy Fire Chief will issue discipline as required.

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

It is the responsibility of all members to comply with the provisions of this OG and particularly that Company Officers (supervisors) and firefighters (workers) ensure that they adhere to their duties in accordance with the provisions of this document and the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

**REFERENCES:**

- Occupational Health and Safety Act (RSO 1990, c. 0.1)