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FIRE CHIEF MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 1, 2016

TO: All Affected Members

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SUBJECT: RESCUE WIPES FROM DFD WAREHOUSE

In keeping with the Denver Fire Department Health and Wellness program, the Operations Division has purchased Rescue Wipes to be carried on all rigs.

The purpose of the Rescue Wipes is to help prevent firefighters from absorbing by-products of combustion. These wipes will help remove soot, smoke, and other harmful toxins from your skin.

Please use these wipes to remove contamination from vulnerable skin areas when exposed to fire (auto, trash, Wildland, structure, etc.) Some areas of the skin are more permeable than others, specifically the face, the jaw line, neck, throat, arms, armpits, and groin area. You can also use the Rescue Wipes to "wipe down" debris from protective equipment, such as the inside of your helmet liner, specifically the leather band that comes in contact with your forehead.

Operations Division purchased the initial packages of wipes for all DFD equipment. Replacement wipes are available at the Warehouse. Each firehouse can use their station supply funds to replenish their rigs with these wipes; the cost is $6.00 per package. Just a reminder that these wipes are for after fire exposures; please do not use them to clean the rig or equipment on the rig.

Please call the Warehouse if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for support in moving forward with our Health and Wellness as a Fire Department.

:kfc/H/FCM/2016/127-2016 Rescue Wipes from DFD Warehouse

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