

QA4 How many years have you served as a firefighter?

QA5 How many years have you served at your current fire department?

QA6 What is your current employment status as a firefighter?

Part-time (1)

Full-time (2)

QA7 What is your typical work shift as a firefighter?

12-hour (1)

24-hour (2)

48-hour (3)

Other (please specify): _____ (4)

QA8 In which county is your fire department located?

QA9 How many firefighters are in your department?

Career: _____ (1)

Volunteer: _____ (2)

Other (please specify): _____ (3)

QA10 On average, how many non-fire-related activities (e.g., EMS, rescue, vehicle accident, tree removal, etc.) do you participate in per week?

0-5 (1)

6-10 (2)

11-15 (3)

16 (4)

QA11 On average, how many fire-related activities (e.g., fire suppression, etc.) do you participate in per week?

0-2 (1)

3-5 (2)

6-8 (3)

9 (4)

B. PPE (PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT) PRACTICES

QB1 What type of PPE do you wear when performing fire suppression? Please select ALL that apply.

- Coats & pants (1)
- Hoods (2)
- Gloves (3)
- Helmet (4)
- Eye protection (5)
- Hearing protection (6)
- Masks (7)
- Footwear (8)
- SCBA (9)
- Other (please specify): _____ (10)

QB2 When do you wear PPE? Please select ALL that apply.

- I never wear PPE (1)
- Fire-related activities (2)
- Non-fire-related activities (3)
- Always (4)
- Other (please specify): _____ (5)

QB3 How many sets of turnout gear are you issued?

- 0 (1)
- 1 (2)
- 2 (3)
- 3 (4)

QB4 How old is your current set of turnout gear? Please answer BOTH newest and oldest if you have more than one set of turnout gear.

Newest: _____ year _____ month (1)

Oldest: _____ year _____ month (2)

QB5 On average, what percentage of monetary support does your department supply for the purchase of new gear?

- <10% (1)
- 10-34% (2)
- 35-64% (3)
- 65-99% (4)
- 100% (5)

QB6 How often do you replace your turnout gear?

- Every 1-2 year (1)
- Every 3-5 year (2)
- Every 6-10 year (3)
- Every >10 year (4)

QB7 On average, how many times do you donning and doffing your turnout gear per week?

- 0-2 (1)
- 3-5 (2)
- 6-8 (3)
- 9 (4)

QB8 At what point do you take off the SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus)?

- Suppression (1)
- Overhaul (2)
- Investigation (3)
- Other (please specify): _____ (4)

QB9 At what point do you take off your remaining PPE (personal protective equipment)?

- Suppression (1)
- Overhaul (2)
- Investigation (3)
- Other (please specify): _____ (4)

QB10 How do you decide to take off your PPE?

- After air measurement by department (1)
- Following SOP (standard operating procedure) (2)
- Supervisor's guideline (3)
- I feel like it (4)
- Other (please specify): _____ (5)

QB11 Where do you store your turnout gear? Please select ALL that apply.

Fire truck (1)

In private vehicle (2)

Locker in fire department (3)

At home (4)

Other (please specify): _____ (5) %

QB18 On average, how many times per year do you have your turnout gear professionally cleaned by an approved vendor?

None (1)

After each use (2)

Every 3 months (3)

Every 6 months (4)

Every year (5)

Other (please specify):_____ (6)

QB19 Are you familiar with the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) standards for turnout gear?

Yes (1)

No (2)

Other (please specify):_____ (3)

QB20 Do you have any concerns from dirty PPE before cleaning? If so, please explain below.