

Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission



Safety Bulletin



The purpose of this bulletin is to provide information obtained through an investigation, event, or circumstance and to help share the situations, root cause and lessons learned. This information may be a result of an unsafe action or unsafe condition. The intention is to provide awareness and facilitate conversation for the prevention of injuries to other responders or to identify unsafe conditions within their organizations. This information may have been collected or learned from an actual injury or near miss. The Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission continues to make responder safety a priority and shares this information to be used for that purpose. Thank you for your commitment to the safety of our responders and public we serve.

CEILING OVERHAUL SAFETY

Proper Ceiling Overhaul:

When pulling the ceiling do not pull down on the ceiling directly above you. Use the IFSTA technique as taught in the DSFS Structural Fire Fighting Class. This technique is intended for the firefighter to use a tool that will reach far enough out to pull the ceiling down in front of them, instead of on top of them. Firefighters should wear extended standard structural NFPA approved leather firefighting gloves with turn-out coats that do not have thumb holes or loops.



Wearing Departmental Issued NFPA 1971 Approved Gear:

Firefighters should only wear departmental issued gear that are within NFPA 1971 standards. Should the firefighter/member deviate or alter from wearing the standard departmental issued NFPA 1971 compliant turn out gear, the fire company puts the members and the company at risk for physical injury and potential liability. Fire departments should ensure all firefighters are within NFPA standards when issuing and wearing protective gear.

Interested in more information?

[IFSTA 7th Edition, Essentials of Firefighting. - Chapter 15](#)