

## **NFPA 1975 USER INFORMATION**

### **READ ENTIRE DOCUMENT BEFORE WEARING GARMENT**

#### **Safety Considerations**

This uniform item does not provide protection from flame and provides only limited protection from heat. This garment will not provide protection under all exposure conditions.

It is not designed to protect the wearer against any contact with flames, molten metals, hazardous liquids, or extended exposure to extreme temperatures. This garment provides no protection against chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear agents.

The end user or organization must perform a hazard and risk assessment to determine the suitability of this uniform for its intended use.

#### **Marking Recommendations and Restrictions**

It is recommended that emblems, shields or heraldry, embroidery, silkscreen and heat transfers that designate a government entity, a specific organization, rank, title, position, or some professional status, etc. NOT be affixed to your Station/Work Uniform unless the item meets the thermal shrinkage resistance and heat resistance requirements of the NFPA 1975 Standard 2019 edition.

For marking an individual or department name on the inside of a garment for identification, it is recommended that an industrial laundry marker be used.

if clothing can be decontaminated and reused.

Garments exposed to blood, body fluids, or other biological contaminants should be subject to a suitable sanitization procedure either separately followed by cleaning or as part of the cleaning procedures.

Contaminated garments that are deemed unsafe for wear should be destroyed and disposed of according to HAZMAT guidelines and relevant local laws.

#### **Performance Testing**

This garment has been independently tested in a laboratory setting against the non-fire retardant performance requirements of NFPA 1975 Standard for Station/Work Uniforms for Fire and Emergency Services (2019 edition). End users cannot safely or adequately test most performance properties of this garment in field settings.

#### **Warranty**

The manufacture of this garment warrants that it will be free of defects in workmanship and materials for the useful life of the garment when cared for according to the "use and care" instructions below.

The manufacturer will repair or replace defective product at its option. Normal wear and tear are not covered by manufacturer warranty.

### **Cleaning Instructions**

Wash separately from other clothing. Machine wash inside out in cold water. Do not use bleach or fabric softener. Tumble dry low and remove promptly. Warm iron if needed.

### **Inspection Frequency and Details**

This garment should be inspected prior to each and every use, as well as after cleaning or possible contamination. Contaminated garments should be decontaminated prior to inspection. 5.11 recommends that all PPE uniform items be inspected on a regular and consistent basis for the following types of damage or wear:

- Discoloration of fabric
- Broken or distressed seams
- Burn damage
- Rips, tears, abrasions, or holes
- Broken hardware such as zippers, buttons, or snaps
- Brittle or worn fabric
- Soiled fabric

### **Maintenance and Repair Methods**

Any and all repairs or alterations must be performed by 5.11 or an authorized service representative. This garment should be cleaned in accordance with cleaning instructions prior to submission for repair or alteration.

### **Decontamination Procedures**

Garments contaminated with hazardous materials should be immediately removed from service and the materials safety data sheet information should be obtained. The user or safety officer in charge should consult with a company that specialized in decontamination of protective clothing to determine

### **Retirement and Disposal Criteria**

All protective clothing has a limited useful life. 5.11 recommends that a clothing replacement program be in place within the department. Details of such a program must be developed based on previous experience in the department, as it is impossible to provide a specific time frame for clothing replacement. Users should replace protective clothing when any of the following conditions are present:

- The garment's fabric or components have become weakened or brittle due to exposure to long-term exposure to ultra-violet light.
- The garment's fabric or components have been compromised by exposure to high heat or flame.
- Wear or damage that affects the fit or performance of the garment that cannot be repaired
- Contamination with hazardous materials that cannot be safely removed with cleaning