

# MASSACHUSETTS FIREFIGHTING ACADEMY

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## PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION INDEX

### 1. Individual Component Inspection

a. **COAT**

Fabric is free of rips, tears, and visible defects that could adversely affect the participant's safety.

Coat consists of outer shell, moisture barrier, and thermal barrier.

Fastening devices are in place and are operational.

Coat has been manufactured within the last ten years.

b. **TROUSERS (PANTS)**

Fabric is free of rips, tears, and visible defects that could adversely affect the participant's safety.

Trousers consist of outer shell, moisture barrier, and thermal barrier.

Fastening devices and suspenders or belt are in place and are operational.

Trousers have been manufactured within the last ten years.

c. **HELMET**

All components are present and operational, including the shell, energy-absorbing system, retention system (chin strap), ear flaps and some form of eye protection.

Helmet has been manufactured within the last ten years

d. **PROTECTIVE HOOD**

Fabric is free of rips, tears, and visible defects that could adversely affect the participant's safety.

Protective hood has been manufactured within the last ten years.

e. **GLOVES**

Fabric is free of rips, tears, and visible defects that could adversely affect the participant's safety.

Gloves must have wrist protection (Note: rubber-coated gloves are not allowed.)

Gloves have been manufactured within the last ten years.

f. **BOOTS**

Material is free of rips, tears, and visible defects that could adversely affect the participant's safety.

Proper length (height).

Boots have been manufactured within the last ten years.

g. **Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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### 2. Protective Breathing Apparatus Inspection (Complete only if participant brought their own SCBA)

a. **SCBA being used complies with the following:**

The unit can be used in the positive pressure mode.

The unit is NIOSH/MSHA Approved.

The bottles are a minimum of 30-minute duration.

The bottles and SCBA unit are manufactured by the same manufacturer.

The unit is free of visible defects that could adversely affect the participant's safety.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor/Examiner Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_