

ANNUAL BUNKER GEAR INSPECTION

Standard: NFPA 1851

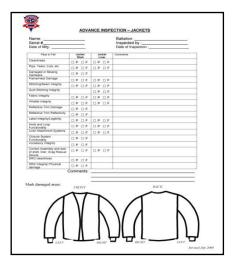
<u>Purpose</u>: Improve the protective qualities of the gear and reduce the health risk associated with the carbon, biohazard and carcinogens found on gear after fire and emergency calls. On an annual basis, the District Chiefs will inspect all PPE assigned to each firefighter. The records of this annual inspection will include the serial number of the garment, manufacturer date, and condition of the item. The records will be forwarded to the Training and Safety Division to ensure compliance and then forwarded to Support Services for entry in the Department PPE tracker program.

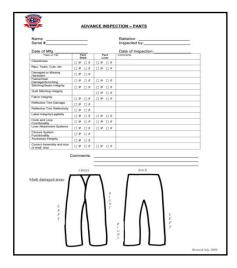
Please review the Quick Skill for the proper method of cleaning bunker gear.

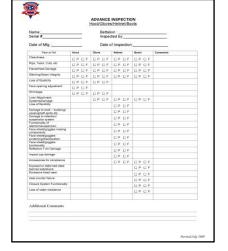
The annual bunker gear inspection should be completed by August 31st of each year. Battalions will start inspecting the gear in April.

The District Chief is responsible for the inspection of their assigned personnel's gear using the "Advanced Inspection Form" found on the Intranet Department File Cabinet. There is a form for the jacket, a form for the pants, and a form for the Hood/Gloves/Helmet/Boots. The "Routine Inspection Form" is no longer being accepted.

The inspection should follow the form to stay consistent and thorough.







Advanced Gear Inspection Forms





















Special attention should be shown to the following problem areas:

- The Velcro Neck Flap Closure
- The Wristlets
- The removing of the shell from the vapor liner to examine for thermal damage to the liner.
- (DRD) Drag Rescue Device is properly looped through the arms of the vapor liner
- Pant (Fly) Velcro closure
- Reflective trim on coat and pants
- PBCFR issued hood.

Cleaning, repair and replacement of gear can be coordinated through the District Chief and Wayne Chambers at Support Services







These photos are examples of damaged personal protective equipment. If there appears to be damage to the shell make sure to check the vapor liner for damage and or loss of integrity of the garment.



