Course Description
This module describes when and how first responders should decontaminate after routine calls.

Learning Objectives
After completing this module, you will be able to:

- Describe the difference between HazMat Decontamination and Routine Personal Decontamination.
- List the steps for Fire Fighter Field Decontamination.
- List the steps for EMS Provider Field Decontamination.
- List the decontamination steps all responders should take upon returning to the station.

Points to Remember

- Routine personal decontamination is a simple process that takes just a few minutes.
- Practicing good decontamination procedures will protect you, your crew and your family from secondary contamination.
- Decontamination should be practiced after EVERY encounter with smoke, soot, ash, body fluids, or chemical contaminants.

- To perform personal decontamination in the field, fire fighters should:
  - Leave the hazard area
  - Brush off solid contaminants
  - Rinse from head to toe with a low-pressure hoseline

- To perform personal decontamination in the field, EMS providers should:
  - Clean up the response scene
  - Remove PPE
  - Wash hands

- Back at the station, fire fighters and EMS providers alike should:
  - Thoroughly clean gear, PPE and vehicle interior
  - Remove any contaminated clothing; launder at station
  - Take a personal hygiene shower (fire) / thoroughly wash hands (EMS)
  - Put on a clean uniform
  - Complete an exposure report