

# NFPA 1975

## **User Information Guide** **Station/Work Uniforms for** **Emergency Services (NFPA 1975)**

ONLY THE END USER SHALL REMOVE THIS INFORMATION PRIOR TO USING THIS UNIFORM

### **DANGER**

YOU MAY DIE OR SUSTAIN SERIOUS INJURY IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE SPECIAL TRAINING AND KNOWLEDGE TO CORRECTLY USE YOUR UNIFORM AND/OR HAVE NOT READ THIS USER GUIDE. IF YOU WERE NOT GIVEN A COMPLETE GUIDE OR LOSE YOUR USER GUIDE, ALERT YOUR ORGANIZATION OR CONTACT HONEYWELL FOR A REPLACEMENT.

- DO NOT USE YOUR STATION/WORK UNIFORM IF YOU HAVE NOT READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS GUIDE AND THE LABEL ON YOUR UNIFORM, AND YOU HAVE NOT BEEN PROPERLY TRAINED AND SUPERVISED IN ITS USE.
- YOUR UNIFORM IS NOT INTENDED TO PROVIDE ANY PROTECTION AGAINST ANY HAZARDS THAT YOU MAY ENCOUNTER IN EMERGENCY OPERATIONS; RATHER, IT HAS BEEN DESIGNED NOT TO RAPIDLY DETERIORATE, MELT, SHRINK, OR ADHERE TO YOUR SKIN, CAUSING GREATER OR MORE SEVERE INJURIES IN THE EVENT OF A HIGHLY HAZARDOUS EXPOSURE.
- YOUR UNIFORM IS NOT A PRIMARY PROTECTIVE GARMENT. WHEN WORN IN AN EMERGENCY ENVIRONMENT WHERE HAZARDS MAY BE ENCOUNTERED, APPROPRIATE PRIMARY PROTECTIVE GARMENTS MUST BE WORN OVER YOUR UNIFORM AS PART OF A COMPLETE AND PROPERLY CONFIGURED PROTECTIVE ENSEMBLE. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF YOUR DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE THE SUITABILITY OF YOUR UNIFORM FOR ITS INTENDED USE AND WHEN YOUR UNIFORM CAN BE WORN AS PART OF AND UNDERNEATH THE APPROPRIATE PROTECTIVE ENSEMBLE TO PROVIDE THE INTENDED PROTECTION.
- YOU MUST ENSURE THAT YOUR UNIFORM PROPERLY FITS AND DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE WEARING OF ANY PRIMARY PROTECTIVE GARMENTS.
- YOU MUST PROPERLY INSPECT, CARE FOR, AND MAINTAIN YOUR UNIFORM WITH THIS GUIDE IN ORDER FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF YOUR UNIFORM.

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## Introduction

This guide addresses Honeywell station/work uniforms for the emergency services (NFPA 1975). Station/work uniforms are NOT primary protective garments. A primary protective garment is a garment that is designed, certified, and intended to be a protective barrier from a specific hostile environment. Instead, these uniforms are intended to be worn during normal nonhazardous operations. They may also be worn underneath primary protective garments when used as part of a properly configured ensemble of protective clothing and equipment determined to be appropriate through a hazard and risk assessment undertaken by your department or organization. When your uniform is worn underneath primary protective garments and your overall ensemble is exposed to flame or high heat, your uniform is intended to not rapidly deteriorate, melt, shrink, adhere to your skin, or cause greater, more severe burn injuries. Some station/work uniforms are constructed of flame-resistant textiles but are nonetheless not intended to be worn as primary protective garments.

This user information guide provides information and instructions related to the selection, use, care, and maintenance of your station/work uniform. However, this guide does not tell you when and under what circumstances you should wear your uniform. Rather, this guide tells you how to wear your uniform and provides an understanding of the limitations of your uniform. Determining the suitability of your uniform for specific emergency services rests with your department or employer. Your department or employer has the legal responsibility to conduct a hazard assessment and decide the circumstances under which you can wear your uniform and if your uniform can be worn underneath primary protective garments as part of a properly configured protective ensemble that provides appropriate protection against identified hazards.

## Pre-use Information

**General Construction and Features** – Your station/work uniform has been manufactured to comply with NFPA 1975: *Standard on Station/Work Uniforms for Emergency Services*.

Uniforms are provided either as shirts and pants or as full-body coveralls. These uniforms are generally constructed of a single layer. The uniform may include different features and options such as different types of closure systems, reinforcements, pockets, and high-visibility materials. Specific information about

the materials and features of available uniforms is provided on the Honeywell website at [www.HoneywellFirstResponder.com](http://www.HoneywellFirstResponder.com).

### Safety Considerations and Limitations of Use

– It is critically important that you do not wear this station/work uniform until you have read and understood this entire guide and the labels provided on your uniform. In order to reduce – but not eliminate – your risks, do not wear this station/work uniform unless:

- **You Understand All Labels, This Guide, and Applicable Standards:** You have read, fully understood, and strictly followed this guide and all labels for this uniform, the applicable NFPA 1975 standard, and applicable national, state/provincial, and local regulations pertinent to emergency services.
- **Your Uniform Has Undergone Hazard/Risk Assessment:** Your department, organization, or employer has conducted a hazard/risk assessment and determined that this uniform can be worn in the intended emergency services and can be worn underneath primary protective garments when part of a properly configured protective ensemble of clothing and equipment to provide an acceptable level of protection for the particular emergency operations consistent with applicable national, state/provincial, and local regulations.
- **Your Uniform Fits Properly:** Your uniform must be appropriately sized to provide an adequate range of motion and must permit you to complete required tasks without overexertion.
- **You Understand Your Uniform's Lack of Protection:** You have been trained and understand that this uniform is not a primary protective garment and will not protect you from any specific hazards. This uniform offers no heat protection or protection from exposure to hazardous substances or other hazards that may be encountered in the course of emergency services work.
- **You Understand the Possibility of Heat Stress:** Wearing your uniform together with primary protective garments and other ensemble elements may increase your risk of heat stress, which may cause heart attack, stroke, dehydration, or other health-related conditions. At the first sign of heat stress, immediately seek medical help.
- **You Understand the Possibility of Uniform Flammability and Burn Injury:** If this uniform is not constructed of flame-resistant textiles, it will ignite and continue to burn if exposed to flame or excessive heat. Do not wear this uniform in any environment

where you expect to be exposed to flame, high heat, or any other thermal hazard. If this uniform is constructed of flame-resistant textiles, it may ignite and burn or deteriorate if exposed to flame and high heat for an extended period. This uniform should never be worn by itself for protection from burn injury.

- **You Understand the Following Before Adding Patches, Emblems, and Insignia:** Patches, emblems, or insignia can be fabricated of or consist of materials that easily melt or ignite. Avoid adding large patches, emblems, or insignia to your uniform that are fabricated of or consist of such materials.
- **You Understand the Need for Complete Ensemble:** If worn underneath primary protective garments for specific emergency operations, this uniform must not interfere with the wearing of the primary protective garments or any protective clothing or equipment that is part of the appropriate protective ensemble.
- **You Give Your Uniform Proper Care and Maintenance:** This uniform must be properly inspected, maintained, and cared for by you and your department, organization, or employer consistent with these instructions and the applicable national, state/provincial, and local regulations. Your uniform must be free of soiling, contamination, damage, and any alteration that would compromise its utility as provided in its original condition. Damage and contamination of this uniform may warrant its disposal.
- **You Have Read and Understand the Warranty:** This uniform is NOT warranted to be fit for a particular purpose. Read carefully the warranty at the end of this guide. If labels in the uniform are missing or become unreadable, contact Honeywell for instructions on obtaining a copy of the label information.

**Marking Recommendations** – Do not attempt to alter or modify your uniform unless you have permission from your department or organization. For identification purposes, you may mark your uniform on the interior using an indelible marker, if permitted by your department or organization. Do not write over or obscure information on the product label.

**Testing and Assessment of Performance** – Your uniform materials and components used in its construction have been evaluated for a number of performance properties that are based on the requirements of NFPA 1975 for its certification. These properties include heat and thermal shrinkage resistance, thermal stability, and seam strength. Uniforms certified

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to the optional requirements for flame-resistant station/work uniforms have also had their materials evaluated for flame resistance. None of these performance properties can be evaluated in the field, so if you have questions about this, check with your department or organization, which in turn can contact Honeywell.

### Preparation for Use

**Sizing** – All Honeywell uniforms are offered in a full range of sizes depending on the type of garment (shirt, pants, or coveralls). It is important that you select the appropriate size of uniform. Uniforms that are too tight will hinder your movement, and uniforms that are too loose will also negatively affect your ability to move. Choose a uniform size that gives you the best functionality and fits comfortably. If you lose or gain weight, you may need to have the size of your uniform adjusted to provide proper fit.

**Recommended Storage Practices** – Store your uniform only when it is clean, dry, and free of contamination. Storing wet uniforms will promote growth of mildew, fungus, bacteria, or other harmful substances with the potential to cause skin irritation, rashes, diseases, and/or illnesses. Wet conditions can also lead to deterioration of some uniform materials. Keep your uniform away from potential contaminants such as oils, greases, or other chemical substances. Store your uniform in a clean, dry, ventilated area away from direct sunlight and away from tools or other sharp objects.

### Inspection Frequency and Details

Inspect your uniform prior to its first use and periodically thereafter. Prior to using the uniform for the first time, ensure that your uniform does not have any construction flaws. Inspect your uniform for the following:

- soiling
- contamination
- physical damage such as rips, tears, punctures, and cuts
- damaged or missing hardware and closure systems
- loss of seam integrity, and broken or missing stitches

### Care and Maintenance Instructions

**Cleaning Instructions** – In cleaning your uniform:

1. Remove any items placed in the pockets of your uniform before washing it.
2. If it has been used in emergency operations, do not wash your uniform or other protective clothing with personal items in your personal laundry or at a laundromat.
3. Unless permitted by the label, do not dry clean your uniform.
4. Choose an appropriate washing machine. While top-loading machines may be used, front-loading washers/extractors are preferred, as these machines are less likely to physically damage clothing and can be programmed for specific water levels, temperatures, and times.
5. Unless otherwise instructed, load the machine to 80% of its rated capacity. Overloading will result in inefficient cleaning.
6. Use moderate wash settings, a mild detergent, and warm water temperatures.
7. Never use solvent or chlorine bleach or cleaning agents that contain chlorine bleach. These substances rapidly break down some uniform materials.
8. Following washing, remove the uniform from the washing machine and use a dryer with a moderate heat setting.
9. Inspect the uniform and, where necessary, rewash the uniform.

**Repairs** – Repair your uniform only with like materials and components, including thread. If you have questions about the repair of your uniform, contact Honeywell for additional information.

**Decontamination** – Proper decontamination of your uniform will depend on the type and extent of contamination. If your uniform becomes contaminated with blood or body fluids, immediately isolate the uniform and inform your supervisor, department, or organization. Your uniform must be subjected to specialized cleaning procedures that are demonstrated to remove blood or body fluids. If your uniform becomes contaminated with chemicals or other hazardous substances, immediately isolate your uniform and remove it from service, taking care not to crosscontaminate other clothing. Immediately inform your supervisor, department, or organization.

Do not wear a uniform that was contaminated until you have verification that the uniform is now free from contamination.

### Retirement and Disposal

The decision for continued service of your uniform must be made by a qualified individual within your department or organization. In general, uniforms that are worn thin or have extensive damage, discoloration, or staining should be retired. If you have any doubts about your uniform and its condition, bring this matter to the attention of your supervisor, department, or organization. Contaminated uniforms must be disposed of by your department or organization in accordance with federal, state/provincial, or local regulations.

### Warranty

Honeywell warrants that all Morning Pride and Honeywell uniforms are free from defects in material and workmanship for the useful life of the products. This warranty specifically excludes accidental damage (acid, tears on nails, etc.), intentional or unintentional abuse, natural disasters, damage caused by disregard of care instructions, and normal wear. THESE WARRANTIES ARE EXCLUSIVE AND IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, WHETHER WRITTEN, EXPRESS, IMPLIED, STATUTORY, OR OTHERWISE. A full warranty statement can be found at [www.Honeywell-FirstResponderServices.com](http://www.Honeywell-FirstResponderServices.com).

### Contact Information

If you have questions or require more information, contact Honeywell First Responder Products.

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