



# HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Officers and Members  
**From:** Ruy Lozano, Assistant Fire Chief *RL*  
**Through:** Rodney West, Executive Assistant Fire Chief *RW*  
**Subject:** PPE Quality Control  
**Date:** July 23, 2020

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All officers and members need to verify the quality of all PPE before use. The volatility of the supply-chains of PPE items are forcing us to purchase different brands depending on availability. All PPE items are vetted prior to exiting the Distribution Warehouse.

There have been moments where good intentioned businesses and citizens make donations of PPE not realizing the low quality of the items being donated.

Some items have been found at fire stations that did not get processed though the Distribution Warehouse and were of a lesser quality that is expected for our dynamic environment.

If you received items of PPE and are questioning the quality of its performance contact Arredondo, Jaime - HFD [Jaime.Arredondo@houstontx.gov](mailto:Jaime.Arredondo@houstontx.gov) at the Distribution Warehouse for confirmation.

*Below are examples of PPE Items that did not get processed though the Distribution Warehouse that made it out to the fire station.*



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