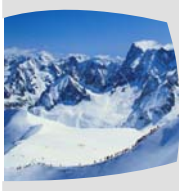




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ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF FIRST-RESPONDERS AND HELPING THEM BUILD A SECURE FUTURE.

The Evolution of Fire Boots

The BOSS, the revolutionary fire boot from AirBoss-Defense, is the best bet for firefighter footwear on the market today.

The BOSS looks, fits, feels and weighs like a leather boot, but it is constructed with natural and synthetic rubber.

The evolution lies in the use of a synthetic rubber (butyl) which allows for better protection against CBRN agents. The improved fit is a result of AirBoss-Defense investing over \$250,000 in new tooling that relates to today's first responders.

We could go on and on about the benefits of the new BOSS boot, but why not just look at what some fellow firefighters are saying about the BOSS boot:

"Great boot, very light and comfortable & easy to clean. Lightest boot I've ever worn" J.K., Minnesota

"I'm quite impressed with the new BOSS boot. Great job!" D.M., New York

"We have 15 people in these boots and all were very very impressed." B.F., West Virginia

"Very comfortable in comparison to other boots" J.H., Washington

"The BOSS is much lighter and overall has a more snug fit

than standard boots. We are extremely happy with them." A.K., Minnesota

"Performance and comfort are excellent. My feet no longer ache after standing on a long call. Better comfort, better grip, lighter weight, higher level of protection, what more could we ask for?" D.M., Vermont

"Overall a great boot." B.F., Pennsylvania

"These are the only boots that do not slip on my heels. They are very easy/non-restrictive, have great arch support. All in all these are great boots, the best I have worn." B.D., Montana

"Overall a very good boot. Warmer than I expected. The price when compared to leather makes the BOSS a good value." D.Y., New York

"I love the BOSS boots. They fit better than any boots I have had in the past. Overall ex-celent." C.N., Connecticut

With everyone that has tried the BOSS raving about its comfort, fit, protection, weight, value, performance and look, shouldn't you take a look at the next step in firefighter footwear?

We invite you to contact your local fire equipment dealer to take a closer look at the new BOSS fire boots from AirBoss-Defense.

AirBoss DEFENSE

"THE BOSS" CBRN Fire Boot

- Unparalleled protection
- Innovative Design
- Comfort, Feel and Weight of a Leather Boot

THE ULTIMATE PROTECTION

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NASCAR PROMOTION

AirBoss-Defense, in an effort to thank our growing list of customers, has just launched its newest drawing. We are giving you the chance to win 4 tickets to the NASCAR event of your choice.

From now until September 30th, 2008, every time you purchase a pair of BOSS fire boots at your local fire equipment dealer, you get a chance to participate in a drawing for 4 tickets to the NASCAR event of your choice.

So hurry down to your nearest fire equipment dealer and ask about how you can get in on your chance to win 4 tickets to the NASCAR event of your choice.

Contact your local fire equipment dealer or AirBoss-Defense directly, for details on how to register.



CIBRF

Chemical and Biological Incident Response Force

The Chemical and Biological Incident Response Force [CBIRF] was activated in 1996, at its home base in Camp Lejeune, NC. The Marine Corps created CBIRF to counter chemical/biological terrorist threat. The force is completely self-contained and self-sufficient, capable of deploying anywhere in the world on short notice. The force is a complete unit and contains about 350 Marines and Sailors, with the potential of increasing the strength of the security element by 200 additional Marines.

The CBIRF team is capable of rapid response to chemical or biological threats. Should an incident occur, CBIRF would immediately deploy to the site and provide a number of significant capabilities to include coordinating initial relief efforts, security, detection, identification, expert medical advice, and limited decontamination of personnel and equipment.

This response force will respond to chemical or biological incidents affecting Department of the Navy (DoN) installations and assets, Department of State (DoS) legations worldwide and, when directed by the National Command Authority, to assist local civilian and military agencies in order to assist the on-scene commander in providing initial post incident consequence management.

CBIRF was created to respond on short notice to chemical biological incidents worldwide. They were also created to provide consequence management, minimize effects of a chemical or biological terrorist device and reduce potential threats of chemical biological terrorists.

The first CBIRF team to arrive on any scene is the recon and rapid intervention team. It is their job to go in and see what type of chemical agents are present. They also determine what level of clothing CBIRF personnel need to wear to have maximum protection.

The next team to enter is the casualty search team that locates casualties and assesses them. Finally the casualty extract team enters to remove the casualties and take them to a decontamination tent. The decontamination tent can hold 10 ambulatory victims or 30 "walking wounded" and works like an assembly line.

While other services have the capability to assist in certain aspects of a chemical or biological incident, such as agent identification, the CBIRF is unique in that it is a self contained and self sufficient task-organized unit that can assist the on-scene commander in numerous functions, i.e. detection of hazardous materials, decontamination, medical treatment and security.

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HEAT STRESS INJURIES

Do you know what to do?

Warm weather is now upon all regions in the northern hemisphere. With warm weather brings the increased risk of heat stress for first responders. Although commonly attributed to warm weather conditions, heat stress should not be treated solely as a seasonal threat. Many occupations involve work in hot environments throughout the year.

Heat stress injuries and illnesses that can result from heat exposure can be split into six major groups.

Heat Rash is caused by a hot, humid environment and plugged sweat glands. It is a bumpy red rash which itches severely. It is not life-threatening but is very annoying. Dry clothes that help sweat evaporate will reduce the chance of heat rash. Washing regularly and keeping the skin clean and dry will help prevent heat rash.

Heat Cramps are painful muscle cramps caused by a loss of body salt through excessive sweating. To help prevent heat cramps, drink plenty of non-alcoholic, caffeine-free fluids while working in a hot environment. Anyone suffering from heat cramps should be watched carefully for signs of more serious heat stress. If the cramps persist or other symptoms develop, seek medical attention immediately.

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Heat Exhaustion results from inadequate salt and water intake and is a sign the body's cooling system is not working properly. The victim will sweat heavily, their skin will be cool and moist, their pulse weak, and they will seem tired, confused, clumsy, irritable or upset, they may breathe rapidly--even pant--and their vision may be blurred. If you suspect heat exhaustion, don't let the victim talk you out of seeking immediate medical attention. The heat exhaustion will affect their ability to exercise good judgment. Until medical help arrives, try to cool the victim and offer sips of cool water as long as the victim is conscious. Immediate medical attention is required. Heat exhaustion can quickly lead to heat stroke.

Heat Stroke is the deadliest of all heat stress conditions. It occurs when the body's cooling mechanism has shut down after extreme loss of salt and fluids. The body temperature will rise, the victim's skin is hot, red, and dry, their pulse fast, and they may complain of headache or dizziness. They will probably be weak, confused, and upset. Later stages of heat stroke cause a loss of consciousness and may lead to convulsions. In the event of heat stroke, seek immediate medical attention. Until help arrives, try to cool the victim and offer sips of cool water if the victim is conscious.

Incidental Accidents and Injuries that result from workers becoming dizzy, disoriented, weak or confused. These incidents can go unrecognized as such and therefore never attributed to heat stress as a root cause.

Personal physical condition and activity level combine with several environmental factors to determine the level of heat stress risk present. The best treatment and/or prevention remains rest, plenty of cool (non-alcoholic) beverages, cool shower or bath, air-conditioned environment and lightweight clothing.