



Maryland Fire Equipment Corporation

Burning Issues™

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We are pleased to introduce the inaugural issue of our quarterly newsletter – an informative piece that will be combined with our monthly mailings. With this newsletter, we'll have the opportunity to stay in touch with each of you and to keep you informed of what is going on at Maryland Fire Equipment Corporation and in the fire industry, as a whole.

Since its establishment in 1961, Maryland Fire continues to be a family-owned and operated company. Through the years, we've had the opportunity to "grow" the original concept of being a full-service supply company to the point where we offer services and training opportunities for our customers. These include cleaning/repair of firefighters' protective clothing, thermal imaging cameras, and hands-on use of portable fire extinguishers, among a full range of other products and services.

Clearly our product and service offerings have grown in response to new innovations in the industry and to the requests of our customers. However, we want you to consider Maryland Fire as more than a resource for quality gear and firefighting accessories; we want you to know that we're here for you as an insightful information resource, as well.

With "Burning Issues" as the conduit between our company and you, we are confident that we will continue to meet your needs now and into the future!

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Globe EMS: **A Fabric** **that Offers** **World-class** **Performance**

For over 100 years, Globe has protected and outfitted more fire departments around the world than any other protective clothing manufacturer. The same quality, innovation, and technology that have gone into our turnout suits now offer the same protection, performance, and rugged durability for those who "put out fires" every day when it comes to protecting and saving the lives of individuals involved in emergency and trauma situations.

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) professionals put themselves at a personal risk every time they respond to a call. On-the-job hazards including exposure to flash fire, hazardous chemicals, and of most concern, the transmission of bloodborne pathogens, require a level of protective clothing and gear now...more than ever.

Responding to the needs of this industry, Globe developed an innovative line of protective clothing, LifeLineEMS with CROSSTECH EMS fabric.



Globe LifeLineEMS protective clothing offers these advantages:

- *Innovative Ergonomic Design* - provides the fit and flexibility EMTs need, without compromising protection.
- *Flexible Construction* - allows easy access for inspective protective barrier lining.
- *"Tailor-made" Customization* - provides you with the capability to add options and secure the integrity of the barrier protection.
- *Full Protection* - constructed using a CROSSTECH free-hanging moisture barrier and Nomex outer shell, Globe LifeLineEMS is waterproof, windproof, and provides complete protection against flash fire, bloodborne pathogens, and common chemicals.

Simply stated, LifeLineEMS is the best EMS clothing available and is setting a new standard in protective clothing excellence!

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Dressed For Success

Wear your uniform with pride! Maryland Fire is pleased to offer Class "A" dress uniforms – a coat, pants, shirt, belt, tie, and hat – made with the style you expect and the quality you demand. Consider these details:

- **Standard 100% Dacron Polyester**
- **Measurement & Expert Tailoring**
- **Ladies' & Men's Sizes**
- **Single- or Double-breasted Styling**
- **Gold or Silver Buttons**
- **Blue or White Shirts – Long or Short Sleeves**
- **Regular Necktie or Clip-on**
- **Rank Stripes, Service Stars, Hash Marks**
- **One Company Emblem Sewn on Coat**
- **The Availability of Oversized Sets**

Don't wait until you need to dress for success! Contact your Maryland Fire representative and order today!



GLOBE GX7

Quality.
Durability.
Comfort.



When it comes to choosing the right firesuit, superior quality, durability, and comfort are all important factors to help you be your best.

Maryland Fire is pleased to offer you the complete line of Globe Firefighters' Suits, including the GX-7.

The GX-7 combination jacket/trouser system incorporates the quality and innovative features that Globe has developed and continually improved since the company's founding in 1887.

Jacket features, including the two-piece collar, thermally enhanced shoulders/upper back, contoured sleeves/underarm gussets, and the three-piece outer shell offer superior protection and mobility.

The trousers, with innovations such as a lumbar protection panel, four-piece body panel, and thermally enhanced liner knees, among other features, offer significant advantages to help firefighters be their best.

Key features of the jacket and trousers, available in a full range of men's and women's sizes, include:

- **Heavy-duty Cuff Reinforcements**
- **Reinforced Hardware**
- **Industry Superior Double-stitched Seams**
- **Flame-resistance Hook & Loop Closures**
- **Wear-tested TrimTrax Cording**

For more information about the GX-7 or any of the other quality Globe firesuits, contact your Maryland Fire representative today!



In our dedication to offer only the finest products in the firefighting industry, Maryland Fire is pleased to carry the MSA CairnsHelmets line of quality protective headgear.

Since 1836, MSA CairnsHelmets has been the original manufacturer of leather firefighting helmets. Hand-shaped, hand-stitched, and hand-trimmed, MSA CairnsHelmets combines timeless craftsmanship with tough, dependable materials to truly

offer firefighters today the "best of both worlds."

Keeping abreast of the latest technological advances in the design and manufacture of quality headgear, MSA CairnsHelmets expanded its line of traditional leather helmets through the years and now features the most diverse product line in the industry, including gear made from leather, Kevlar™, fiberglass, and thermoplastic.

Talk to your Maryland Fire representative about the MSA CairnsHelmets products that will meet your demands.

MSA® CairnsHELMETS:
**High-performance
Headgear from a
Name You Can Trust**

Maryland Fire's Turnout Gear Cleaning Services

Keep it Clean



Fire chiefs and those in leadership roles within fire departments are faced with making many important decisions and meeting many challenges on a day-to-day basis. Finding more effective ways to increase the donation/contribution fund, improve firefighter training and evaluation, improve response time, and increase volunteer memberships represent a sampling of these types of questions and concerns.

Another important concern, brought to heightened awareness through the addition of NFPA 1851's "Selection, Care, and Maintenance" document, revolves around the importance of regularly inspecting, cleaning, and repairing turnout gear to ensure NFPA compliance.

For over 16 years, Maryland Fire's "Personal Protective Equipment Center" (PPE Center) has been the East Coast's resource for complete sale, inspection, cleaning, and repair solutions for all a fire department's Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) needs.

Consider these important advantages of Maryland Fire Equipment Corporation's PPE Center :

- **The PPE Center is recognized by major turnout gear manufacturers and is the Authorized Cleaning and Repair Center for Globe Firefighter Suits, among other popular brand names.**
- **The PPE Center was the first repair center to be verified by Intertek Testing Services (ITS) to repair Crosstech® and GoreTex® moisture barriers.**
- **Our factory-training sewing technicians can repair your gear to manufacturer specifications that meet NFPA standards.**
- **Proper cleaning, repair, maintenance, and record keeping of every set of PPE are a sampling of the comprehensive services offered at the PPE Center.**
- **Maryland Fire offers a one- to three-day turnaround time for PPE that requires cleaning only and a three- to five-day turnaround for repair.**
- **The PPE Center can also provide Haz-Mat Decontamination and Disinfection cleaning.**

When you consider that gear replacement costs are high and certain to get higher, it's definitely more cost-effective to keep your turnout gear clean and in good condition so that you can put it back into service rather than spending upwards of \$1,000 to replace it!

PRO -Warrington Boots:

Step Into the Pro & Step Up to the Best



Maryland Fire gives firefighters the opportunity to stay a step ahead in quality footwear by offering the PRO-Warrington boot line.

An independent study and follow-up research conducted by the University of Delaware's Sport Science Center and commissioned by the IAFF and FEMA found that Pro-Warrington leather boots offered superior performance over rubber.

Maryland Fire is featuring three specific models:

Model 3009 with CROSSTECH Footwear Fabric Bootie System

- **Rugged and Durable**
- **Ranked #1 Boot 14 Years in a Row**
- **#1 Field Tested Boot in the U.S.**

Model 3005 & 3007, both with CROSSTECH Footwear Fabric

- **Breathable, Leg-supporting Side Panels**
- **Unbeatable Ankle Support**
- **Speed Lace for Quick Change**

Contact your Maryland Fire representative for pricing and for other PRO-Warrington boot models.

Introducing the New & Improved Maryland Fire Web Site



Visit www.marylandfire.com for the latest information in the industry !

Did You Know?



“Anticipation in Uniform” **A Welcome Addition to the Maryland Fire Family**

Maryland Fire is pleased to introduce a new line of garments designed especially for expectant mothers in the police and fire service industries.

“Anticipation in Uniform,” sized and tailored to a woman’s needs through all stages of pregnancy, offers the customized sizing, proportions, and comfort that expectant mothers need to be their very best.

Some key features of the “Anticipation in Uniform” line include:

- *Customized sizing*
- *Seven colors from which to choose: white, medium uniform blue, navy blue, tan, brown, light gray, dark gray*
- *Shirts available in long and short sleeves*
- *Three different fabrics from which to choose: poly/cotton blends, 100% wrinkle-free polyester, and gabardine/wool blends*
- *Epaulets*
- *Badge holder*

Blouses have front and back pleats attractively placed for comfortable expansion, and a flap conceals an inserted pocket that has a velcro closure. The left breast pocket features a pen slot for storage, and stitched creases enhance the front yoke.

Pants and skirts have triple top-stitched outer seams. The waist has a one-inch elastic band with “release to grow” velcro tabs.

You can trust that our “Anticipation in Uniform” line is of the quality you have “grown to expect.”



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