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FIREFIGHTER GEAR CLEANING COMPANY MOVES TO WILMINGTON

Wilmington, DE- LION TotalCare[®], provider of fire department personal protective equipment (PPE) maintenance and repair, has opened a new facility in Wilmington Del.

TotalCare's operations moved from Kennett Square Pa. to improve project work flow, and better serve their 17 employees. With a total of six locations across the United States, and one in Canada, LION Total Care works to enhance firefighter safety, and extend the useful life of PPE.

TotalCare provides National Fire Protection Association-certified services which include inspection, cleaning, repair, disinfection, and decontamination of all firefighter gear, emergency medical service, technical rescue, wildland, and other PPE (including hoods, boots, gloves and helmets). TotalCare uses an innovative Ozone Cleaning Technology which provides 99.999% disinfection from germs, viruses, and bacteria. This non-toxic and chemical free process provides a thorough cleaning while reducing wear and tear on the garment.

Firefighters are at a greater risk when their gear is not properly cleaned and maintained. Soiled and damaged gear is less protective as it reflects less radiant heat and is more likely to conduct electricity. In addition, multiple studies have shown that firefighters have statistically higher rates of cancer as compared to the general American population. Firefighters are exposed to airborne carcinogens as a result of burning materials during normal firefighting activities. Smoke deposits and residue from those burning materials can also be trapped in a firefighter's gear and will remain until cleaned, exposing firefighters to secondary cancer-causing toxins.

"Cleaning firefighter gear is a significant investment for fire departments; however, it represents the difference between life and death for firefighters. Beyond on the job reasons, clean gear, also provides long term health benefits, as demonstrated by recent research findings of links between dirty gear and exposure to cancer-causing toxins. TotalCare provides a resource for both firefighter safety and budget management for departments," states Jim Baker, director of LION TotalCare.

For more information regarding LION TotalCare, and clean gear practices, you can visit the TotalCare website at lionprotects.com/keeping-you-safer-longer.

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About LION TotalCare

LION TotalCare is the leader in PPE maintenance and repair with more than 20 years of experience and first-hand manufacturer's knowledge. LION TotalCare is a fully verified ISP, performs work on all brands of PPE, and offers services that meet the current edition of NFPA 1851, and NFPA 1855. Operating seven facilities in North America, LION TotalCare helps firefighter PPE to remain safer, longer. For more information, please visit our website at www.lionprotects.com/keeping-you-safer-longer.