

Howard Fire Department issues statement about PFAS contaminants

Even with the coverage of the COVID-19 outbreak in the U.S. being the prevailing news topic, the concern over PFAS pollution caused by some forms of firefighting foam has made its way back to the front of the local news. To answer recent questions and to keep our community informed, the firefighting foam used by Howard Fire Rescue does not contain PFAS.

Solberg, a producer of firefighting foam located in the Village of Howard, has been the recipient of the following awards and accolades since they opened their Wisconsin-based production facility on Brookfield Avenue in 2012:

- Aug. 2013 – Environmental Stewardship Award, Green Bay Chamber of Commerce
- May 2014 – Received the first THINC! Insight Innovation Award from the Technology & Human Innovation Networking Convention (THINC!)
- June 2014- Received their LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council
- October 2014 – EPA Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award for the development of their Re-healing foam (RF)
- June 2016 – Governor’s New Product Award –Re-healing foam won Best of State – First Place in the large company category.

Howard Fire Rescue was fortunate enough to partner with Solberg back in 2012 utilizing the Fire Break, RF3, and RF1 brand foams, which do not have any of the PFA substances in their makeup. Today Solberg is part of Perimeter Solutions, an industry leader in foam and fire-retardant manufacturing that supplies products to fire management and firefighting organizations around the world.

Howard Fire Rescue has begun the transition to Perimeter Solutions PHOS-CHEK foam. PHOS-CHEK is not only a proven class A foam for structural firefighting, but it is also an approved product for use in wildland fire suppression by the U.S. Forest Service and Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre. Those interested can read more about Perimeter Solutions and their product PHOS-CHEK following these links:

<https://perimeter-solutions.com/>

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