

Department of Homeland Security

Base Ensemble Extended Wear Testing

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1. Which uniform are you answering this survey for?

- Ergonomix
- Amber

2. What was your primary role while wearing this uniform?

- Emergency Medical Services
- Law Enforcement
- Fire Fighting

3. How long have you been a first responder?

4. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male

5. What is your current duty uniform (brand name/manufacturer/materials, etc)?

6. How many times have you washed the uniform?

7. What equipment did you use to wash the uniform? Please name the detergent and indicate if you used a commercial/industrial or household washing machine.

8. On a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 is the lowest score and 7 is the highest score, how would you rate the comfort of this uniform compared to your standard uniform?

9. Why do you feel this uniform is more or less comfortable than your standard uniform?

10. On a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 is the lowest score and 7 is the highest score, how would you rate the breathability of this uniform compared to your standard uniform?

11. Why do you feel this uniform breathes better or worse than your standard uniform?

12. On a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 is the lowest score and 7 is the highest score, how would you rate the flexibility of this uniform compared to your standard uniform?

13. Why do you feel this uniform is more or less flexible than your standard uniform?

14. On a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 is the lowest score and 7 is the highest score, how would you rate the durability of this uniform compared to your standard uniform?

15. Why do you feel this uniform is more or less durable than your standard uniform?

16. Is this uniform professional in its appearance and color?

17. Did the uniform have enough pockets in the proper locations? Were they the right size?

18. Were the fasteners, including pocket fasteners, on the uniform adequate? If not, why?

19. Was the knee protection on the garment adequate? Why or why not?

20. Was the splash protection of the garment effective? Why or Why not?

21. Did the garment construction or design interfere with your normal activities? If so, how?

22. Did any feature interfere with your duty or equipment belt? If so, which and how?

23. How did the garment perform under body armor or other protective equipment (for example, was it too hot under turn out gear or a ballistic vest)?

24. Did any non-typical response events occur while wearing the garments? If so, how did the garment perform?

25. What was the garment's best feature?

26. What was the garment's worst feature?

27. What modifications would be required in the garments to better meet your operational requirements?

28. Do you prefer this garment over your normal duty uniform? Why or why not?

29. Do you have any other comments or suggestions regarding this garment?

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