

Only One Hood Needed



Dear Half-Mast,

In PS 700 (Mar 11), you said in the article "What Every CBRN Room Needs" that CBRN specialists should keep two quick-doff hoods on hand per Soldier. I think only one hood is needed per M40/M42 mask, especially since the hood isn't needed when worn with JSLIST. Am I wrong?

MAJ K.G.

Dear Major K.G.,

No, we were wrong. According to the M40/M42's TM 3-4240-346-23&P, the quick-doff hood is an AAL item for the M40 mask. That means no hood is required when you turn in the M40 and you don't need to keep the hood if you're using JSLIST. But for the M42, the hood is required and must be turned in with the M42.

So, CBRN specialists should always keep on hand one quick-doff hood per M42 mask. For the M40, they should keep on hand either one quick-doff hood or one JSLIST. It's a good idea for CBRN specialists to store the hoods in the CBRN room when they're not needed.

Half-Mast