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**Apply Now for New Turnouts through MSA’s Globe Gear Giveaway Program**

*13 departments will each receive four new sets of state-of-the-art gear*

Many volunteer departments are forced to make do with an inadequate amount of turnout gear or with worn-out, non-compliant gear they can’t afford to replace. That’s why MSA, DuPont, and the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) are working together again in 2019 to distribute new turnout gear to volunteer fire departments through MSA’s Globe Gear Giveaway Program. This annual program began in 2012 to help departments in need properly outfit their crew. To date, the program has delivered 455 sets to 95 departments.

“The NVFC is excited to partner with MSA and DuPont again this year on our annual giveaway,” said NVFC Chair Kevin D. Quinn. “Proper turnouts are essential to ensure the safety of our boots on the ground, but many volunteer departments struggle to provide adequate protection to their firefighters. We are grateful to MSA and DuPont for their generosity in giving back to those who serve.”

“MSA is pleased to continue this longstanding partnership with DuPont and the NVFC to provide advanced turnout gear to volunteer fire departments in need,” said chief operating officer of MSA’s Globe firefighter protective apparel Tom Vetras. “For more than 100 years we’ve been dedicated to protecting those who protect us, so when there are first responders in need – we’re proud to be able to help.”

“With DuPont’s continued focus on protecting firefighters, we are proud and humbled to partner alongside MSA and the NVFC on this much needed gear giveaway program,” said John Richard, vice president and general manager, DuPont™ Kevlar® and Nomex®. “Ensuring that these brave men and women are protected as they selflessly serve their communities is paramount to DuPont, and we look forward to the kick-off of another successful Globe Gear Giveaway campaign.”

The 2019 application period for [MSA’s Globe Gear Giveaway](https://www.nvfc.org/globe-gear-giveaway) is now open. 13 departments will each receive four sets of new gear, for a total of 52 sets. The first 500 applicants will also receive a one-year [NVFC membership](https://www.nvfc.org/BeYourBest), courtesy of MSA.

To be eligible to apply for MSA’s Globe Gear Giveaway, departments must meet the following criteria:

* be all-volunteer or mostly-volunteer (over 50 percent)
* serve a population of 25,000 or less
* be located in the U.S. or Canada and legally organized under state/province law
* demonstrate a need for the gear
* department or person applying must be a [member of the NVFC](http://www.nvfc.org/beyourbest). To help departments meet the membership criteria, MSA will provide a complimentary NVFC Membership to the first 500 applicants.

Learn more and apply for MSA’s Globe gear at [www.nvfc.org/globe-gear-giveaway](http://www.nvfc.org/globe-gear-giveaway). The deadline to apply is June 1, 2019. Winners will be announced monthly between July and December.

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**About the NVFC**
The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is the leading nonprofit membership association representing the interests of the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services. The NVFC serves as the voice of the volunteer in the national arena and provides invaluable resources, programs, education, and advocacy for first responders across the nation. Learn more at [www.nvfc.org](http://www.nvfc.org/).