# Flame Resistant Organizational Gear (FROG)







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# Video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXX\_yIPvotc&feature=fvsr



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## **Current OPS**

### Afghanistan

- January 2009 (276 IEDs) 14 killed, 64 injured
- January 2010 (727 IEDs) 31 killed, 137 injured

#### Conditions

- Terrain (austere environment)
- Lack of laundering/limited support/services infrastructure on FOBs
- Marines often lose footing resulting in more tears, and constant wetness/sweat while patrolling through poppy fields contributing to fabric breakdown.

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#### **Description**

- FROG provides increased protection against flash/flame exposure.
- FROG I Base Layers: balaclava, gloves, long sleeve t-shirt.
- FROG II Outer Layers: FR combat ensemble and Inclement Weather Combat Shirt (IWCS).



1 ea. light weight 1 ea. mid weight



2 per



3 per



4 per



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#### **Future Acquisition Strategy**

- R&D on fabrics/designs.
- Lab tests, including Pyroman testing
- Items selected will offer optimal level of protection, comfort and durability.





#### **Fielding**

- OCO Annual Requirement 100,450 sets/year
- Baseline Requirement 15,000 sets/year
   Six MEU's at 2,500 per MEU

#### **Sustainment Concept**

■ PM ICE will POM for and provide sustainment for FROG for the foreseeable future. We will improve our present system from user feedback, lessons learned and technological advancements.

### **FROG Short Term**

- Quantities depend on forces in theater and replenishment demand
- Improved FR protection, durability, comfort and design
- RFI fabric results (prioritized efforts)
- Combat shirt and trouser (Improved FR, durability and permethrin)
- Gloves (water repellant, quick drying, improved tactility)

## **FROG Long Term**

- FR material with same/similar attributes as non-FR materials (cost, comfort, and durability); incorporated into all uniforms
- Improved durability in all FR components
- Thermal protection in several FR components for colder climates
- Weather (moisture) protection in FR outer layers
- Improved anti-microbial protection in all FR components

# FROG Future R&D Efforts

Current SBIR effort - to develop a nonwoven FROG fabric

- Better FR performance
- Better comfort (i.e. air perm, MVTR)
- Better durability (i.e. wash, abrasion)

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