

Fire destroys firefighters protective clothing - and prevents his injury

Your Sylvania fire fighters pictured below were preparing to attack a van fire Wednesday. When water was applied, the magnesium (commonly used in engines and other areas of a vehicle) reacted violently as seen in the second picture. The nozzleman's gear was destroyed by this but because of the fact he was in full firefighting gear, he was not injured. As you can see in the other pictures, the magnesium burned through the outer shell and scorched the vapor barrier but never made contact with skin or uniform clothing. It also damaged his SCBA mask.

