

In an effort to clear up confusion on “Cold Weather Gear” issues, the following explains OEP’s current position.

Cold weather gear, specifically, parkas, pants, hats, balaclavas are being purchased and will be issued to NDMS personnel participating in response to the 2002 winter Olympics in Salt Lake City in February of 2002 upon their arrival. All clothing issued will be black in color. Upon re-deployment all personnel will be required to return all issued clothing. It will then be cleaned and stockpiled by OEP for re-issue at future missions.

The clothing selected is ECWS 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation manufactured by Adventure Tech, Inc.

Due to the many differences in personal preferences for boots and gloves, each NDMS member will be responsible for providing their own, as well as other clothing required for a cold weather response. Guidelines for this can be found in the NDMS manual. Black is the recommended color for all outerwear.

All members must respond with enough cold weather clothing to protect them while traveling, as well as prior to and after return of issued clothing.

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