

# City of Belleville Fire Department

Number: 1012

**POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Belleville Fire Department that the Buddy System be used in interior firefighting operations.

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## GUIDELINE

**1:00 Purpose:**

1:01 The purpose of the Buddy System is to ensure that if one fire fighter becomes injured, trapped or unconscious, the buddy will be available to assist or call for help.

**2:00 Procedures:**

2:01 A team of firefighters (minimum of 2) entering a hazardous area must use the buddy system of entering, working and exiting as a team

2:02 No one exits a hazardous area alone, If a situation makes it necessary for one member of the team to exit, such as a malfunctioning SCBA, the team members exit in pairs or the entire team exits.

THIS GUIDELINE IS NOT EXPECTED TO SUBSTITUTE FOR GOOD JUDGEMENT AND EXPERIENCE UNDER UNUSUAL CONDITIONS.

3:00 **Scope:**

3:01 It shall be the responsibility of the Captain/ Officer in charge of each shift to ensure that this guideline is explained and followed.

3:02 It shall be the responsibility of **all employees** to understand and adhere to this guideline.

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