

# City of Belleville Fire Department

Number: 1021

**POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Belleville Fire Department that all personnel take all reasonable precautions to prevent injury in a Flashover/Rollover while firefighting.

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## GUIDELINE

1:00 **Purpose:**

1:01 To ensure that all Personnel are familiar with the signs of Flashover/Rollover for enhanced safety.

2:00 **Procedures:**

2:01 All personnel must be aware of pre-flashover signs:

- a) The room gets hot very quickly
- b) A rapid inversion of the smoke layer from the ceiling to the floor
- c) Rollover in some cases
- d) Temperatures at a 1 meter height are hot enough to melt a helmet visor

2:02 Take Defensive Action – Firefighters should vacate the area immediately and advise the Incident Commander.

2:03 When smoke drops immediately discharge water at the ceiling using the penciling technique taught in flashover training to cool the gases.

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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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