

City of Belleville Fire Department

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POLICY:

It is the policy of the Belleville Fire Department that the safety of all personnel must be of first and foremost consideration at all Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Terrorism Incidents.

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GUIDELINE

1:00 **Purpose:**

1:01 To reduce the health risks to all personnel when responding to Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Terrorism Incidents.

2:00 **Procedures:**

2:01 All personnel shall be trained to the awareness level for responding to Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Terrorism incidents, as set out by the Ontario Fire Marshall basic training modules.

2:02 It is essential that as first responders to any incident, we recognize an act of terrorism. A terrorism incident is different from a regular incident in that it is intended to cause damage, harm and/or death.

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- 2:03 All first responders shall be in full personal protective equipment when responding to any incident. The Incident Command shall evaluate the scene to determine if it is an act of terrorism. Once this has been determined all personnel shall be removed from the “Hot Zone”.
- 2:04 If any personnel have been exposed or potentially exposed to any substance they should be isolated and/or decontaminated.
- 2:05 Incident Command should notify Dispatch of the potential terrorism incident and the Fire Chief should be contacted. The Fire Chief will determine if the Emergency Management Program should be activated. If the Emergency Management Program is activated the Incident Command will follow this programs protocols.
- 2:06 Incident Command will set-up a perimeter and preserve the scene. All personnel and public should be removed from the area.
- 2:07 Incident Command should notify Fire Prevention to attend. The Office of the Fire Marshall shall also be contacted if criteria are met.
- 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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