

City of Belleville Fire Department

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POLICY:

It is the policy of the Belleville Fire Department that standard procedures be utilized to maintain communications between the Incident Commander/Sector Officer and fire fighters entering structures in response to fires or hazardous conditions.

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GUIDELINE

1:00 Purpose:

1:01 To provide Fire Fighters entering structures in response to fires or hazardous materials, a method of communication that provides contact with the Incident Commander/Sector Officer and with other fire fighters located outside of the structure.

2:00 Procedures:

2:01 Each firefighting crew entering a fire or hazardous material incident shall have radio communications with the Incident Commander.

2:02 Voice amplifiers should be utilized between attack crews and the Incident Commander/Sector Officer.

2:03 Fire fighters shall not remove their SCBA face pieces in a hazardous environment to relay radio communications.

2:04 Progress updates shall be given by radio to the Incident Commander/Sector Officer when necessary from inside firefighting crews.

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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