

City of Belleville Fire Department

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POLICY:

It is the policy of the Belleville Fire Department to provide all personnel with a safe and healthy working environment at all emergency scenes.

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GUIDELINE

1:00 Purpose:

1:01 To establish the Incident Safety Officer's (ISO) role in assisting the Incident Command (IC) in the welfare of personnel operating under the stress and danger of the fire ground or emergency scene.

2:00 Procedures:

2:01 The Incident Commander (IC) is ultimately responsible for Firefighter health and safety at the scene. A safety sector should be established at any incident where the Incident Commander's span of control exceeds a safe operational level or at incidents where there is a higher than normal risk to firefighter's health and safety.

2:02 The Incident Commander may designate the Incident Safety Officer role to any personnel who is qualified because of knowledge, training and experience.

2:03 The Incident Safety Officer will be identified by wearing an "Incident Safety Officer" vest while on the emergency scene. These Safety Vests will be located on all Pumpers.

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- 2:04 Responsibilities of the Incident Safety Officer (ISO):
- Obtain a briefing from the Incident Commander
 - Identify hazardous situations associated with the incident
 - Participate in on scene meetings
 - Review incident action plan
 - Identify potentially unsafe situations
 - Exercise emergency authority to stop and prevent unsafe acts
 - Jointly Investigate all accidents or injuries with a certified Health and Safety member.
 - Report all actions to the Incident Commander immediately
- 2:05 The presence of an on scene Incident Safety Officer in no way diminishes the responsibility of Sector Officers and the Incident Commander for the safety of personnel under their direction.
- 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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