

City of Belleville Fire Department

Number: 3002

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Belleville Fire Department that standard procedures be followed to reduce the potential for exposure to asbestos fibres and/or dust.

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GUIDELINE

1:00 **Purpose:**

1:01 To protect all personnel from exposure to Asbestos.

2:00 **Procedures:**

2:01 All personnel shall be trained to recognize buildings that are likely to contain asbestos, the hazards associated with asbestos, the appropriate hygiene and work practices (including decontamination).

2:02 Asbestos is a heat resistant fibrous silicate material that is used in fire-resistant, insulating and building materials that are found in buildings constructed prior to 1989.

2:03 To prevent exposures to asbestos fire fighters should:

(A) Wear positive pressure SCBA during fire fighting, overhaul and investigation.

(B) Conduct on-site decontamination of fire fighters prior to removing SCBA following the Decontamination SOG #3026

(C) Wet surfaces that contain asbestos to minimize fibre disruption.

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(D) Wash contaminated clothing and equipment.

(E) Shower upon returning to the Station.

2:04 Personnel involved in origin and cause investigation must wear an SCBA at all times and follow SOG #3026 for decontamination if asbestos is suspected or present at any incident.

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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