

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 to reduce respiratory exposure and injury during salvage and overhaul.

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GUIDELINE

1:00 **Purpose:**

1:01 To ensure that all personnel operate with the utmost safety during salvage and overhaul.

2:00 **Procedures:**

2:01 All personnel shall be in full personal protective equipment including an SCBA during salvage and overhaul operations.

2:02 Respiratory protection shall not be removed until every reasonable precaution has been taken to ensure the atmosphere is safe to work in. Air monitoring will determine when the atmosphere is clear of Carbon Monoxide and Hydrogen Cyanide using the detectors that Belleville Fire Department currently has. As there are many other toxins and chemical reactions taking place from unknown substances it is recommended to always use full SCBA and PPE at all times during any incident.

2:03 The Officer in Charge shall ensure that the entire scene is safe (eg. Electrical power, natural gas, propane or other fuel sources have been isolated, disconnected or shut-off

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and the structural integrity of the building is intact) before any salvage or overhaul operations are started.

2:04 Ventilation shall be ongoing until salvage and overhaul activities have been completed.

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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