

SAFETY REGULATIONS

Purpose:

To provide a guideline for basic safety regulations all personnel shall adhere to during routine operations, emergency incidents and training.

Guidelines:

- A. Full personal protective equipment is to be worn properly while responding to the scene of any emergency with the exception of the Apparatus Operator, who may wait until they reach the scene before donning equipment.
- B. Full personal protective equipment (PPE) shall consist of an NFPA approved helmet, PBI hood, bunker coat, bunker pants, fire boots, leather fire gloves and a flashlight. This equipment should be worn when operating at a scene unless otherwise directed by the Company Officer or Incident Commander.
- C. At no time shall personnel be exposed to any hazardous atmosphere without the benefit of a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). SCBA shall be used in conjunction with all PPE.
- D. A hazardous atmosphere is considered to be contaminated with smoke, gasses, or any other bi-products of combustion, or any atmosphere that is oxygen deficient. All hazardous material calls are assumed to be hazardous until proven otherwise.
- E. The use of SCBA is mandatory for all personnel working under the following conditions:
 1. Where the atmosphere is known to be hazardous.
 2. Where the atmosphere is suspected to be hazardous.
 3. Where the atmosphere may rapidly become hazardous which would include the following positions:
 - a. In an active area.
 - b. Inside any involved building area.
 - c. In a potential fire or explosion area, such as a gas leak or fuel spill.
 - d. Where smoke is visible in the atmosphere, including vehicle fires, dumpster fires or other confined spaces.
 - e. In other non-ventilated areas, unless other testing is performed to assure the atmosphere is safe.
 - f. In any area that is suspected of containing carbon monoxide until a test can prove the area is safe.
- F. The removal of SCBA is at the discretion of the Company Officer with approval of the Incident Commander. This will only be permitted after the

area has been properly ventilated during the overhaul stage of the fire and the area continues to be ventilated during overhaul.

- G. At no time shall personnel exit or enter a vehicle while it is in motion.
- H. At no time shall any engine, tanker, or ladder truck be in a reverse motion without someone backing up the vehicle.
- I. Maximum staffing for district apparatus will be as follows:
 - 1. Engine 703 5 personnel
 - 2. Engine 704 5 personnel
 - 3. Ladder 710 7 personnel
 - 4. Squad 714 5 personnel
 - 5. Squad 715 5 personnel
 - 6. Brush Truck 717 2 personnel
 - 7. Utility 718 4 personnel
 - 8. Tanker 720 2 personnel
 - 9. Tanker 721 2 personnel
 - 10. Car 740 3 personnel
- J. No one is to ride the tailboard of any apparatus at any time!**
- K. No less than two firefighters shall respond with an Engine unless ordered to do so be a Company Officer or Incident Commander. This would only be after a sufficient amount of time has elapsed to allow personnel to respond to the station.
- L. Personnel, who are not directly involved in fire suppression or other assigned duties at an incident, shall stay back out of the way of other members operating at the scene.
- M. When operating all hand tools, power tools and during vehicle extrication operations, proper eye protection shall be worn.
- N. Properly trained personnel only should operate power equipment.
- O. All equipment that is damaged, out of service or inoperative for any reason must be removed from the apparatus and tagged with the reason for taking it out of service.
- P. The Safety Officer at any scene has the authority to correct any safety violation at any time.