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Fire-EMS Standard Operating Guideline

Section:	2 General
Title:	Use of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
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USE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

Positive Pressure SCBA shall be provided for and used by all personnel working in areas where:

1. The atmosphere is hazardous.
2. The atmosphere is suspected of being hazardous.
3. The atmosphere may rapidly become hazardous.
4. Working below ground level and working inside any confined space unless the atmosphere can be tested and continuous monitoring to assure oxygen content is above 19.5%.

Personal alarms shall be used at all times when attached to breathing apparatus.

Breathing apparatus must be used until the OIC advises it is safe for removal.

NFPA Standards must be followed for use of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus.

NFPA Standard protective clothing shall be used as pertaining to the incident.