**Firefighter Air Management**

**POLICY:**

Firefighters shall constantly monitor their SCBA air supply and shall frequently report their air status to their Team leader. Team leaders shall constantly monitor their Teams air supply.

**Procedure:**

1. All firefighters should ensure they have a full (90%+ of cylinder capacity) cylinder of SCBA air before operating in a structure with IDLH environment.
2. All firefighters are responsible for safely managing their own air supply. Firefighters will constantly assess their air supply and shall frequently report their SCBA air status to their team leader.
3. Team leaders shall be constantly assessing their own and their teams air supply.
4. Team members will enter and exit the IDLH environment together.
5. If conditions are **NOT** improving or worsening (getting hotter, smokier) the Team will exit the IDLH when their air supply reaches 50% (based on the lowest members of the team readings).
6. In conditions **ARE** improving (cooling and less smoke) **and the Team can see an Exit** they can continue to operate in the IDLH environment until a low air alarm activates on one of their members.
7. To enhance fire-ground safety and to avoid having teams stay in a IDLH environment too long, Command shall attempt to maintain an “on-deck” team of firefighters to facilitate a rapid replacement of Teams that are Exiting the IDLH environment because of lower air supplies.