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This directive identifies the areas where the use of self contained breathing apparatus is required.

### **Structure Fires**

- SCBA shall be used at all structural fires where smoke is visible upon arrival. The Incident Commander shall determine if SCBA use is required at incidents where there is no visible smoke.
- At incidents with no visible smoke, the Incident Commander must determine the likelihood of encountering a hazardous atmosphere, or a hazardous atmosphere developing, when making the determination of whether or not to use SCBA.
- SCBA shall be used in all interior operations at working structure fires. SCBA shall not be removed until the Incident Commander has determined that any hazardous atmosphere has been removed by ventilation.
- During defensive operations, it shall be the determination of the Incident Commander whether to use SCBA for defensive positions.

### **Vehicle Fires**

- SCBA shall be used by any firefighters that enter smoke at vehicle fires.
- SCBA shall be used by all firefighters working at fires involving fires in trucks where the contents of the truck are not known.

### **Dumpster Fires**

- SCBA shall be used by all firefighters who enter smoke at all dumpster fires.

### **Hazardous Materials Incidents**

- SCBA shall be used by all personnel entering the Hot Zone, and/or upon direction of the Incident Commander in the Warm Zone.

### **Confined Spaces**

- SCBA shall be used by any firefighter entering a confined space until it can be determined that the atmosphere within that confined space is not hazardous.

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**Other Situations**

- SCBA shall be utilized at any incident where there is a possibility of personnel encountering a hazardous or potentially hazardous atmosphere.