

FIRE & EMS AGENCIES
SUGGESTIONS FOR PERSONNEL SAFETY AND OR-OSHA INSPECTIONS

- 1- Confirmation that any employee or volunteer with a known medical condition has been released by a physician prior to engaging in fire suppression activities.
- 2- Protocol in place for entering a burning structure without a backup crew/hose line on scene.
- 3- Personal Alert Safety System (Pass) in use with SCBA's? Have the required medical questionnaires and fit testing for SCBA use been completed? No interchange of air bottles between different manufacturer frames?
- 4- Is the NFPA 1561 standard for incident command being used?
- 5- Accountability system ("Passport") in place and being used consistently?
- 6- The water supply formula (length x width x height divided by 100 x 30) and NFPA practices for live fire training in use?
- 7- Do you always use appropriately trained personnel and have available medical assistance for Haz-Mat responses.
- 8- All trucks with obstructed rear view have backup alarms? Are spotters used to assist in backing? Are all compartment doors confirmed closed before starting truck? Do you have sound level records for trucks and baseline hearing testing for all response personnel?
- 9- Do you use a vehicle equipped with emergency lights to block traffic at accident scenes to protect working crews?
- 10- Blood/Air borne protocols current and in consistent use? Face/eye protection? O2 secured? Sharps containers readily available at scene and in transit?
- 11- Are proper lifting techniques taught and used? Do you have a physical agility test?
- 12- Are **ALL** training & maintenance records current and readily available? Safety committee minutes current and available?
- 13- Are turnouts thoroughly cleaned at least each six months? Flame resistant protective hoods in use? Chaps in use with power saws?
- 14- All fuel storage, including propane, clearly marked as to contents/ no smoking?
- 15- Air and electrical lines up off the floor? Exposed piping in building clearly marked as to contents? Electrical service panels have 36 inch or more clear access? Eye wash station in or near apparatus bays?

This is not an all inclusive list. Other regulations also apply to your operations.