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Overhaul Operations

P-210.1 PURPOSE & SCOPE

To reduce exposure to products of combustion and unknown toxins to on-scene personnel during overhaul operations in IDLH atmospheres.

P-210.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the San Mateo County Fire Chiefs that all fire companies shall follow the procedures outlined in this policy.

P-210.3 REFERENCES

N/A

P-210.4 PROCEDURES

The Incident Commander should confer with Officers and Investigators to determine the size and scope of the overhaul operation and the resources needed. Based upon the determined parameters the following guidelines will be used.

1. All personnel entering the environment during overhaul operations shall wear Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) until such time the Safety Officer deems a non-existent IDLH atmosphere.
2. Companies should be rotated during overhaul operations as determined by the Safety Officer to prevent physical exhaustion. Once the company is rotated, they should report to Rehab if established.
3. The Incident Commander will determine the need for an Overhaul Group Supervisor depending on the size and scope of the overhaul operation.
4. Ventilation should be considered to remove containments in the overhaul area.

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5. Gross decontamination should be considered based on the scope and work of the overhaul operation.
6. All response personnel should follow home agency policies and procedures related to P.P.E. Decontamination.
7. All response personnel should follow home agency policies and procedures regarding exposure reporting.