

**Shepherd Tri-Twp Fire Department**  
**SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS**

**Procedure:**

At all/any fires, regardless of their nature, (i.e. apartment fire, structure fire, truck fire, car fire, dryer fire, dumpster fire, etc.) breathing apparatus will be worn and used by all attack team members engaged in the fire fight. Masks will remain in place until overhaul is completed or until the Incident Commander determines the work atmosphere safe for mask removal.

Anytime a member may become exposed to a contaminated atmosphere, all members are directed, through this procedure, to wear breathing apparatus in the event smoke or fumes from an incident may drift, blow, or be forced his/her way. All efforts/attempts shall be made not to breathe any smoke or toxic fumes by all members of this department.

**Procedure Overview/Purpose:**

The safety of all personnel is of paramount importance. Therefore, this procedure shall be adhered to and enforced by all firefighters and officers.