



## **SHARED RESOURCE PROCEDURES**

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**Procedure: Rules of Engagement for Structural Firefighting (SCFPD C-28A)**

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**Purpose: To establish a standard policy for commencing interior firefighting operations at structure fires, where an atmosphere of Immediate Danger of Life (IDLH) exists as defined by the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration. This procedure shall apply to all Fire Department personnel.**

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### **A) CAL OSHA:**

- 1) Cal-OSHA's Respiratory Protection Regulations of Title 8 states the following in regards to interior structural firefighting where an IDLH atmosphere is present:
  - a) At least 2 employees must enter and remain in voice or visual contact with one another at all times.
  - b) At least 2 employees' standby employees are located outside.
  - c) All employees use self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).
  - d) One of the standby employees outside may be assigned an additional role, provided this does not interfere with performing assistance for rescue activities.
  - e) Standard does not preclude firefighters from performing emergency rescue before the team has been assembled.

### **B) Initial Actions**

- 1) The initial arriving officer shall conduct a size-up to determine the potential loss of life or serious injury to the occupants. The officer should perform a 360 size-up of the fire building if feasible. If the officer was unable to perform the initial 360 size-up, the IC must place a priority on this being completed as soon as possible.
- 2) The initial size-up should include the following:
  - a) Victim profile
  - b) Building construction type/features, strengths and hazards
  - c) Stage of fire development and potential for hostile fire events (flashover, backdraft, fire gas ignition, etc.)

**Rules of Engagement Exception  
Form**

**To be completed when an exception is used to initiate interior operations while operating at a structure fire prior to 2 IN, 2 OUT being established.**

- 1. **Date of Incident:** \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. **Incident Number:** \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. **Address of Incident:** \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. **Name and Rank of all fire personnel who made entry:**

Name

Rank

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>

- 5. **Circumstances that necessitated beginning an interior attack prior to 2 IN, 2 OUT being established.**

- 6. **Estimated time Incident Command or Dispatch was notified of this entry:** \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. **Estimated time R.I.C. was established:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Routing:**      **Company Officer → Battalion Chief → Operations Chief → Fire Chief**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Officer Completing Report**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date Completed**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Battalion Chief**

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**Date Completed**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Operations Chief**

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**Date Completed**

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**Signature of Fire Chief**

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**Date Reviewed**