

# New Durham Fire Department Standard Operating Guideline (SOG)

SOG 203      Safety Officer

**PURPOSE:** To provide for the safety of members at incidents involving the imminent danger to life and health (IDLH).

**SCOPE:** It is the responsibility of the Safety Officer to ensure safe procedures and operations at emergency incidents.

**SPECIFICS:**

There shall be a Safety Officer identified at all incidents and trainings.

The Safety officer is responsible to intervene in situations deemed unsafe and potentially endangering the life and health of members.

The Safety officer shall:

- Ensure personnel accountability is in place
- Ensure personnel are in proper personal protective equipment
- Intervene in operations in the event of:
  - Imminent collapse
  - Fire conditions change (change in color, density, flame spread, heat intensity).
- Be independent of the incident commander (IC); but shall keep the IC apprised of situations at all times.
- Be aware of personnel assignments as well as incident strategies and tactics to avoid undue hazards to members.
- Be clearly identified at the scene of an incident.

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