

# Wilton Fire Department

## Safety Bulletin

This bulletin is in regards to **Personal Alarm Devices (P.A.S.S.)**

The Safety of our personnel (you) while performing the duties as assigned in IDLH (Imminent Danger to Life and Health) atmospheres is of the utmost importance. The P.A.S.S. device is for our personal protection while operating in IDLH atmospheres. These devices are designed to turn on when the air for the SCBA is turned on. These devices are also designed to sound if you lay motionless for 30 seconds. Last if you were to get into trouble you can sound it by pushing the emergency button to sound the alarm. I bet you are wondering why I am telling you about all of this. This is only half of the designed protection of wearing a P.A.S.S. device. The other half is you, our brothers / sisters who are not the one in trouble. With the thought that we are all safety officers in mind when you hear a P.A.S.S. device sounding on the scene of an incident, training grounds, no matter where we are operating we need to investigate and alert command that a P.A.S.S. device is sounding. We all need to remember what these devices are for and when we hear one sounding off we need to find out why. It could mean helping your brother/sister out of a bad situation. Stay Safe out there!

Every year the fire service losses approximately 100 firefighters. In 2007, 53 out of 103 of our fallen brothers and sisters were volunteer firefighters (research is from NFPA) that is just about half. In 2007 there were approximately 54,000 firefighters injured in the course of performing their duties on a call (research is from NFPA).

Thank You!!

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Remember, We are all Safety Officers!  
Be Safe!