As a reminder, there are 4-gas and HCN monitoring instruments on Battalion Chief vehicles and single gas CO and HCN monitors on our Towers.

The only purpose for these instruments being assigned to those units is to determine safe CO or HCN levels during the Overhaul phase of firefighting operations.

**These monitors are NOT to be utilized for other emergencies such as Carbon Monoxide or Gas Leak Alarms. The responsibility of clearing a Hazmat alarm falls to the SHOT Lieutenant on the SHOT units. When and where applicable, this shall be done in concert with the Incident Commander.**

It is recommended that this procedure be applied to other jurisdictions, but it is **mandatory** within County Jurisdiction.

Attached is a review of the **Respiratory Protection Standard** in regard to Acceptable Atmospheres, Appendix 1- Technical Rescue, and Appendix 2- Hazardous Materials. You will also find attached the whole Respiratory Protection Standard (OB# 04015) for further review.

An excerpt from page 5 of Standard:

***Personal CO and HCN Monitors:*** *The 4-gas and HCN monitoring instruments assigned to Battalions 1, 2, 3, 4, and Tech 1, along with T12, T25 and T27 single gas CO and HCN monitors, are only to be used for determining a safe CO or HCN level during the overhaul phase of firefighting.* ***These monitors shall not be used for other emergencies, such as carbon monoxide alarms and gas leaks.* SHOT units are to clear these types of emergencies.**

 