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Hey,

A high level of nitrogen is reported to be the cause of the incident where 3 Middletown (OH) Firefighters were injured and a Middletown worker was killed last week.

The City of Middletown released the results of an independent test today which showed that **the air inside the manhole was 92 percent nitrogen and less than 3 percent oxygen**. Normal air breathed by humans is at least 21 percent oxygen and only 78 percent nitrogen.

The investigation confirms that the lack of oxygen, coupled with high levels of nitrogen, would quickly lead to asphyxiation. In just two or three breaths or about 15 seconds, the person would become disoriented. The affected person would be unable to function and lose consciousness in less than a minute. Within just a few minutes, brain function, breathing and heart action would stop.

Middletown city officials are still trying to identify the source of the nitrogen.

HERE is the Press Release: <http://www.wlwt.com/download/2010/0514/23560402.pdf>

CALIFORNIA FIREFIGHTER BURNED LATE THIS AFTERNOON:

A Firefighter was airlifted from the scene of a house fire in Indio (Riverside County, CA) for burn injuries around 1630 hours, PST today. 9 engine companies and 36 firefighters are operating at the dwelling fire. The house was well involved and the owner of the house also received serious burns while as trying to put out the fire. The owners are reported to be roofers for a living, have propane tanks in their back yard and one report indicates some explosions. The injured Firefighter was airlifted to a burn center in San Bernardino County. Updates will be posted on our home page.

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

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