

# Transit shelters along the escape route

3<sup>rd</sup> Technology Transfer Seminar Brookwood-Sago Mine Safety Grant

27<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Hosted by the Penn State Miner Training Program Pennsylvania State University

Rohan Fernando Draeger Safety Inc.

**Dietmar Diercks** Draeger Safety AG&Co KGaA,

Dräger. Technology for Life®

#### **Transit Shelters**



After an underground mine emergency, the immediate action for the survivors is to escape the mine.

In case of a long distance to the surface and safety, the escapees can benefit from transit shelters placed along the way

Transit shelters allow miners temporary refuge along the escape way

Also can be used by rescue teams in case of encountering difficulties

Transit Shelters may be built-in or pre-fabricated types

Used in conjunction with other escape methods such as recharge systems

### **Transit Shelter Usage**



### Transit Shelters allow miners to:

- o Rest
- Food/ hydration
- Exchange/ Re-charge breathing apparatus
- Review escape paths
- o Communicate
- Treat injured

### **Transit Shelter Design Aspects**

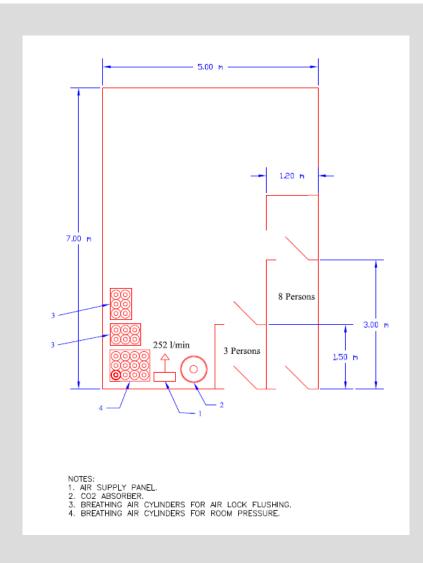


The most important design aspect of these shelters is to have a **high throughput of escapees**.

- ✓ Quick flushing of man locks
- ✓ Maintain a low carbon dioxide level
- ✓ Create an overpressure inside the shelter
- ✓ Inlet air filtration
- ✓ Recirculating filter system

#### Transit shelter with twin air locks





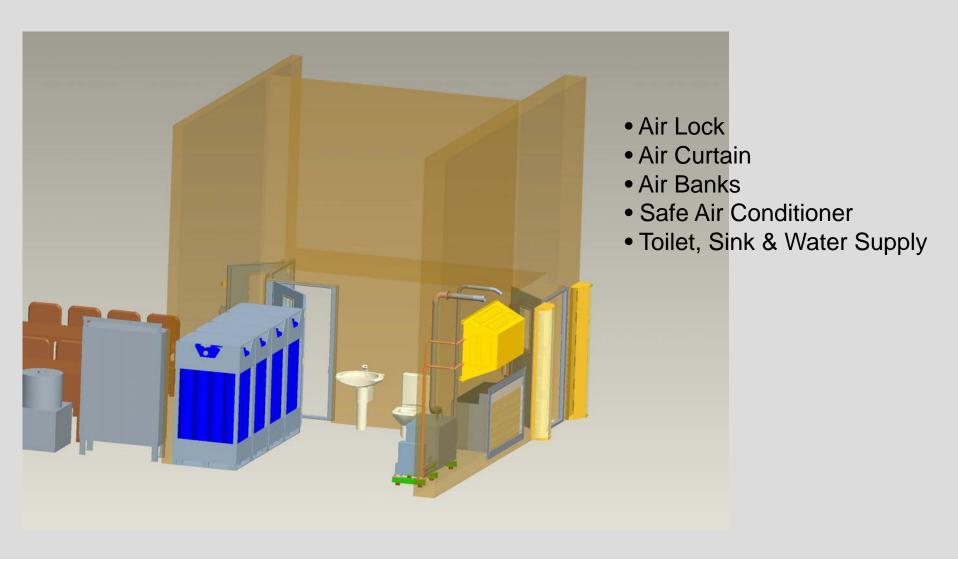
Two air locks for faster admittance into shelter.

Larger lock can accommodate stretcher

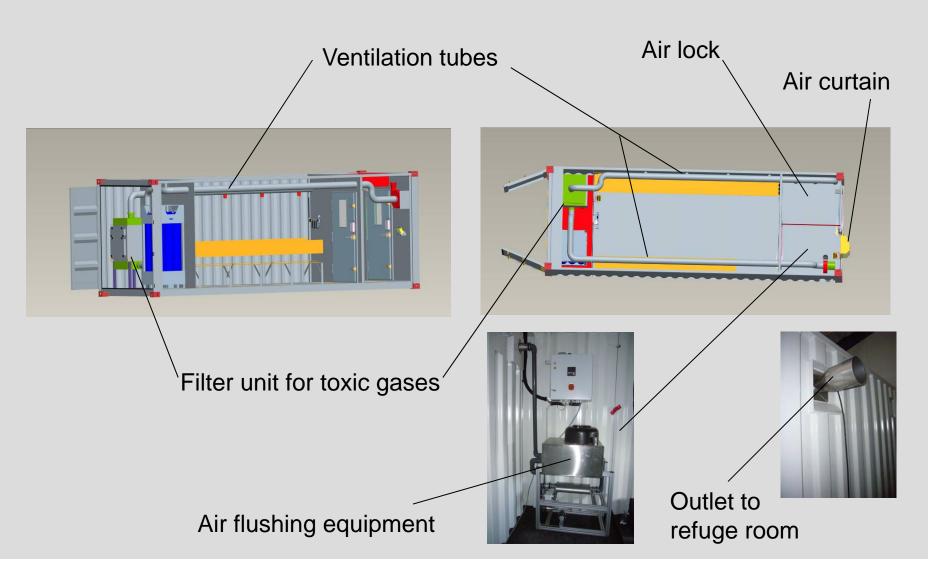
Separate air banks for flushing and maintaining positive pressure

### **Built-in Shelter Components**









### **Carbon Dioxide Scrubbing Systems**







CO2- Absorption System K 10,0 for bunker rooms e.g. 350 persons / 1 Vol. % CO2



Twin-CO<sub>2</sub> - Scrubber K 3,0 for max. 120 persons / 1 Vol. % CO<sub>2</sub>



Dräger Sodalime cartridge K 3,0

 ${\rm CO_2}$  - Scrubber CH 16720 for max. 40 persons / 1 Vol. %  ${\rm CO_2}$ 

## **Air Supply**





**Air Storage Banks** 

### **Shelter Gas Tight Doors**





Special door for blasting works



Spring loaded door for shelters



Door with air curtain device for excluding smoke and contaminations



Further work on the operation and training in the use of these shelters needed

Thank you for your attention!