

Occupational Safety and Health, SOG 220

SCBA TRAINING

1. Scope. This standard applies to all members who are required to use self-contained breathing apparatus ("SCBA") as a part of their normal duties. It was promulgated to:
 - A. Maintain individual proficiency in the use of SCBA.
 - B. Prevent accidents, injuries, and deaths that might result from exposure to a hazardous atmosphere.
2. Training and Evaluation.
 - A. Each member of the department required to use SCBA as a part of his normal duties shall receive periodic training on the proper use of SCBA. Training shall be based on the requirements of Comm. 30, Standard on Fire Department Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Program.
 - B. Each member shall be evaluated on an annual basis to ensure that he is proficient in the use of SCBA. As a part of their evaluation, members shall successfully:
 - (1) Identify the components of facepieces, regulators, harnesses, and cylinders.
 - (2) Correctly don, operate, and remove SCBA while wearing full protective clothing. This shall include demonstrating that a proper facepiece seal has been achieved.
 - (3) Describe the operational principles of the warning devices.
 - (4) Identify the limitations of SCBA, correctly define the term "point of no return," and discuss the ability to protect the body from absorption of toxins through the skin.
 - (5) Describe the procedures to be used if unintentionally submerged in water while wearing SCBA.
 - (6) Demonstrate alternative means of communication while wearing SCBA.

- (7) Demonstrate the procedure for daily inspection and maintenance of SCBA.
- (8) Demonstrate the procedure for cleaning and sanitizing SCBA for future use.
- (9) With SCBA donned, perform related emergency scene activities such as advancing a hoseline, climbing a ladder, crawling through a window or confined space, performing a rescue, etc.
- (10) Conduct a facepiece fit test.

3. Responsibilities.

- A. Each member of the department required to use SCBA as a part of his normal duties should strictly adhere to the requirements of this standard.
- B. Company officers shall ensure that each member assigned to their command strictly adheres to the requirements of this standard and shall conduct the training and evaluation required by this standard.
- C. The training officer shall maintain records of any SCBA training provided to the personnel. At least once each year, the training officer shall evaluate the ability of each member to meet the requirements imposed by this standard. The evaluation shall be conducted as a part of the annual Minimum Company Standard testing.