

FAIRFIELD COUNTY RURAL FIRE BOARD
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

SUBJECT: Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Maintenance

PURPOSE: The Fairfield County Fire Service recognizes the critical importance of providing and maintaining self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for firefighters to use anytime there is the potential for operations in a respiratory hazard. The SOG sets forth for inspecting and maintaining SCBA

GUIDELINES: All masks, harnesses, and cylinders will be assigned a unique serial number for the purpose of a tracking maintenance logg record.

Each engine shall have a minimum of four complete SCBA and four spare cylinders; each service/ squad truck shall have a minimum of six SCBA and six spare cylinders.

When stored, regulators and face pieces shall be protected from contamination by dust, dirt, and similar contaminants.

Records will be maintained on all components to show inventory number, date of purchase, manufacturer of component, and the date and type of inspection and maintenance performed on each component. For SCBA cylinders, hydrostatic dates shall also be maintained.

In-Service Inspection:

1. All SCBA shall be inspected *monthly* using document number as followed and shall submit a copy to the Fire marshal's office. There also needs to be a copy on hand at the station.
2. All SCBA shall be inspected *after each use*. If SCBA was activated in an environment Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health (IDLH), the inspection will be done before placed back in service.
3. The Fire Chief or his designee will be responsible for maintenance and monthly inspection of all SCBA.
 - a. Annual maintenance will be conducted in accordance with manufacturers recommendations
4. All masks must be inspected and sanitized monthly and after each use per manufacture recommendations.
5. SCBA or component that is determined to be inoperable for any reason shall be immediately removed from service and tagged as "Out of Service". The defective unit shall be reported to the Fire Chief or his designee for repair.
 - a. All repairs will be documented according to serial number of unity, nature of complaint, and nature of repair.

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