



Standard Operating Guideline	
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PURPOSE: All personnel will be equipped and trained to use and maintain Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

SECTION 1

All personnel shall utilize the appropriate respiratory protection with the face piece in place, breathing clean uncontaminated air when encountering the following types of situations:

1. Interior structural firefighting.
2. When performing roof operations such as ventilation where the interior conditions are exposed to fire.
3. Contaminated atmospheres - Hazardous materials incidents, spills, and other chemical emergencies.
4. Manholes, sewer drains, wells, and confined spaces - where oxygen content is uncertain or chemical exposure of vapors, fumes, or the possibility of asphyxiation or engulfment by flames due to flammable liquid vapors is possible.
5. Any other potentially contaminated or oxygen deprived atmospheres.

SECTION 2

During routine fire operations, such as overhaul, personnel shall not remove the SCBA face piece after fire knockdown when carbon monoxide and by-products of incomplete combustion are still present. *Each engine is equipped with monitoring equipment and should be used to determine if the environment is safe or unsafe to breathe.* When in doubt, cylinder air should be used.

SECTION 3

Personnel shall not be allowed to remove face pieces or cylinders until the Incident Commander or Safety Officer indicates the incident area is safe. The environment shall be well ventilated and cleared by monitoring before personnel will be allowed to remove their face pieces.

SECTION 4

Personnel that are assigned to staging shall have SCBA close at hand so that they may place the face piece and cylinder into operation quickly.

SECTION 5

Personnel shall use good judgement when operating at nuisance fires, such as dumpster and car fires. **At no time shall personnel breathe smoke.**

SECTION 6

Each SCBA is equipped with a PASS device and should be ensured that the PASS device is working properly before entering an IDLH environment. At no time should you enter an IDHL environment with a malfunctioning or non-functioning PASS device. If your PASS device malfunctions or is not functioning properly, exit the IDLH environment as soon as possible.

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