

Hiawatha Fire & Rescue

Policy 408
Occupational Health and Safety
SCBA Training
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- I. 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.
- II. Training and Evaluation
 - A. Each member of the department required to use SCBA as a part of his / her duties shall receive periodic training on the proper use of SCBA. Training shall be based on the requirements of NFPA 1404, *Standard on Fire Department Self – Contained Breathing Apparatus Program*.
 - B. Each member shall be evaluated on an annual basis to ensure that he / she 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 doff 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 an SCBA.
 6. Demonstrate alternative means of communication while wearing SCBA.
 7. Demonstrate the procedure for weekly inspection and maintenance of SCBA.
 8. Demonstrate the procedure for cleaning and sanitizing SCBA for future use.
 9. With SCBA donned, perform emergency scene activities such as advancing a hoseline, climbing a ladder, crawling through a window, performing a rescue, etc.
 10. Conduct an annual facepiece fit test.
- III. Responsibilities
 - A. Each member of the department required to use SCBA as a part of his / her normal duties shall strictly adhere to the requirements of this standard.
 - B. Officers shall ensure that each member assigned to their command shall strictly adhere to the requirements of this standard and conduct the training and evaluation required by this standard.
 - C. The safety officer shall maintain records of any SCBA training provided to Hiawatha Fire and Rescue personnel. At least once each year, the safety officer and training officer shall evaluate the ability of each member to meet the requirements imposed by this standard.