

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS Standard Operating Procedures		
Functional Area: SUPPORT SERVICES/FIRE SERVICES	Reference Number: IVN10-0010	Revises Previous Effective Date: NEW
Subject: OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH/SCBA TRAINING		
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I. POLICY:

This standard applies to all Firefighters 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. APPLICABILITY:

All Dept. of Corrections Certified Firefighters in State and County Fire Departments.

III. RELATED DIRECTIVES:

NFPA 1404, 1500, and 1981

IV. DEFINITIONS:

SCBA - Self-contained breathing apparatus

V. ATTACHMENTS:

NONE

VI. PROCEDURE:

A. (Training & Evaluation)

1. Each Firefighter of the Department required to use SCBA as a part of his/her normal duties shall receive periodic training on the proper use of SCBA. Training shall be based on the requirements of NFPA

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1404, *Standard on Fire Department Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Program.*

2. Each Firefighter 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:
 - a. Identify the components of face pieces, regulators, harnesses, and cylinders.
 - b. Correctly don, operate, and doff SCBA while wearing full protective clothing. This shall include demonstrating that a proper face piece seal has been achieved.
 - c. Describe the operational principles of the warning devices.
 - d. 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.
 - e. Describe the procedures to be used if unintentionally submerged in water while wearing SCBA.
 - f. Demonstrate alternative means of communication while wearing SCBA.
 - g. Demonstrate the procedure for daily inspection and maintenance of SCBA.
 - h. Demonstrate the procedure for cleaning and sanitizing SCBA for future use.
 - i. 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.
 - j. Conduct an annual face piece fit test.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES

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1. Each Firefighter of the Department required to use SCBA as a part of his/her normal duties shall strictly adhere to the requirements of this standard.
2. Station Chief shall ensure that each Firefighter assigned to their command strictly adheres to the requirements of this standard and shall conduct the training and evaluation required by this standard.
3. The Station Chief shall maintain records of any SCBA training provided to the personnel assigned to their respective shifts. At least once each month, Station Chief shall evaluate the ability of each Firefighter to meet the requirements imposed by this standard.