

<i>DONNING & USING S.C.B.A.</i>		TROY FIRE DEPT. TACTICAL PLAN 212.03	
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This plan will outline the procedures for donning and using Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

Donning the unit.

- Unit shall be examined for cylinder pressure prior to donning.
- Turn on cylinder and listen for low air alarm to function and PASS device to turn on. If either does not function, do not use.
- Don unit over full protective clothing.

Donning the face piece.

- Members who must wear corrective lenses shall wear the lenses fitted in a spectacle kit.
 - No part of the corrective lenses shall interfere with the face piece seal.
- The protective hood shall be placed over the head and pulled down to the neck area before donning the mask.
- After the mask is in place, the hood shall then be pulled up over the mask harness.
 - The hood shall not interfere with the mask seal at any point.
- The member shall check the seal by covering the mask connection area and inhaling.
 - There shall be no leaks at the face piece seal.
 - If a leak cannot be stopped by readjusting the straps, the member shall not use the mask and shall not enter any hazardous atmosphere.
- The helmet shall be donned using the helmet strap.

Using the Unit.

- Prior to entering the hazardous atmosphere, the member shall attach the regulator to the mask and take a couple of breaths from the unit to insure its operation prior to entry.
- Members in SCBA shall always work in pairs.
 - A RIC crew shall be in place. (2 in, 2 out)
- No member shall enter a structure, or confined space with a hazardous atmosphere, without a hose line or a life line.
- Members shall wear SCBA during overhaul until it has been determined that the atmosphere has been ventilated sufficiently to be safe to operate in.
- When the member's low pressure warning alarm sounds, the member and partner shall leave the hazardous atmosphere immediately.
 - At no time shall a member exit alone. The member shall notify the division or group supervisor that they are leaving. The members shall report to Staging where they will receive new air cylinders and await reassignment.
- At incidents involving structure fires or confined spaces, a Rapid Intervention Crew shall be deployed.

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Certification

- Every member shall complete the fit test for SCBA use annually.
- No member shall wear SCBA until this test has been successfully completed.
- Every member is required to be certified for SCBA use annually using the department checklist. A member not completing the checklist shall be prohibited from wearing SCBA.

Hair

- No member shall have any hair, beards, goatees, or chin whiskers that are in the area where the mask seals against the face.