

## PURPOSE

To define the procedures, roles, and affix responsibility for the care and maintenance of self-contained breathing apparatus.

## POLICY

It is the policy of the Peoria Fire Department that all self-contained breathing apparatus are used and maintained in accordance with the following NFPA and OSHA standards:

- NFPA 1404 – Fire Department Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Program
- NFPA 1981 – Open Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Fire Service.
- NFPA 1500 – Fire Department Occupational Health and Safety
- OSHA 1910.134 – Respiratory Protection
- OSHA 1910.134 App A – Fit Testing Procedures (Mandatory)
- OSHA 1910.134 App B-1 – User Seal Check Procedures (Mandatory)
- OSHA 1910.134 App B-2 – Respiratory Cleaning Procedures (Mandatory)

The Support Services division shall be responsible for maintaining and administering a Respiratory Protection Program in accordance with OSHA Standard 1910.134.

## Procedure

- The Support Services Division of the Fire Department is responsible for the care and maintenance of all self-contained breathing apparatus in accordance with the above referenced standards.
- The training division shall insure that all members required to wear self-contained breathing apparatus are trained in accordance with NFPA 1404, Fire Department Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Program, Chapter 4, SCBA Training.
- All members required to wear SCBA will perform daily service inspections of assigned SCBA in accordance with NFPA 1404, Fire Department Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Program, Chapter 5, SCBA In-Service Inspection.
  - Members assigned to front line apparatus shall inspect assigned SCBA and reserve cylinder **daily** and **after each use**.
  - Each Face-piece shall be inspected in accordance with manufacturers specifications.
  - Breathing Tubes shall be inspected in accordance with manufacturers specifications.
  - Regulators shall be inspected in accordance with manufacturers specifications.
  - Audible Alarms shall be inspected in accordance with manufacturers specifications
  - The high-pressure hose shall be inspected in accordance with manufacturers specifications

- Each carrier (harness assembly) shall be inspected in accordance with manufacturers specifications.
- Cylinders shall be inspected in accordance with manufacturers specifications
- Any SCBA unit or related part failing any portion of the daily inspection shall be immediately removed from service and reported to the SCBA Technician for repair or replacement.

Cleaning and Sanitizing

- The using member is responsible for cleaning and sanitizing each face-piece as needed.
  - Cleaning and sanitizing shall be conducted in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.
- Annual Inspections and Repairs
  - The SCBA technician shall complete annual SCBA inspections on all units and related parts in accordance with the manufacturer's maintenance guidelines.
- The SCBA Technician shall be responsible for conducting Fit Testing on all fire department members required to wear SCBA in accordance with OSHA Standard 1910.134 APP A.
- Each Member required to wear SCBA shall perform a User Seal Check in accordance with OSHA Standard 1910.134 APP B-1.
- Post Fire Inspections
  - Post Fire inspections shall be conducted on SCBA that have been donned and air has been breathed by the user to ascertain and remove moisture and water that may have entered the regulator.
  - Post fire Inspections shall be conducted by the user.
  - Company officer shall notify the SCBA Technician, or Physical Resource Supervisor when SCBA assigned to his/her company is in need of repair
  - The company officer or user shall remove the affected unit(s) from service, until repairs are made.

Approved:  \_\_\_\_\_ 10/5/04  
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