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Standard Operating Guidelines

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Purpose: To establish guidelines in regards to training and use of SCBA by the Firefighters of the King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company

The SCBA used by the King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company will be the MSA 30 Minute High Pressure SCBA. For extenuating or rescue circumstances, 60 minute bottles are located in Special Service 47 and shall be used by order of the Officer In Charge only.

All personnel shall be fully trained in the use of these SCBA before being permitted to use them at the scene of an emergency. This training shall include, but not be limited to:

- A. Completion of individual training by the Training Officer or his/her designee to the satisfaction of the Training Officer.
- B. Completion of a seal test
- C. Permission of the Fire Chief

Unless a member has previous interior firefighting experience, the use of SCBA at the fire scene shall occur in the following progression:

- A. Use of SCBA at exterior fire/emergencies (car fires, dumpster fires, outside of structure fire)
- B. Interior fire attack except as 'first man in'.
- C. Unlimited use of SCBA at any fire/emergency

Each Firefighter who uses an SCBA during training or at a fire/emergency is responsible for putting his/her Air Pick back in service. This includes, but is not limited to:

- A. Completely cleaning and sanitizing the mask assembly.
- B. Filling the bottle to capacity
 - 1. At scene using mobile cascade
 - 2. At station using air bank
- C. Checking harness, assembly, regulators and other exterior parts.
- D. Reporting any problems with the SCBA

SCBAs shall be worn by all personnel at the fire/emergency scene who will come into contact with the contaminants produced by combustion or other hazardous atmospheric conditions. During structural firefighting, and other fire fighting where SCBA are in use, the quality of air will be monitored constantly. When the level of air reaches safe limits, the OK to remove SCBA will be given by either the Safety Officer or the Officer-In-Charge.