

# **CLIO AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **OPERATING GUIDELINE**

### **TITLE: SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA)**

**REFERENCES:** NFPA 1500  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SAFETY STANDARDS - PART 74  
ANSI 288.5 – 1981, ANSI 288.6 – 1984  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR 29 CFR PART 1910.134  
CAFD RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES, AND GUIDELINES

THE LIFE AND HEALTH OF DEPARTMENT MEMBERS INVOLVED IN FIRE FIGHTING, RESCUE, AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS DEPEND IN LARGE PART ON THE USE, MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA).

#### **USE:**

1. SCBA **MUST** be used during any incident which could in any way cause respiratory distress due to either lack of oxygen or inhalation of toxic substances. These incidents include but are not limited to; residential, commercial, or vehicle fire fighting, hazardous materials incidents, whether mobile or on fixed sites, cave-in rescue, silo rescue, or other situations posing danger of suffocation or other respiratory damage.

#### **MEDICAL EVALUATIONS:**

1. Each new member applicant shall undergo a medical evaluation (at the time of entrance physical) to determine the applicants ability to use a SCBA.

#### **TRAINING:**

1. All members of the Clio Area Fire Department who may become actively engaged in fire fighting, hazardous materials incidents, or rescue must be trained in the proper use and care of SCBA.
2. All SCBA Training must conform to the standards of the Michigan Fire Fighting Training Council, and NFPA 1500.

#### **FIT TEST:**

1. Fit testing will be conducted on all new members as part of their initial SCBA Training.
2. Annual fit testing shall be completed and recorded.

#### **CARE AND CLEANING:**

1. All SCBA must be cleaned and inspected after each use.
2. Products and processes for cleaning of SCBA masks shall follow the recommendations of the manufacturer.

#### **INSPECTIONS:**

1. A checklist shall be used for inspections. It must be dated and signed by the individual performing the inspection.
2. Hydrostatic testing shall be completed in accordance with the appropriate standard.
3. Complete inspection forms shall be kept as a part of the permanent records of this equipment.

**REPAIRS:**

1. Any SCBA found to be defective or in need of repair shall be taken out of service until such repair has been completed.
2. Repairs shall be completed by those qualified to do so.
3. A repair form shall be completed for each repair, noting the nature of the repair, who worked on it, and the date the repair was completed.
4. Complete repair forms shall be kept as a part of the permanent records.