

POLICY: SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA)

Hadley Township Fire Department
Policy # 010

I. Purpose:

To provide for the safety and respiratory protection of department personnel while working in hazardous environments. "A **hazardous environment** is an environment that may, in the absence of safety precautions, pose an unreasonable risk to health and safety."

II. Procedure:

- A. It is the guideline of the Hadley Township Fire Department that all personnel expected to function in areas of atmospheric contamination shall be trained and evaluated on an annual basis in the proper use and maintenance of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). The use and training in SCBA shall be in accordance with department training guidelines, manufacturers recommendations and Fire Fighter Training Council.
- B. All Department personnel shall have their SCBA mask fit-tested annually based upon the current requirements of the Occupational Safety & Health Standard.
- C. All personnel shall be provided with and shall utilize SCBA in the following situations:
 - 1. The Atmosphere is hazardous
 - 2. The Atmosphere is suspected of being hazardous
 - 3. The Atmosphere may become hazardous
- D. When any member of a team utilizing SCBA within operation requires a bottle to be changed all team members within that crew shall have their bottles replaced.
- E. After using two (2) bottles of air, all personnel shall report to rehab.
- F. The SCBA may be removed when the incident commander determines that a respiratory hazard no longer exists.
- G. SCBA's shall be thoroughly cleaned and inspected after each use. Those personnel that have been trained shall perform the cleaning and inspection in accordance with manufacturers guidelines. SCBA's shall be inspected no less than once each month in accordance with MIOSHA part 74, following manufacturers guidelines.
- H. Any SCBA not passing inspection shall be red tagged. A factory-trained technician shall perform any repairs.