


<b>SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT</b>		
<b>STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES</b>	<b>ARTICLE: II</b>	<b>SOP: 2101</b>
	<b>SECTION: 2100 SAFETY</b>	
	<b>SUBJECT: RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAM</b>	

**Purpose:** To assure that all Scotts Valley Fire Protection District personnel, who may in the course of their employment, be subjected to a variety of hazardous atmospheres, be trained in the need, use, sanitary care, and limitations of such respiratory equipment as any employee may have the occasion to use.

**Scope:** It is the responsibility of the district safety officer to implement the following respiratory protection procedures and to assure that proper documentation for all involved employees is maintained. Each safety employee is responsible for complying with the following procedure.

**Procedure:**


1. All firefighting personnel of this district who may be required to wear respiratory protection shall be examined by the district physician to determine if they are physically able to perform their work in conjunction with the use of respiratory equipment provided by the district prior to using any such equipment. The medical status of each user shall be reviewed annually. The district employees use *SCOTT AIR-PAK NxG2 Pressure-Demand Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)*. See Lesson Plan # 2 for details and specifications. Each employee has been given a copy of the SCBA specifications
2. All district personnel who may be required to wear respiratory protection shall have completed the district's course on respiratory protection prior to using any such equipment. *(See attached Form #1, Medical Clearance Form Respiratory Protection)*
3. All fire district personnel who may be required to wear respiratory protection shall take part in an annual 30-minute training exercise designed to keep the user familiar with the use, capabilities, and restrictions of the district's self-contained breathing apparatus. *(See attached Form #2, SCBA Breathing Control Exercise)*

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4. All fire district personnel shall be provided with annual respiratory protection program training. Training shall cover use, need, sanitary care and limitations of SCBA respiratory protection equipment. Employee shall also review SCBA filling procedures.
5. All fire district personnel who may be required to wear respiratory protection shall be fit-tested for each type of respiratory protective device that he or she may be required to wear. Fit testing is performed using a quantitative analysis method (port-a-count). Scotts Valley Fire District administers annual fit tests for Scotts Valley Fire District Personnel.
6. Every firefighter with this district shall be able to safely don the self-contained breathing apparatus within a time span of 60 seconds in accordance with current district training practices.
7. No firefighter or person employed by this district will enter a contaminated atmosphere, or an atmosphere with the potential of becoming contaminated, without donning proper respiratory protection.
8. All SCBA will be inspected daily, weekly, after use and repair. All SCBA inspections are documented on the inventory sheet in the run book. All district SCBA bottles are of the composite type and require hydrostatic testing every 3 years.
9. The SCBA program coordinator maintains all fire district SCBA equipment. Employees trained in the replacement of batteries may do so. All other SCBA repairs must be forwarded to the SCBA equipment coordinator.

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