

SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT		
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES	ARTICLE: II	SOP: 2208
	SECTION: 2200	APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT
	SUBJECT: SCBA Personal mask	

Purpose: To assure that all personnel follow appropriate care and operations pertaining to personal SCBA masks.


Scope: Personnel issued SCBA masks shall follow this procedure at all times to insure personal protection and department response procedures and protocols are adhered to.

Procedures:

1. When an employee is issued a personal mask and it's associated breathing valve they shall be identified with the employee number.
2. Employees shall inspect, maintain and care for their personal mask in accordance with department SOP's.
3. Employees shall insure that the mask is always stored in the approved cover and when not placed on the apparatus is stored in a manner that will protect it from damage.
4. Employees shall be permitted to enhance the face piece with corrective eyewear apparatus and face seal prosthesis but with only those products approved by the department and the manufacturer of the mask.
5. The mask, breathing valve must always stay together as a unit. The mask and breathing valve will have matching numbers at all times.
6. Only approved specially trained and approved personnel are allowed to make repairs, modifications to any mask or SCBA apparatus.

Reporting for duty operations:

1. When reporting to duty employees will install his/her personal mask to an SCBA on the primary lead engine for "structure fire response". This may require the removal of a mask belonging to an off-going employee. In such an instance the removed mask will be properly stored in the appropriate location, namely the FF's turnout locker.

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2. The aforementioned lead engines shall always carry two spare SCBA masks in the jump seat area to accommodate uneven shift changes (4 persons going off-duty and 3 coming on-duty) and loss or failure scenarios. Masks marked spare shall not be removed from the apparatus.

Lead engine SCBA inventory

- Right side Jump seat SCBA with detached spare mask
- Left side Jump seat SCBA with detached spare mask
- Compartment SCBA- Forward- no mask
- Compartment SCBA - Middle- no mask
- Compartment SCBA - Rear - complete with an assigned mask

3. Employees shall leave their masks attached to the SCBA of the lead engines for the duration of the work period. Transferring of the personal mask or the attached SCBA to other apparatus is not allowed.
4. In the event apparatus other than lead engines respond to or are employed at an incident the employee shall use the normal SCBA inventory of that apparatus.

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