

SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



**STANDARD
OPERATING
PROCEDURES
DATE APPROVED:
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ARTICLE: II

SOP: 2208

SECTION: 2200 APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

SUBJECT: SCBA PERSONAL MASK

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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, 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. Only approved personnel that are specially trained are allowed to make repairs and modifications to any mask or SCBA apparatus.
6. Employee shall immediately report lost mask to supervisor.

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.
2. The lead engines shall always carry two spare SCBA masks in the SCBA compartment to accommodate loss or failure scenarios. Masks marked spare shall not be removed from the apparatus.
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.