

Operating Guideline # 102
Pass Device
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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Operating Guideline (OG) is to establish guidelines for the use of PASS Devices to protect firefighters during training and emergency incidents.

GUIDELINE:

1. All Muskoka Lakes Fire Department self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) are equipped with an integrated PASS device that “arms” automatically when the air cylinder is turned on. All SCBA including the integrated PASS device shall be operated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer’s specifications and no person shall disable or render this alarm inoperable.

NOTE: The inconvenience of a PASS device pre-alert sounding is overshadowed by the protection afforded the wearer should they become trapped, disorientated or unconscious.

2. SCBA including integrated PASS devices shall be inspected during routine vehicle/apparatus checks and shall be cleaned and inspected after each use prior to being returned to service. PASS devices which malfunction render the entire SCBA unusable and shall be tagged out of service and reported to the officer in charge. The officer in charge shall in turn notify the Respiratory Protection Program Administrator.

3. SCBA assigned to the Training Division shall be checked for proper operation prior to each use, and this check shall include the operation of the PASS device.

RESPONSIBILITY:

It is the responsibility of all members to comply with the provisions of this OG and particularly that Company Officers (supervisors) and firefighters (workers) ensure that they adhere to their duties in accordance with the provisions of this document and the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

DEFINITIONS:

“PASS” means Personal Alert Safety System (man-down alarm).

REFERENCES:

- Occupational Health and Safety Act (RSO 1990, c. 0.1)
- Section 21 Committee Guidance Note GN-4-04, Personal Alert Safety System (PASS)
- MLFD OG 301, SCBA