

Operating Guideline # 301

SCBA Maintenance

September 30, 2019



PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Operating Guideline (OG) is to establish guidelines to ensure that Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) is maintained in a manner that will protect firefighters during training and while performing their duties at emergency incidents.

GUIDELINE:

General

1. SCBA will be inspected and tested for operation and condition during monthly Equipment Maintenance Sessions.
2. SCBA will be inspected and cleaned according to the manufacturer's specifications and departmental training after each use and a functional check made prior to it being placed back in service.
3. Every firefighter who uses SCBA shall inspect, clean and disinfect their personal face piece after each use.
4. All inspections of SCBA shall be done in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. All results from the inspections shall be recorded in a logbook that will be kept up to date at all times. Only members who are qualified to inspect SCBA shall perform SCBA inspections and sign the logbook.
5. Any repairs or adjustments to SCBA shall be recorded in the individual SCBA files. The entries shall remain on file for the service life of the apparatus.
6. It will be the duty of the Deputy Fire Chief and/or the Respiratory Protection Program Administrator to ensure that this OG is complied with.

NOTE: Any SCBA found to be defective or in need of repair will be tagged and immediately removed from service. The Mechanical Officer shall make arrangements to have the problem(s) corrected forthwith.

RESPONSIBILITY:

It is the responsibility of all Emergency Operations Division staff to comply with the provisions of this Operating Guideline.

REFERENCES:

- Ontario Firefighters Guidance Note #4-9 Respiratory Protection
- CSA Z94.4-11 Section 11 Cleaning, Inspection, maintenance, and storage of respirators