

WESTVILLE FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
23 W. OLIVE STREET, WESTVILLE, NEW JERSEY 08093

**FIRE DISTRICT REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE AND USE OF
SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) BY FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**

POLICY# P&E1.2
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PURPOSE OF POLICY: **TO ASSURE THAT ONLY PROPERLY TRAINED FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ARE SUPPLIED WITH, AND ALLOWED TO USE, SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) BY FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**

1. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) shall be supplied for Fire Department Personnel certified to wear them according to Policy # S&T 1.2 and after they have completed an initial *MASK FIT* test. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) will be in compliance with POASHA Standards.
2. In order to remain qualified to use SCBA, all certified Fire Department Personnel must pass an annual *Mask Fit* test. The *Mask Fit test* must be passed no later than twelve (12) months from the date of the Member's last *Mask Fit* test.
3. SCBA is to be worn when Fire Department personnel are:
 - 3.1 Engaged in interior structural firefighting
 - 3.2 Working in confined spaces where toxic products or combustion, or an oxygen deficiency may be present
 - 3.3 During emergency situations involving toxic substances
 - 3.4 During all phases of firefighting, including trash and vehicle fires, and overhaul.
4. A personal alert safety system device is integrated with each SCBA unit and is to be activated when involved in any of the above situations. It is the responsibility of each individual firefighter to activate the alarm when entering a fire building or confined space. This will insure safety of all personnel and allow quick rescue efforts for any firefighter who may encounter danger or become disabled in a fire.
5. All SCBA shall be subject to an annual inspection and certification for proper operating according to Policy # P3.2 or when damaged by personnel during training or firefighting. The annual inspection and certification for each set of SCBA equipment must occur no later than twelve (12) months from the last inspection.