

CLAYTON FIRE COMPANY NO.1 INCORPORATED
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDLINE # III-4

Date of Effect: March 1, 1991	To be reviewed: January, 2020
To: All Members	Revised: January 1, 2019
Ordered By: Alexander C Carrow, Fire Chief	
Subject: SCBA UNITS	

This guideline shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until superseded.

Purpose: To establish procedures for the proper utilization of SCBA units.

I. REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements will be met in order for a firefighter to become and remain qualified to wear and operate in a SCBA unit.

1. All firefighters wearing SCBA units will have completed a minimum of structural firefighting skills and hazardous materials response skills or its equivalent.
2. All firefighters will become qualified by the fire chief, or his delegate, after a period of time necessary to obtain firefighting experience.
3. All members shall attend one structural firefighting in-service training class a year to remain SCBA qualified or a letter from your Training officer from your place of employment.
4. All members shall have completed the Delaware State Fire School Firefighter Self Survival Class

II. USE OF SCBA

The following guidelines will be followed during the use of SCBA units for this department.

1. No firefighter will be permitted to don a SCBA unit with a beard or other facial hair which may obstruct the properly needed seal during structural firefighting and hazardous material incident.
2. When responding to alarms requiring SCBA units, firefighters will don the units. This is to include the face piece, and obtain a proper seal, he will then charge the air lines insuring the regulator is in proper working order, if use of the SCBA unit is not required unit is then to be returned to the ready position.
3. Once entrance to a building or area is necessary, the firefighter will ensure all turnout gear is properly in place, will don the face piece, obtain a seal, Will connect regulator
4. No firefighter shall don a SCBA in the standing position while apparatus is moving.
5. No member of this company shall have an SCBA unit filled while wearing the SCBA unit by any means from any system of this company's or any other company. Also no SCBA units from other companies will be filled while being worn by any system of the Clayton Fire Company.

III. CLEANING OF SCBA

The cleaning and set up of SCBA units, preparing for the next alarm. Cleaning of all SCBA units will be performed by members appointed by an officer, and cleaned with detergents approved by the fire chief.

DO NOT SPRAY OFF WITH A GARDEN HOSE OR A HOSE LINE!!

Air supply for the SCBA units and spare bottles, will be checked and returned to full.

Members who are assigned their own personal face piece will be responsible for it care and cleaning

All SCBA units will be returned to the apparatus in the ready position to include the following:

1. All straps on units and face pieces will be loosened completely.
2. The 45 minute bottle valve will be in the closed position.
3. The mainline valve on the regulator will be in the closed position.
4. The bypass valve on the regulator will be in the closed position.
5. Regulator is in the belt holder