

## **Egg Harbor Fire Department and First Responders Standard Operating Guidelines**

**SUBJECT:** SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS **SOG 102**

**PURPOSE:** To have in place a policy to govern the use of SCBA for respiratory protection.

**SCOPE:** This policy shall apply to all members of the Egg Harbor Fire Department.

**DEFINITIONS:** SCBA- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

Use of SCBA shall mean the wearing of the SCBA within the Manufacturers Recommended procedures with face piece in place and the wearer breathing air from the SCBA cylinder. Guidelines on SCBA use shall be followed.

Hazardous Atmosphere- any atmosphere that may contain invisible gases, visible smoke, lack of oxygen, or which contains contaminants not found in normal breathing air.

- 1.) Use of SCBA shall be required for all personnel working in the following:
  - A. In any area suspect to be hazardous or which could become hazardous.
  - B. During any salvage, overhaul, or investigation procedure, unless the atmosphere in the area has been determined safe.
  - C. In any confined space area not determined to be safe.
- 2.) Removal of SCBA in any area listed in #1 above is at the discretion of the Officer in charge on the scene.
- 3.) As soon as possible, after each use, of each SCBA shall be returned to a ready state including cleaning of the face piece per the manufacturer's written recommendation.
- 4.) If problems occur with any part of any SCBA the Officer on duty shall be notified and the complete unit shall be removed from service until repaired and tested per manufacturer's recommendation.
- 5.) Repairs by department personnel are not to exceed MSA Level 1.