

Subject:	PERSONAL ALERT SAFETY SYSTEM (PASS) PROTECTION
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Chapter:	Operations
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1.0 POLICY

- 1.1** Thurston County Fire Protection District No.5 & 9 will provide an integrated PASS device for each self-contained breathing apparatus available to each member, and/or for each member responding to an incident.
- 1.2** Without exception each member working in a hazardous area requiring the use of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) shall wear and use a PASS device. Use of breathing apparatus shall mean that members have face pieces in place and are breathing air from the supply provided.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1** Each member shall keep their PASS device maintained in accordance with the Manufacturer's instructions.
- 2.2** Each member shall be responsible for maintaining PASS devices in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- 2.3** The Assistant Chief of Operations shall be responsible for maintaining and repairing of PASS devices in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

3.0 GUIDELINES

- 3.1** This requirement to wear SCBA equipped with an integrated PASS device includes all members operating:
 - 3.1.1** in an active fire area.
 - 3.1.2** directly above an active fire area.
 - 3.1.3** in a potential explosion or fire area, including gas leaks and fuel spills.
 - 3.1.4** where products of combustion are visible in the atmosphere.

- 3.1.5** where invisible contaminants are suspected to be present e.g. carbon monoxide.
 - 3.1.6** where toxic products are present, suspected to be present, or may be released without warning.
 - 3.1.7** in any confined space which has not been tested to establish respiratory safety.
- 3.2** Each PASS device shall be tested immediately prior to each use to ensure it is ready for use. Each member will test their PASS device:
 - 3.2.1** at the change of every shift when the SCBA daily check is conducted.
 - 3.2.2** after each use.
- 3.3** Batteries shall be changed when the low battery warning sounds.

4.0 REFERENCES

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4.0 APPENDIX

Manufacturer operating and maintenance instructions