

# JEFFERSON-MONROE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## SCBA Usage and Maintenance Standard Operation Procedure

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Purpose- To ensure proper use and care of SCBA.

### Proper Use of SCBA:

While the job of firefighting duties can sometimes be hazardous to health, SCBA is provided to ensure the health of all our members. Proper SCBA and Personnel Protective Clothing shall be worn in the following instances:

1. Confirmed structure fire where interior fire attack and salvage/ overhaul will take place.
2. The nozzle man on a car fire. It is recommended that back up man have SCBA in place also.
3. The nozzle man and member assisting in trash removal on trash or dumpster fires. It is recommended that back up man have SCBA in place also.
4. Any suspected hazardous materials incident or suspicious call where the potential for life safety is affected.
5. If call requires the use to properly breathe. (i.e.: grass fires.)

### Proper Care of SCBA:

1. SCBA will be checked biweekly during truck checks. *A log shall be kept in the truck check book indicating SCBA number and Face Piece Number in that unit.*  
Ensure that SCBA is full.  
Face Piece is clean and dry.  
All harnesses are pulled out to their longest length.  
All hoses are not damaged.  
SCBA bottle is not damaged.  
Ensure that SCBA works properly. All low pressure and warning alarms work.
2. SCBA will be properly checked and cleaned after all calls that require its use.
3. If SCBA becomes dirty due to use, washing of harness and face piece will be required. A mild soap solution and brush can be used on SCBA harness, while a cloth should be used on face piece. SCBA face piece should be left out to air dry, and then properly placed in its respective holder.

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4. If SCBA becomes damaged, it is to be reported to an officer and taken out of service at that time. No member should try to attempt to fix a SCBA unless they are properly trained and hold the required certificate.
5. Members shall be fit tested to ensure proper fit of SCBA use. This shall be done by certified SCBA technicians of the JMFD.

