

Operating Guidelines

Section: Protective Clothing and Equipment

Subject: P.A.S.S Devices

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Note: All breathing apparatus shall be equipped with a P.A.S.S. device. The device shall be armed at all times the breathing apparatus is in use.

Guidelines

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- a) Before the breathing apparatus is removed from its case or bracket, the air supply shall be checked and the P.A.S.S. will be in operational condition before use.
- b) Opening the air valve on the air cylinder shall automatically activate integrated pass alarms.
- c) In the event that the P.A.S.S. alarm remains stationary for approximately 20 seconds, it shall emit a pre-alarm warning. Movement of the unit shall cancel this pre-alarm.
- d) Maintenance of P.A.S.S. device shall be in conjunction with the manufacturer's recommendations and the responsibility of the Fire Chief or designate.
- e) Firefighters shall not tamper with or attempt to repair a P.A.S.S. alarm.

Note: The inconvenience of pre-alerts sounding is overshadowed by the protection afforded the wearer, should they become trapped, disoriented or unconscious.

It shall be the responsibility of the Fire Chief or designate to ensure batteries are changed when required (as per manufacturing recommendations).

Responsibility

It is the responsibility of every officer and firefighter to ensure that the integrated pass alarms are fully functional and they are checked on a regular basis.