



Roosevelt Fire District Standard Operating Guidelines

Scope:
Operations

Guideline 14:
SCBA Fit Test

Purpose: To ensure that all Roosevelt Fire District interior firefighters receive a proper mask fit test in conformance with OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard 1910.134.

Scope: This procedure is to be followed by all firefighters and officers whose duty involves SCBA fit testing of department members who qualify as interior firefighters. This test will be conducted at least annually or as needed.

Restrictions:

1. All members receiving a mask fit test must be tested prior to being designated as an interior firefighter. (i.e. medically / physically qualified and successful completion of a mask confidence training.)
2. Any members having facial hair which protrudes into the seal area of the mask ***cannot be given*** a fit test.
3. The fit test will be administered using the department issued SCBA mask

Procedure:

1. This test will be performed by officers or firefighters designated by the Chief of the Roosevelt Fire District and trained in the proper use of the PortaCount machine.
2. Have the candidate use their issued mask or choose a mask which fits correctly.
3. Properly don the mask and perform a negative pressure test. If there is only partial collapse or no collapse, have the candidate select another mask or adjust the mask for a better fit.
4. Connect the fit test adaptor, with hoses connected to the PortaCount machine.
5. The candidate will perform the tasks as instructed.
6. After the test has ended and the member has received a passing score, print the completed Respiratory Fit Test Record and have the candidate sign it along with the person conducting the test.
7. Inform all participants if they experience extreme weight loss or gain or have extensive dental work that these conditions may alter the fit of their mask. If these or any other conditions which would compromise the fit are present, they should be refitted and complete another test.
10. The Roosevelt Fire District may accept qualitative or quantitative fit test results from other agencies provided they meet the provisions of this procedure as a minimum, including OSHA 1910.134 and use the same manufacture and model of mask as supplied by the Roosevelt Fire Department. Test results must be submitted on the Roosevelt Fit Test Record or a copy of both sides of their fit test card must be attached to the Roosevelt fire District Form.

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