

BLACKWOOD FIRE COMPANY SCBA ANNUAL REFRESHER MONITOR GUIDE

PURPOSE: This guide is to be used by company representatives (monitors) responsible for monitoring the practical phase of the Annual SCBA Refresher to ensure consistency in the testing process.

PHASE 1: DONNING PPE

Evolution starts with member standing at their PPE rack. Upon direction from the monitor, the member shall don their PPE as they would when responding to a reported structure fire. Monitor will ensure the following objectives are met:

- PPE is donned in a quick, efficient manner
- All snaps, buckles, velcro strips properly connected / fastened
- Member understands that PPE must be donned PRIOR to boarding apparatus.
- Member understands that helmets are to be properly stowed on apparatus, not worn

PHASE 2: BOARDING APPARATUS

- Member understands apparatus response order
- Member properly hangs Apparatus Accountability Tag
- Member understands use of Task Accountability Tag and Spare Tag
- Member understands Apparatus Riding Positions and associated responsibility

PHASE 3: RESPONSE TO SCENE (simulated)

- Member understands seat belt use is mandatory whenever apparatus is in motion
- Member is able to demonstrate one of the acceptable SCBA donning methods
 - Prior to sitting down and securing seat belt
 - While seated and belted
 - Immediately upon arrival at scene
- Member understands that tools are not to be removed from mounts until apparatus arrives at scene

PHASE 4: ARRIVAL AT SCENE

- Member secures appropriate tools for riding assignment
- Member disembarks apparatus with SCBA and all appropriate tools and equipment (radio, light, etc...)
- Member understands importance of assembling and deploying as a team

PHASE 5: ENTRY TO IDLH

- Member understands 2 In / 2 Out rule
- Member understands team concept for interior operations
- Member understands proper time to go "on air" (just prior to entry)
- Member properly uses Task Accountability Tag
- Member demonstrates preparation for entry to an IDLH
 - Mask on / seal confirmed
 - Flashover Hood properly donned
 - Helmet on – earflaps down, chinstrap in place
 - Collar up and fastened
 - Wrist protectors properly deployed
 - Firefighting gloves on
 - Equipped with a handlight(s)
- Member demonstrates proper SCBA procedures
 - Properly worn – weight on lower back, waist straps fastened
 - Donning switch depressed
 - Emergency By-Pass valve closed
 - Bottle fully on
 - Air status - Heads Up Display / Shoulder Gauge
 - PASS properly functioning
 - Regulator properly connected to mask
- Member understands / demonstrates Buddy Check

PHASE 6: OPERATING IN IDLH

- Members demonstrate proper search pattern
 - Right Hand / Left Hand / Oriented Man
- Members maintain contact with partner (feel, see or hear)
- Members demonstrate proper communication (partner and supervisor)
- Member demonstrates proper MAYDAY procedures (LUNAR)
- Member demonstrates PASS Operation
 - Manual and automatic activation
 - Pre-Alert and Full Alert reset procedures
- Member demonstrates proper use of EBSS
 - Providing air to partner
 - Receiving air from partner
- Exiting IDLH

- All members of team accounted for
- Accountability Tag retrieved

PHASE 7: RESTORATION OF EQUIPMENT

- SCBA cylinder replaced (if below 4,000 psi)
- Depleted cylinder to rack, gauge facing in
- SCBA cleaned if necessary
- Cleaned / restored SCBA returned to proper seat on apparatus
 - All straps fully extended
 - Regulator affixed to waist strap holder (air line facing up)
 - Retaining strap secured (shoulder straps NOT restrained)
- Tools cleaned, returned to appropriate bracket and properly secured
- Portable radio cleaned and returned to appropriate charger
 - Power switch off
 - Set to proper channel
- Handlight(s) returned to appropriate charger
- All Accountability Tags retrieved and attached to turnout coat