

**Galveston Fire Department  
Standard Operating Procedure  
1200.02 S.C.B.A.**

**Fire Chief** \_\_\_\_\_

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The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure is to ensure that all personnel understand and conform to Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) requirements as prescribed by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. These requirements are in place to ensure firefighter safety. The Texas Commission on Fire Protection, as authorized by the Texas Government Code 417.021, created Section 435.3 in the “Standards Manual” which specifically addresses SCBA and Section 435.9 in the “Standards Manual” which specifically addresses PASS devices. These articles are available at the Commission web site for review.

**Use of SCBA**

It will be the responsibility of each Company Officer to determine and ensure that all apparatus within their scope of authority are equipped with an appropriate number of SCBA. All personnel operating in an IDLH environment or in an environment that could become an IDLH environment shall wear and use an SCBA provided by the Galveston Fire Rescue. Once the Incident Commander has determined the area of operation free of IDLH conditions, members may discontinue using the SCBA.

**Daily Inspection/Cleaning**

Personnel are responsible for inspecting their assigned SCBA at the beginning of each shift. This includes any SCBA unit assigned to an apparatus but not being used by a member on that day. The inspection shall be in compliance with the daily inspection document that each member must sign daily. An inspection shall take place after each use and after an SCBA returns from being repaired. SCBA should be kept clean. SCBA should be cleaned in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations after each use. Reserve SCBA units shall be inspected weekly. The department’s SCBA maintenance person will complete these inspections.

**PASS Device**

The Pass device is integrated into the SCBA units currently in use. It is required that these devices be inspected daily and after every use along with the SCBA unit. This inspection should be done to determine operability, and loudness. It is recommended that you follow the manufacturer’s recommendations on testing these devices.