



## Missouri Valley Fire & Rescue Department

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### STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

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##### Chronological History

Effective: January 1, 2010

#### THE USE OF SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA)

1. This procedure establishes guidelines for the use of self-contained breathing apparatus by the members of the Missouri Valley Fire Department.
2. Self-contained breathing apparatus will be worn on any incident where there is a chance that a hazardous atmosphere or toxic gases may be present.
3. All firefighters entering the hazardous environment will be masked up. Any firefighters that are not masked up will remain outside the hazardous environment.
4. *Probationary firefighters currently attending the recruit training program will not mask up under any circumstances. They must have completed the respiratory protection course before they will be allowed to mask up.*
5. Self-contained breathing apparatus will remain on until **all** hazardous gases have been removed. **No unmasked personnel will enter the hazardous environment.** If this occurs, the individual will be dealt with accordingly.
6. All personnel will remain masked up until the incident commander has determined the area to be free of atmospheric hazards.
7. All firefighters will turn on their "PASS" devices when they are breathing air.  
NOTE: This is for the SCBA that do not have automatic "PASS" devices installed on them.

By Authority of:  
Fire chief

**Eugene Shaeffer**