

Douro-Dummer Fire Services Policy

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Section: **Protective Clothing & Equipment**

Subject: **SCBA Cleaning Procedures**

Purpose:

To establish a program for the cleaning and sanitizing of equipment and related accessories.

Scope: Applies to all personnel

Policy:

After use, personnel will clean and sanitize SCBA equipment.

1. DDFS has clean SCBA masks staged and ready for use. When a SCBA mask has been used it shall only be reused when decontamination and cleaning has been completed. This may be at the incident scene or post incident. Mask shall undergo full cleaning, decontamination, and inspection upon return to respective stations.

Facemask cleaning procedure:

Facemask cleaning procedures will be conducted by following the recommended MSA cleaning procedure. This procedure will be posted at each station capable of cleaning – Stations 1, 4 and 5. The procedure is found on page 3 of this policy as **Appendix D**.

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2. Back Frame Cleaning Procedure:

- a. Fully extent shoulder straps and waist belt to fully open position.
- b. Ensure the demand valve is mounted in the demand valve holder to avoid getting water in it.

DO NOT IMMERSE THE DEMAND VALVE IN WATER. If trace amounts of water get into the demand valve opening, connect the unit to an air cylinder and open the bypass valve to blow out the water.

CAUTION: If water is allowed into the demand valve itself or if accidentally immersed in water, it should be removed from service, opened, and dried according to the manufacture's direction. Water inside the demand valve may render the unit inoperable due to freezing.

- c. Clean off any dirt with a medium bristle brush or sponge and a mild soap and water.

DO NOT USE BLEACH OF ANY COMPOUND CONTAINING CHLORINE, it will rapidly deteriorate the fabric.

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Appendix D

DDFS RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAM

SCBA Facemask Cleaning Procedure

The following procedure is for cleaning and disinfecting MSA facemasks with MSA Confidence Plus solution. The MSA Confidence Plus cleaner to water ratio is 28g (1 oz) MSA Confidence Plus per 3.78 liters (1 gallon) water.

Fill a sink/container with 3.78 liters (1 gallon) of warm water and add 28g (1 oz) of MSA Confidence Plus cleaner. You are advised to wear protective eyewear.

Remove the nose cup and electronic device, allowing the facemask(s) to soak in the solution for 10 minutes before removing.

Using running water, thoroughly rinse the facemask for 1 to 2 minutes to remove any residual solution.

Shake to remove excess water and dry using a clean lint free cloth and/or gentle blow dry.

On Scene or Sanitizing-Only Option:

- Use provided MSA approved individual wipes
- Do **Not** Use Chlorine Bleach