

DDFS Respiratory Protection Program

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Program Objectives:

Douro-Dummer Fire Services is committed to the protection of its firefighters from respiratory hazards, which cannot be avoided or controlled.

To promote and enhance firefighter safety and to comply with the Ministry of Labour and the Ontario Fire Service Section 21, Advisory Committee Guidance.

Overview:

Douro-Dummer Fire Services will operate within the parameters set out in this Respiratory Protection Program.

Administrator: Deputy Fire Chief

SCBA Technicians: None

SCBA Fit Testing: Fire Chief Chuck Pedersen, Deputy Fire Chief Derrick Huffman and Firefighter Jim Mollohan

Air Compressor: City of Peterborough, Eastern Ontario Emergency Training Academy and/or the Township of Asphodel-Norwood

Training Intervals: Training on SCBA procedures will be on an annual basis

Training Content: Program content will be reviewed annually by the Administrator

Personnel: All personnel using SCBA are to be fit tested prior to active duty in fire suppression, and every two years unless there is a change in fit or equipment. Fit Test forms shall be maintained for each person completing the Fit Testing.

Recruit Firefighters: Recruit firefighters will receive an introductory session explaining the Respiratory Protection Program and its components.

Respirators: The type of respirator currently in use is the MSA model and 2216psi air cylinder and the N-95 mask from 3M used for medical calls (pandemic).

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Inspection: Inspections of SCBA shall be done on maintenance nights, after training use, after emergency call use and after return to service from repair. Any repairs will be serviced by MSA qualified repair technicians.

Records: Maintenance and inspection records shall be kept to track history and usage. Records shall be completed by the user and/or inspector within a maintenance binder located in each fire station and monthly faxed to the Fire Chief.

Compressors: DDFS does not own or operate a compressor, but bi-annual air samples will be kept on file for two years from any and all suppliers of SCBA compressed air that is used to fill any DDFS SCBA bottle.