

MANDATORY MASK RULE

- 8.1.0 All department members shall don Self Contained Breathing Apparatus prior to entering a building for firefighting operations or other incidents that require respiratory protection.
- 8.1.1 Masks shall not be removed during the overhaul period of the fire.
- 8.2.0 Members raising ladders, operating lines outside a fire building, performing exterior ventilation or other external activities are not mandated to use respiratory equipment.
- 8.2.1 Members may wear SCBA at any incident they respond to.
- 8.3.0 All members shall don SCBAs while responding to the incident.
- 8.3.1 Members, regardless of the situation reported, shall have their SCBAs on and ready, with the face piece in a stand-by position, once they leave the apparatus.
- 8.4.0 SCBAs, including facepieces, shall not be removed until the firefighter is out of the building on fire or out of the hot zone.
- 8.5.0 All members shall be clean shaven for the purpose of securing a seal with their SCBA face piece. One day growth of facial hair can cause a 15% leakage level at mask seal area.
- 8.5.1 No hair shall be allowed along jaw line and face that may interferes with the seal of the mask.
- 8.5.2 Members who cannot use a scrapping razor for medical reasons shall provide the administration with a physicians note that directly specifies reasons why. Note shall be submitted annually.
- 8.5.3 Members who cannot use a scrapping razor shall keep the facial hair as short as possible using an electric razor, Scissors or other means