
Ocean City Fire Department
Standard Operating Guidelines

Operations

Subject: Personal Alert Safety System
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Section: 404.00

404.01 Purpose

- A. To help prevent the occurrence of members being in distress, missing, lost, injured, trapped or unconscious and not being able to summon assistance.
- B. To provide each member with a device to be worn on the SCBA which emits an audible alarm signal in order to summon assistance in the event that a firefighter becomes incapacitated or needs assistance.
- C. To provide members with training, which when complete, will give the Members the knowledge and skills necessary to inspect, use, search for, locate and maintain in working order the Personal Alert Safety System (PASS) device.

404.02 Policy

- A. Each SCBA is equipped with an automatic PASS device
- B. Members will not be permitted to operate in any hazardous environment without a PASS device in operation.
- C. The PASS device shall not be removed from the SCBA by any personnel other than those authorized to perform repairs and maintenance on the device.
- D. The device will be checked for proper functioning prior to use and after each use.
- E. A report of defective or missing equipment be forwarded to the Duty Chief. The SCBA maintenance group will be notified and will arrange immediate replacement of the SCBA unit.
- F. SCBA will be inspected monthly with the PASS device and batteries.
- G. Training utilizing the PASS devices will be conducted annually to maintain both the knowledge and skills necessary to inspect, use, search for, locate, and maintain in working order the PASS devices.