**12.02.03.4 PERSONAL ALERT SAFETY SYSTEM (PASS) PROTECTION**

**1.0 REFERENCE**

 WAC 296-305-02017

**2.0 POLICY**

**2.1** The XXXXX will provide a PASS device for each self-contained breathing apparatus available to each member, and/or for each member engaged in structural firefighting requiring the use of SCBA.

**2.2** Without exception each member working in a hazardous area requiring the use of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) shall wear and use a PASS device. Use of breathing apparatus shall mean that members have face pieces in place and are breathing air from the supply provided.

**2.2.1** Each PASS device shall be tested routinely to ensure it is ready for use, and immediately prior to its use.

**2.3** PASS devices shall meet the requirements of the 1993 edition of NFPA 1982 Standard on Personal Alert Safety Systems.

**3.0 DEFINITIONS**

**4.0 RESPONSIBILITY**

XXXXX is responsible for the care, use maintenance and repair of our PASS devices.

**4.1** Each member shall keep their PASS device maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**4.2** Each member shall be responsible for maintaining PASS devices in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**4.3 VARIABLE** shall be responsible for maintaining and repairing of PASS devices in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**5.0 GUIDELINES**

**5.1** VARIABLE (Add here instructions from manufacturer)

**5.2** PASS device shall be utilized when:

a)a contaminated atmosphere.

b) an atmosphere which may suddenly become contaminated.

c)an atmosphere which is oxygen deficient.

d) an atmosphere which is suspected of being contaminated or oxygen deficient.

**5.3** This requirement to wear SCBA equipped with a PASS device includes all members operating:

1. In an active fire area.
2. Directly above an active fire area.
3. In a potential explosion or fire area, including gas leaks and fuel spills.
4. Where products of combustion are visible in the atmosphere.
5. Where invisible contaminants are suspected to be present e.g. carbon monoxide.
6. Where toxic products are present, suspected to be present, or may be released without warning.
7. In any confined space which has not been tested to establish respiratory safety.

**5.4** Each PASS device shall be tested immediately prior to each use to ensure it is ready for use. Each member will test their PASS device.

1. At the change of every shift when the SCBA daily check is conducted.
2. Whenever a replacement PASS device unit is issued.
3. After each use.

**5.5** Batteries shall be changed twice a year;

1. On the day daylight saving time starts.
2. On the day daylight savings time ends.

**5.6** Incident Commanders should ensure that PASS devices are used when necessary, without regard to their association with SCBA

**6.0 ADDITIONAL REFERENCE**

**7.0 APPENDIX** Manufacturer's manual