



**Rogers Fire Department**  
**Minimum Company Standards**  
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## SCBA DONNING

**Reference:** NFPA 1001, 5.1.1.2 2008 Edition

**JPR Identification:**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this standard is to enhance the firefighter's ability to don the SCBA. The skills learned during this exercise will teach the firefighter to remain calm when donning the SCBA while preparing to operate during an emergency situation. All members of the crew should be proficient in their duties with an SCBA and should understand the strengths and weaknesses of their crew members. This understanding will allow them to function better as a team and enable members to function in different capacities within the crew.

**Performance Outcome:** Individual will be able to don the SCBA while responding to an emergency environment. These evolutions shall be completed beginning a normal response to an emergency and completely donning the SCBA in under 60 seconds using the individuals preferred method; coat method or over the head method. This evolution must be completed while all personnel are wearing the proper PPE prior to beginning. *Note: this evolution may be adjusted by the company officer to fit the need of his / her specific crew members.*

**Materials Required:** Personal Protective Equipment  
Self Contained Breathing Apparatus  
*Note: It is the discretion of the company officer what props and configuration are utilized for this company skill.*

### Critical Teaching Points:

1. This scenario simulates an emergency in which the firefighter must don his / her SCBA to prepare to operate during the emergency.
2. Company Officers should emphasize to students that they shall remain calm while progressing through the evolution.
3. All firefighters should be aware of safety at all times and the company officer should remain aware of safety concerns throughout the evolution
4. Remind firefighters to remain calm at all times, manage their efforts, think about their options, and methodically don the SCBA.
5. The evolution may be adjusted to meet the needs of the crew or to address any specific deficiencies that have been identified at the discretion of the company officer.
6. The company officer should reinforce this is a standardized method of donning which should be utilized.
7. Time will begin when the firefighter touches any part of the SCBA.

## *SCBA Donning*

1. Ensure that all personal protective equipment is appropriately donned and secure before starting the evolutions
2. Make sure the bunker coat is fully fastened and secured with the Nomex hood in place.
3. Quick check to make sure the bypass valve is closed, the bottle is off, and straps are fully extended.
4. Check that the cylinder is full before donning.
5. Fully open the main cylinder valve.
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7. Dons the SCBA using the over the head or coat method (Refer to IFSTA Essentials for detailed instructions).
8. Adjust the shoulder straps for comfort
9. Buckle and adjust the waist strap for comfort.
10. Don the face piece appropriately with the chin in the chin pocket of the mask.
11. Fit the face piece to your face and bring the webbing over the head using the straps to tighten appropriately
12. Adjust straps in the following order; chin straps, temple straps making sure to pull straight back not outward.
13. Check for a proper seal.
14. Don the Nomex hood and Helmet appropriately, ensuring that all areas are covered and the firefighter is ready for response.
15. Ensure the chinstrap is secured and tight
16. Insert the regulator into the facepiece to initiate the air flow.
17. Don structural firefighting gloves
18. Ensure all PPE is donned correctly and no skin is exposed.
19. All tasks should be completed with a sense of urgency.
20. Complete all tasks within the allotted timeframe.
21. RECORD COMPLETION TIME for future reference.

