SCBA DONNING WHILE RESPONDING IN APPARATUS

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Purpose: The purpose of this standard is to enhance the firefighter’s ability to don the SCBA while responding on an apparatus. The skills learned during this exercise will teach the firefighter to remain calm when donning the SCBA while remaining buckled in the apparatus for safety. All members of the crew should be proficient in their responsibilities as well as understand the duties of the other 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 with his / her seat belt in place 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 while remaining buckled in. This evolution must be completed while all personnel are wearing the proper PPE and seat belt. 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
Apparatus
Seat Belt
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 a response to an emergency in which the firefighter must don his / her SCBA en route while wearing a seat belt.
2. Company Officers should emphasize to students that they shall remain buckled throughout the response.
3. Students may attempt to unbuckle but shall not be allowed to do so at any point during the evolution.
4. All firefighters should be aware of response safety at all times and the company officer should remain aware of safety concerns throughout the evolution.
5. Remind firefighters to remain calm at all times, manage their efforts, think about their options, and methodically don the SCBA.
6. 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.

SCBA Donning While Responding In Apparatus
1. Ensure that all personal protective equipment is appropriately donned and secure before starting the evolutions.
2. Seat belts must be securely fastened throughout the evolution.
3. Make sure the bunker coat is fully fastened and secured with the Nomex hood in place.
4. Check that the cylinder is full before donning or even entering the apparatus.
5. Similar to the coat method, grasp the left shoulder trap and slide arm through the left strap and repeat for the right side.
6. Adjust the shoulder straps for comfort.
7. Buckle and adjust the waist strap for comfort.
8. Don the face piece appropriately with the chin in the chin pocket of the mask.
9. Fit the face piece to your face and bring the webbing over the head using the straps to tighten appropriately.
10. Adjust straps in the following order; chin straps, temple straps making sure to pull straight back not outward.
11. Check for a proper seal.
12. Don the Nomex hood and Helmet appropriately, ensuring that all areas are covered and the firefighter is ready for response.
13. Insert the regulator into the facepiece to initiate the air flow.
14. All tasks should be completed with a sense of urgency.
15. Complete all tasks within the allotted timeframe (evaluations only)