



PEA RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

CORE COMPETENCY DRILL



PPE—SCBA—Blind Pack Assembly

DESCRIPTION AND EXPECTED PERFORMANCE: All crew members shall take an assigned pack, and in a group setting, practice the gathering of the SCBA pack, bottle, and then disentangle the pack and assemble, operate, don, and test the pack. Do this to a point with no visibility (darked out/blocked vision).

Length: 2 HOURS

REFERENCE: PRFD S.O.G.s for Department SCBA Information.

Equipment, Props, Information or Other Resources Needed: Your personally assigned, full SCBA with bottle. The Captain will setup the SCBA harness, straps and bottle in an unfamiliar configuration. You will not be allowed to see this configuration. Each crew member shall correct and errors found and assemble the pack correctly, turn on, don, and test the use. The Captain reserves the right to change up the drill and practice with each member as much as possible to become proficient. This may also include assembling the pack or removing a pack from another firefighter.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS CORE COMPETENCY DRILL

Let's Do a Scavenger Hunt for a full airpack setup:

Make these drills as fun, but sensible and realistic as possible. We know that your SCBA parts aren't going to end up scattered all over a house fire. The purpose of this drill is to simply get every crew member VERY FAMILIAR and COMFORTABLE with all of the part of the SCBA, and how to make it work.

This drill should black out the mask of the crew member and allow for a little competition. The company officer will need to monitor the activity and limit the scavenger hunt to a pre-scribed area. Keep them in bounds and remember that safety is paramount. Also, do not create an atmosphere that could damage or render PPE out of service. The Captain can manipulate this drill to the needs of their crew.

Practice technique and test your equipment after each try.

Finding out you have a problem with your SCBA and not knowing how to use it in a fire or dangerous environment, is TOO LATE!

Learn about the tool that will have the greatest affect on saving your life in the Fire Service!

We must wear our SCBA with any amount of smoke or toxins present on scenes!
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