

	Hampton-Valley Forge Vol. Fire Dept. Standard Operating Guidelines	
	Subject: Respiratory Device Fit Testing	SOG # 2-25
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A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to establish procedures for annual respiratory device fit testing.

B. SCBA FIT-TEST

The SCBA Portaccount Plus Quantitative Fit Test provides a means of assessing in real, measurable terms the adequacy of fit of a given make, model and size of a tight fitting face piece regulator. This method objectively validates the test subject's ability to obtain a good face piece seal by sampling and measuring contaminant concentrations outside the face piece. All active firefighters shall be tested annually or as otherwise deemed necessary. The Assistant Fire Chief will be responsible for scheduling personnel to obtain their certification based on their anniversary date.

C. REQUIREMENTS FOR TEST

1. Personnel shall be clean-shaven in the area of the respirator face piece and shall not have facial hairstyles that could interfere with respirator fit, function or form.
2. Personnel shall not smoke for at least 30 minutes before the fit test.

If a face piece cannot be properly fitted, the Assistant Fire Chief shall determine the appropriate action and recommend it to the Fire Chief.