

Confined Space Services, Inc. is a group of highly motivated fire service professionals who have come together to assist Fire Departments with their training and educational

needs. We strive not to replace a Department's current operations, procedures or training programs but to compliment them. All of Confined Space Services, Inc. instructors are State or

Nationally certified Fire Instructors and come from career and volunteer sections of the fire service and hold the various ranks of Fire Fighter to Chief of Department.



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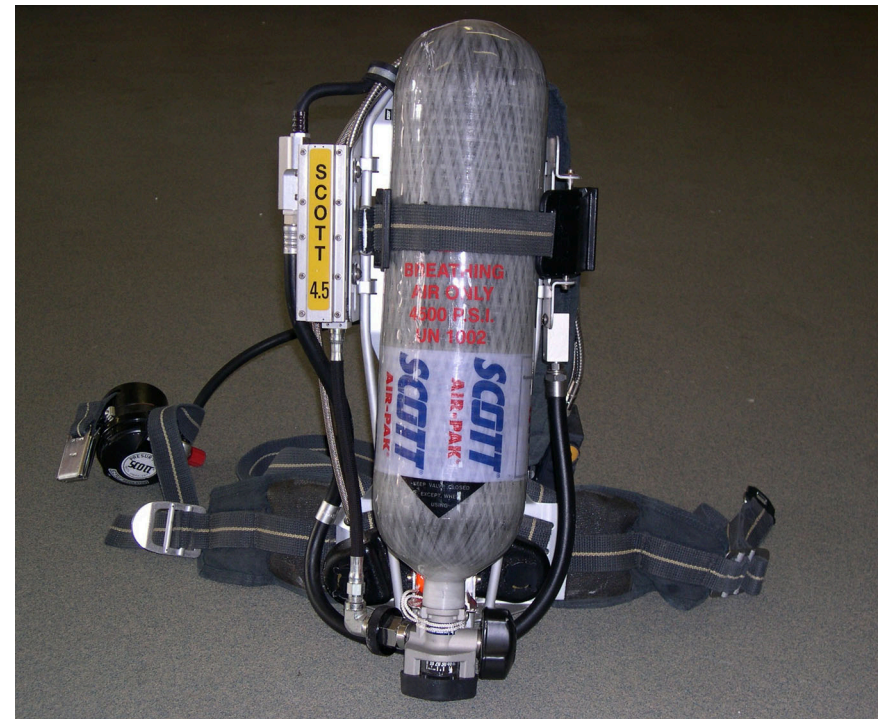
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# Respiratory Compliance Program

*Including*

- SCBA Fit Testing
- SCBA Refresher Training
- SCBA Safety and Survival Training



## **RESPIRATORY COMPLIANCE PROGRAM**

Confined Space Services, Inc. is proud to offer our Respiratory Compliance Program to assist Fire Departments in their efforts to meet today's OSHA regulations. Our program involves three separate modules that together become our Compliance Program. While we are happy to offer each module to a Department separately, but by contracting for the entire Compliance Program, a Department can realize a cost savings.

The following describes our Compliance Program.

### **Module 1 - SCBA Fit Testing**

Confined Space Services, Inc. has chosen to perform our SCBA fit testing quantitatively using the TSI PortaCount® Plus Respirator Fit Tester. We feel that the quantitative fit test is superior over existing qualitative fit test methods which use Irritant Smoke, Banana Oil, Saccharin and Bitrex® because the PortaCount® method uses a fit factor of 500 verses the other methods that use a fit factor of 100. In addition, the PortaCount® Plus eliminates all the guesswork associated with qualitative fit testing by measuring the actual fit of the mask, not a person's chemical sensitivity or cooperation.

Testing a member of your department takes approximately 15 min-

utes. Recognizing that it may be difficult to get all your members in one place at one time, we are extremely flexible with our scheduling and will work with a Department to achieve total fit testing compliance. Once a member is tested, we will provide the Department with a computer generated print out which will detail the member being tested as well as the date the member was tested, the detailed test information and most importantly the proper size mask the member should wear. The member tested will receive the same copy of the Test Report and we will keep a copy for our files. The member who was tested as well as the Test Operator signs all Test Records.

It should be noted that the OSHA Respiratory Standard requires a person to be fit tested for each individual style and type respirator that they may be required to wear. If you have issued your members any type of NIOSH respirator, including half mask cartridge respirators, Full Face Gas Masks or N95 medical masks they need to be fit tested for each type of mask. Our program can fit test most types of SCBA masks and respirators.

We are very proud to offer this service to the fire service community as we think this program provides the highest level of testing to assure the proper fit of a respirator.

### **Module 2 - SCBA Refresher Training**

The second part of our Compliance Program is our SCBA Refresher Training Program. Lasting approximately 2 hours, this program helps your department comply with the annual SCBA refresher training requirement. Using information from sources such as NJ Department of Labor, NJ Department of Health, NJ Division of Fire Safety as well as OSHA, NFPA® and IFSTA we have created a program that refreshes and builds upon a fire fighter's basic knowledge of the SCBA. Some of the topics covered are:

- Review of the Department's Respiratory Protection Plan
- The limitations of an SCBA
- The limitations of the person using the SCBA
- The capabilities of an SCBA
- The capabilities of the person using the SCBA
- Care and maintenance of the SCBA
- Cleaning and decontamination procedures of the SCBA
- SCBA malfunctions
- SCBA emergency procedures

We can also modify this program to include refresher training on any other type of respirator you may have issued to your members including half face, full face gas masks and N95 type filter respirators as well as review any specific items included in your Respiratory Protection Plan.

At the conclusion of this program, Confined Space Services, Inc. will provide a certificate of completion for each member attending the program as well as a Master Course Outline that can be included in your Respiratory Protection Plan to document the training received.

### **SCBA Mask Confidence Course**

Using a combination of lecture and hands-on applications, Confined Space Services, Inc. will challenge your members in the use of their SCBA. Our program begins with reviewing your Department's MAYDAY procedures including when to declare a MAYDAY. From there we move to hands-on applications of the reduced profile maneuver as well as the proper way to remove your SCBA in a tight situation. Using our portable training modules, we transform your apparatus bay into an SCBA confidence course. By using these modules the fire fighter is challenged to use actual emergency procedures because they are subjected to real life problems such as entanglements and restricted accesses. Our modules are designed to allow our instructors to constantly coach the fire fighter in the proper techniques of self-rescue. By maintaining a 7 to 1 student to instructor ratio, we are able to give your fire fighters the maximum training experience.