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Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Technician

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the qualifications, responsibilities, and duties of the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Technician for the Winsted Fire Department and to ensure that all SCBA equipment is inspected, maintained, repaired, tested, and documented in accordance with NFPA 1852, manufacturer specifications, and Department policies, thereby ensuring the safety and operational readiness of Department members.

POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Winsted Fire Department that all inspection, maintenance, testing, and repair of Department-issued Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus be performed only by qualified and properly trained SCBA Technicians. All SCBA care and maintenance activities shall comply with NFPA 1852, applicable OSHA regulations, manufacturer requirements, and Department procedures.

PROCEDURE

Qualifications

Members considered for appointments as an SCBA Technician shall meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Be an active member in good standing of the Winsted Fire Department for a minimum of five (5) continuous years
- Possess documented training and experience in the inspection, maintenance, overhaul, and repair of SCBA
- Hold and maintain current manufacturer-specific training and certification for the SCBA models issued by the Winsted Fire Department, as required by NFPA 1852.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

The SCBA Technician shall maintain a thorough working knowledge of NFPA 1852 requirements related to SCBA selection, care, maintenance, inspection, testing, repair, and recordkeeping.

The SCBA Technician shall perform maintenance and repairs only within the scope of training and manufacturer authorization. Any SCBA or component requiring work beyond authorized repair levels shall be removed from service and forwarded to an approved service provider.



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The SCBA Technician shall ensure that any SCBA identified as unsafe, damaged, malfunctioning, or non-compliant is immediately removed from service until repaired, tested, and approved for return to service.

Records and Documentation

The SCBA Technician shall maintain accurate, complete, and up-to-date records for each SCBA unit, including but not limited to:

- Identification and serial numbers
- Inspection dates and findings
- Maintenance and repair actions performed
- Testing results
- Replacement parts and supplies used
- Out-of-service and return-to-service documentation

All records shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 1852 record retention requirements and Department policy.

Compliance and Reporting

The SCBA Technician shall notify the appropriate officer(s) of any trends, recurring issues, or deficiencies identified during inspections or maintenance that may affect firefighter safety or operational readiness.

The SCBA Technician shall recommend replacement, refurbishment, or retirement of SCBA components when required by NFPA 1852, manufacturer guidance, or Department policy.