



RUSSELLVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
POLICY MANUAL

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PURPOSE

In order to provide a means for a distressed firefighter to signal for help while inside the hazard area of an incident, this policy defines the availability, maintenance and use of Personal Alert Safety System Devices.

All personnel shall follow this policy while entering an area where there is possible exposure to a hazardous atmosphere or substance, or exposure to physical or mechanical hazards likely to cause injury.

POLICY

All apparatus/vehicle operators shall be responsible for assuring that each device on their unit is in working condition.

A Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) will not be considered in service if a functioning PASS Device is operating incorrectly.

Personnel assigned to an apparatus shall test each PASS Device as part of the daily SCBA inspection.

Bypassing the PASS device and using an SCBA shall not be permitted.

In the event that personnel find themselves injured, lost or disoriented, personnel shall immediately activate the PASS device to sound the alarm.

Upon hearing the audible sound from a PASS device on the scene of an incident, the Safety Officer shall be notified. Efforts shall then be immediately directed to locating the firefighter wearing the device to facilitate a rescue. The audible sound shall signal an emergency condition until proven otherwise.

A supply of spare batteries shall be kept in each fire station specifically to be used to replace low PASS device batteries.

Malfunctions shall be reported on the scene to the Safety Officer.

Any malfunctions during daily testing or emergency operations shall be reported to the department member in charge of SCBAs.

Approved

Fire Chief

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