



Near-Miss Matters

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On October 26, 2013, the Indianapolis Fire Department released a Significant Incident Investigation Team (SIIT) Report for the injuries sustained by Firefighter Chris McGrone at a residential fire that occurred in August. Firefighter McGrone was injured after his Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) mask, which had previously sustained damage through normal wear and tear, failed to protect him from the noxious smoke and heated gases. Firefighter McGrone was overcome and had to be rescued by fellow firefighters. He was transported to an area hospital where he received extensive medical care. This incident emphasizes the importance of daily SCBA function checks as well as the importance of having an adequate equipment replacement plan. This point is further illustrated in November's Report of the Month. In this report ([06-228](#)), a firefighter accidentally bumped his face piece mounted regulator with his arm during a fire attack. The regulator got detached and the firefighter suffered from smoke inhalation. Upon inspection of the station's SCBA mechanic, it was determined that the regulator was slightly out of round and possibly contributed to both clips not completely clicking into the face piece. This firefighter goes on to share that he now not only performs a daily check, but goes beyond the department's requirements and manually secures the mask to the regulator before every use. Please take a moment to review the Indianapolis Fire Department Final Report as well as the grouped reports and November ROTM and ask yourself what you can do to prevent similar incidents from happening to you and your crew.

What's New

→A whole new look is coming to Near Miss this January 2014... Stay tuned!

Other SCBA Emergencies Resources

[Indianapolis Fire Department SIIT Columbia Avenue Report](#)- The full report about Firefighter McGrone and his significant incident/near-miss that occurred on August 16, 2013.

[Fire Smoke Coalition](#)- The mission of the Fire Smoke Coalition is to focus the required attention and resources on the deadly and life-long consequences of breathing fire smoke by teaching firefighters and first responders how to Prevent, Protect, Detect, Diagnose, and appropriately Treat the exposure if it occurs. The Coalition is comprised of firefighters and the medical community - all who embrace the challenge of teaching firefighters how to stay alive - and prevent the disease, illness and death associated with today's deadly fire smoke.

[Los Angeles Fire Department Air Management Training Bulletin](#)- LAFD's Training Bulletin that discusses the requirements set forth by NFPA 1404 and their expectations of the LAFD personnel. This bulletin develops the ability of an individual to manage their air consumption as part of a team during a work period. This can require team members to rotate positions of heavy work to light work so air consumption is equalized among team members.

[NFPA 1404: Standard for Fire Service Respiratory Protection Training, 2006 Edition](#)- NFPA 1404 contains minimum requirements for the training component of the Respiratory Protection Program found in NFPA 1500: Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program. Areas addressed include safety procedures for those involved in fire suppression, rescue, and related activities in a toxic, contaminated, or oxygen-deficient atmosphere or environment.

ROTM

[November 2013 Report of the Month](#): Daily SCBA Inspection is Critical (06-228)

Resources

Related Reports:

[Low pressure hose failure found during daily check \(12-0001\)](#)

[Haste results in accidents at dumpster fire\(11-0133\)](#)

[SCBA Fails During Structure Fire\(07-1072\)](#)

[Hose line catches SCBA valve shutting it off \(07-1009\)](#)

Upcoming Events

You can look for Near Miss at Firehouse World February 16-20, 2014 at the San Diego Convention Center! Come meet the team at booth #742 and share your feedback.

Near-Miss Fundamentals

Though most reports are entered by line firefighters, remember that anybody can enter a report: from recruit to chief, every single near-miss is a learning experience worth sharing.

Testimonial

"Near-miss reporting is a well-established virtual volume of experiences which is the best learning tool available to today's modern fire and emergency services. It is true experience as true experience can get. Use it, learn from it!"

-- Report Submitter



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