

## Sample Respiratory Protection Plan

### Last Chance Rescue Filter

Out of Air Emergencies or SCBA Failure

#### General

Last Chance Filter is a one-time use device that is only to be utilized in an out of air emergency or SCBA malfunction. Under no circumstances may the filter be used to extend work time in an IDLH environment. A Mayday should have already been initiated when a filter is placed in use and updated after filter is utilized. In a case of catastrophic SCBA failure the filter may need to be utilized before the Mayday would be given. Department members who are assigned a filter must be cleared by a physician to utilize self contained breathing apparatus and should be in good physical shape as determined by an annual physical.

#### Training

Department members shall be trained according to the manufactures specifications (care, inspection, use, mayday, and limitations) for the Last Chance Filter upon unit being issued and then at least annually. Training shall consist of didactic as well as a practical evolution. Training units must not be used in an IDLH atmosphere. Training shall be documented in the firefighters training record and be conducted by a certified instructor. Initial training shall utilize the manufactures program. Members shall be trained in the departments Mayday producers and firefighter safety and survival.

#### Inspection

Department members will inspect SCBA and filter packaging at the beginning of each shift and after each alarm where the filter may be exposed to the elements or other hazardous conditions.

Filters will be inspected monthly and documented in the department's monthly SCBA logs.

Any damage to the foil package should be logged in the watch book, officer notified and unit taken out of service with letter sent to the appropriate ranking officer. If the firefighter has any doubt of the filters condition the unit shall be taken out of service.

If a filter is reported missing or opened the company officer shall be notified and said officer shall send a letter to the appropriate ranking officer so that a replacement can be obtained and the matter referred for an investigation. All documents shall be cc to the Chief of Department.

#### Emergency Use

If unit is utilized in an emergency the company officer and the firefighter(s) shall send a letter to the appropriate ranking officer for documentation, replacement and investigation. All documentation should be cc to the Chief of Department.

\*Please see the manufactures Replacement Program.

#### Note

This document may be altered to fit your departments rank structure and policies for any questions on how to implement this policy to fit your department contact:

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