

	<b>UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY INC.</b> <b>Best Operating Guidelines</b>	
	<b>Subject: Fit Testing</b>	<b>BOG Series</b> <b>General</b>
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All firefighters who wear a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) must go through a annual fit test. Fit testing will be performed to ensure a tight seal between the face piece and wearer. This test will be performed from a 3rd party and will be quantitative.

Excessive facial hair / beards may not allow a proper seal. Out of personal safety it is encouraged that personnel be clean-shaven while wearing and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Any personal that has facial hair that impedes the seal will be loose their right to wear an Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) until the facial hair is removed.