TAKE 5 FOR SAFETY

INSTRUCTOR'S NOTES

5-MINUTE SAFETY DRILL

Personal Protective Equipment: Your Life Support

FOCUS: The face piece is a critical component of the SCBA. Proper care of the face piece is important if it is to perform adequately when needed.

Date:_____

Shift:_____

Dept:_____

Station:_____

Training Code:_____

NOTES:

CHALLENGE

A firefighter's safety is closely linked to having and using the appropriate personal protective equipment for the situation. However, the equipment can be rendered ineffective if it is not properly cared for.

Too often the face piece is overlooked as being part of the equipment maintenance procedures. The face piece is vital in the protection of your eyes, lungs and respiratory tract. You should always follow the department's procedures for inspection, cleaning and storage of your face piece. This and the other components of your personal protective equipment will keep you safe!

DISCUSSION

- What are the department's procedures regarding care of personal protective equipment?
- How often do you inspect your PPE?
- How should your face piece be cleaned?
- What are the "after" use procedures?
- How should your face piece be stored?
- What problems have you had regarding SCBA equipment?
- What suggestions do you have to improve our SCBA safety procedures?

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