



FIRE & EMS MESSAGE



METALLIC BUILD-UP IN SCBA AIR PACKS

The Safety Director wants to ensure all fire agencies in New Jersey are aware of a safety advisory issued by the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) concerning a possible accumulation of a 'metallic substance' on the O-rings of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). In one case, this caused the low-air alarm to sound when the cylinder had adequate air.

The IAFF recommends that all SCBA units be inspected and evaluated by certified SCBA technicians for the presence of metal build-up in the air pack regulator. Additionally, all SCBAs should be thoroughly inspected to ensure proper functionality.

See the IAFF safety advisory [here](#).