

# ROGUE VALLEY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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## Purpose

To provide a model guideline for RVFCA agencies when purchasing and/or outfitting RIT Packs.

## Scope

All members of the RVFCA when considering the purchase of and/or outfitting/retrofitting of RIT Packs should use this guideline as a resource reference to support standardization throughout the region (Jackson & Josephine Counties).

## Minimum Recommendations (for conducting the mask-swap option)

- Bag containing 1 – 60 minute (4500 psi) SCBA bottle with 1<sup>st</sup> stage regulator attached.
- The output from the 1<sup>st</sup> stage regulator should contain an intermediate pressure (100-150 psi) hose.
- A face piece (without nose cup) with a 2<sup>nd</sup> stage regulator with a quick connect coupling capable of connecting to the hose. The face piece will have the bypass in the off position. The bag should be capable of storing the face piece.
- Total length of all hoses, beyond the 1<sup>st</sup> stage regulator, should not exceed six (6) feet.
- Zipper pulls to be constructed of 8mm or larger cord capable of being grasped by a gloved hand.
- The bag should include a shoulder strap. At each of the two connections points of the strap, should be one (1) non-locking carabineer, for ease of attaching the RIT Pack to a Downed Firefighter.

- The bag should NOT contain extra supplies that add weight and clutter to the RIT Pack. (Examples include extra cutters, webbing, etc.)
- On the outside of the bag there should be a small pocket containing two (2) green light sticks.

**Additional Recommendations - based on most-common SCBA brands in use in both counties (SCOTT, MSA, DRAEGER):**

- An intermediate pressure (100-150 psi) hose that connects to the 1<sup>st</sup> stage regulator that has connectors capable of connecting to mutual aid agency's SCBA buddy breathers (EBBS).
- A Rapid Intervention Crew/Universal Air Connection (RIC/UAC) will be pre-connected to a high pressure hose. The UAC will be used for emergency bottle trans fill/equalization with the downed firefighter. (The UAC is not to be used as a "quick fill" in lieu of proper cascade refills.)
- Standardized "*Tools & Tasks*" sheet to be kept in RIT Pack or kept separately in a RIT Leader Packet in the BC or Duty Officer vehicle.
- Search ropes should be stowed separately from the RIT Packs. (Preferably in the same compartment as the RIT Pack.)
- Emergency Air alarm included on 1<sup>st</sup> stage regulator.
- Remote air level gauge.