



DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD.

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TO: All DFRS Personnel

FROM: Chief Jon C. Grover, Director *JCG: JCG for:*
Department of Fire and Rescue Services

SUBJECT: Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Cylinder Refilling

In the past four years separate incidents of SCBA cylinder failures have been reported. The most recent incident occurred during a refilling operation in New Jersey which caused serious injury to a firefighter and bystander (See Safety Bulletin 96-26).

Effective immediately all SCBA cylinder refilling by Department employees must be done in a blast protection device, either at the scene or in the station.

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