



Informational Bulletin

SCBA Regulators and Pin Connectors

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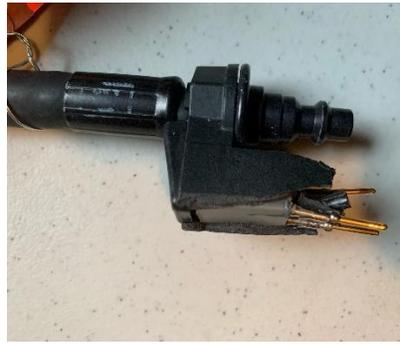
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Over the course of the last six months the Logistics Division has received numerous requests to repair the pin connectors on the issued SCBA face piece regulators. The below pictures are demonstrations of the damage they have found each time.



The damage appears to be a result of the pin connectors being improperly stored or stowed away and becoming entrapped in compartment door closures. This likely occurs as personnel switch from unit-to-unit during the course of daily operations.

The issued SCBA face piece and regulator should be stored in a manner that protects it from becoming damaged. If you are assigned to a singular riding position for the duration of your shift, it is permissible to leave the regulator connected to the SCBA in a ready for service position. See the pictures below:



Correct Storage: Hose and PIN Connector are contained within the protective bag.



Incorrect Storage: Hose and PIN Connector are not contained within the protective bag.

It is incumbent of all employees to manage their issued personal protective equipment in a manner conducive to maintaining its operational functionality. As a reminder Operational Procedure 710, Protective Equipment and General Safety; Section III B-3 states that “*Personal Protective Equipment shall be inspected monthly by the station officer or their designee (DFREM) or a designated volunteer officer (Volunteer) to ensure the safety and serviceability of each member’s PPE*”.

In addition all personal protective equipment should be removed from gear bags, lockers, or other storage areas each morning when on duty to ensure it is prepared in a ready state should it need to be utilized. Any gear found in a state of disrepair should be noted within PStrax and removed from service. Personnel should also initiate the steps to retrieve replacement items by notifying Support Services personnel (DFREM) or their respective volunteer chain of command (Volunteer).

Questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Battalion Chief Dale Kidwell or Lieutenant Butch Flippo.