



Stamford Fire Department

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Subject: PERSONAL ALERT SAFETY SYSTEM (PASS) USAGE
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28.01 PURPOSE

To provide a Personal Alert Safety Systems, to be worn by firefighters that will emit an audible alarm signal to summon aid in the event the firefighter becomes incapacitated, or needs assistance.

28.02 POLICY

These devices and their use will pertain to all fire department personnel while operating in a hazardous environment where possibility of injury is present. Each member/employee shall be issued a PASS device after six (6) months active service with the Stamford Fire Department.

28.03 ACCOUNTABILITY

All personnel involved in rescue, firefighting, or other hazardous duties while wearing an SCBA shall use the PASS device issued. The PASS device shall be attached to the firefighter's bunker coat as part of the PPE.

Each device shall be tested on a weekly basis and prior to each use, and shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. All batteries will be replaced in January and July of each year and any other time indicated.

28.04 USAGE

The PASS alarm is to be activated and the PASS key placed on the first engine on scene as an accountability system for firefighter tracking.

A panic alarm button is located on top of the indicator device. This button may be activated at anytime by the user to indicate a problem.

In the normal operations mode, the PASS alarm will activate when 18-23 seconds of non-movement is indicated. After 30-35 seconds a full alarm will be sounded. The user must reset the full alarm activation by pressing both side-mounted buttons together. This will return the device to normal operations. Simple movement by the user will reset the pre-alarm warning.

Upon placing the PASS back in-service, the user will need to turn of the PASS alarm by replacing the ID tag on the PASS device and depressing both the side-mounted buttons. This will deactivate the alarm and turn off the PASS device.



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28.05 SPECIFICATIONS

The PASS device will activate:

1. After 30-35 seconds of inactivity is detected.
2. Approximate temperatures of:
 - 350°F – 6 minutes
 - 300°F – 8 minutes
 - 250°F – 10 minutes
 - 200°F – 12 minutes

Once in FULL ALARM MODE, the user must reset the PASS by depressing both side-mounted buttons on the PASS device.