

20. Respiratory Protection Program

Measure / Indicator Description:	Responsibility:	2006 %	2007 %	2008 %	2009 %
Percent compliance with developing and maintaining a written Respiratory Protection Plan in accordance with WAC 296-842-12005 and NFPA 1500.	Chief Provenzano Chief Wirtz	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with identifying a Respiratory Protection Program Administrator to oversee implementation of plan components annually as required.	Chief Wirtz Chief Provenzano	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with developing and performing an annual review/update of District Procedure #7-29 <i>Respiratory Protection</i> .	Chief Wirtz Chief Provenzano	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with performing medical evaluations of line personnel by a Licensed Health Care Provider (LHCP) in accordance with WAC 296-842-14005 and as required by the District for the purpose of <i>Medical Determination</i> of member's ability to wear a respirator.	Chief Wirtz	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with annually performing Fit Testing as described in and required by WAC 296-842-22010 and the District's Respiratory Protection Plan.	Chief Provenzano	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with assuring respirators are maintained in a clean and reliable condition, while assuring that respirators are stored to protect them from deformation of the face piece or exhalation valve, sunlight or extreme temperatures, contamination, and excessive moisture - per WAC 296-842-17010.	Chief Provenzano Company Officers	75	100	100	
Percent compliance with assuring respiratory equipment components are repaired and maintained in accordance with the provisions of WAC 296-842-170. This measure includes identifying, training, and certifying a select number of individuals as repair technicians.	Chief Provenzano F/F Titland (A) F/F Swearingen (B) F/F Ekse (C) F/F Fatkin (D)	75	100	100	
Percent compliance with providing breathing air of high purity and ensure that compressed air or compressed liquid air for respiration accords with the minimum requirements for the Compressed Gas Association's requirement for Grade E Air in compliance with NFPA 1500 (G-7.1, '97) or newer.	Chief Provenzano	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with assuring all members who are required to use respirators receive annual training and can demonstrate proper respiratory equipment selection and use in accordance with WAC 296-842-160.	Chief Provenzano Chief Clinton	100	100	100	

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Percent compliance with medical and Fit Test recordkeeping practices as required under WAC 296-800-842.	Chief Provenzano	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with developing and maintaining a computer database tracking system for each major respiratory component. The database is to include fields to identify the lot #, inventory control #, source of purchase, purchase cost, depreciation value, current assignment, inspection and maintenance history, and retirement from service.	Chief Provenzano Rachel Lee	80	85	85	
Overall Percent Compliance by Year:		94%	99%	99%	

What does this measure tell us?

WAC 296-842-12005 requires the employer to develop and maintain a written Respiratory Protection Program and Recordkeeping in any workplace where respirators are necessary to protect the health of the member with required work site-specific procedures and elements for required respirator use. Furthermore, a suitably trained program administrator must administer the program. This measurement tells us the percentage of overall compliance with each individual component of these requirements.

Goal being measured:

Develop and Maintain an Effective Training & Safety Program.

WAC 296-305 *Safety Standards for Fire Fighters* requires that every employer provide and require the use of appropriate safety devices and safeguards, and shall do everything reasonably possible to protect the safety and health of its members.