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**Comments**

Buddy breathing systems should be mandatory for fire service SCBAs. Buddy breathing systems provide a valuable tool that aids in fire fighter survivability. Do not remove them! Make them mandatory! The Vbfd has utilized ours twice in the last few years, with success.