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## Comments

NIOSH should continue its stand on no buddy breathing by SCBA users. Placing two firefighters at risk is irresponsible at best. For the NFPA to be considering this is, and

driving this is a contridiction to safe pratice.

All SCBA manufacturers now make RIT pacs that quickly and efficiently adapt to provide a redundent air supply in a safe, non threatening manner.

NIOSH should direct the NFPA to make these units manditory on the fireground, make training with these units a required element, and to develop a standard for the design and use of redundent breathing systems.