



Policy Title	Original Adoption Date	Policy Number
Fire Program Restrictions	6/19/1991	SS-334
Responsible College Division/Department	Responsible College Manager Title	
Student Services	Registrar	
Policy Statement		
<p>The following detail is provided as justification for this policy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. In accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin, specifically Administrative Code, Commerce Chapter 30, fire fighters working or training in an atmosphere that is hazardous, is suspected of being hazardous, or may become hazardous are required to use self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Facial hair that contacts the seal of the face piece is prohibited. This administrative code governs fire fighters under the jurisdiction of municipalities.2. In accordance with OSHA regulation, 29 CFR 1910.134, privately owned fire companies must comply with similar requirements, including face piece fit tests, to ensure a proper seal.3. In recognition of the National Standard of the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), specifically NFPA 1500--Standard for Fire Fighter Health and Safety, and its significance as a legal guideline, the above regulations of Commerce and OSHA meet the standard of NFPA 1500 for the use of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). <p>In the interest of the safety and protection of fire fighters, their families, and the citizens of the district, LTC can train any fire fighter with facial hair in practical evolutions that would not require the use of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).</p> <p>Should a fire fighter receive training in the use of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), either in simulated or actual fire ground conditions, and then choose to grow facial hair after the training, the liability of injury or harm caused as a result of the violation of the above-stated standards and laws is solely that of the fire fighter and the agency permitting such violation.</p> <p>Students who are unable to meet all requirements of the SCBA portion of CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER I or II courses will not be eligible for "state certification"; however, they will receive a technical college certificate for participation in the fire training course. Where a state certification course is referenced on the district certificate, there will be an indication that <u>competence in use of an SCBA has not been demonstrated</u>.</p>		
Reason for Policy		
<p>In accordance with various laws and regulations impacting the State of Wisconsin and, therefore, the Lakeshore Technical College (LTC), this policy affects Fire Services students with facial hair that will come in contact with the seal of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).</p>		
Historical Data, Cross References and Legal Review		
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Board Policy:

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