

## Kennebunkport Fire Department

### REGULATION 5

#### BEARDS ON THE FIREGROUND

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No firefighter who is wearing more than a full days growth of beard shall be allowed to don respiratory equipment or make entry into any structures during fire situations.

If a fire officer has a doubt to the condition of an individuals beard in relation to wearing of SCBA equipment, that officer may present the problem to a chief officer or shall require the individual to conduct a full ten second leak test with a mask. The tube from the mask to be disconnected from the rest of the air pack and a suction shall be drawn on the mask for a full 10 seconds without any signs of a leak showing.

If the officer finds the individual is not able to properly don the SCBA, that individual will be assigned to a non-hazardous duty for the duration of the fire. The situation will be brought to the attention of the Fire Administrator after the fire is over.