



To: Scott Health & Safety Distributors

From: Tom Korb, Fire Service Marketing Manager-Americas

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Re: *SCI SCBA Cylinder Offer*

It has been brought to our attention that Structural Composites Industries (SCI) is offering a promotion on self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) cylinders directly targeting the volunteer fire service. The intent of this notice is to clarify any misunderstandings that an end user may have regarding utilizing the SCI cylinder on our SCBA.

It is important to note that if a fire department purchases a cylinder directly from SCI and deploys it on our self contained breathing apparatus, it will void all product approvals including NIOSH, NFPA and CBRN certifications. In turn, by voiding the certification of the respirator, it will then additionally void Scott's warranty on the complete SCBA. This is not solely a position of Scott Health & Safety, but rather meets requirements set forth by the approval agencies that mandate that the SCBA is approved as a complete system as supplied by the respiratory manufacturer. In fact, the use of unapproved parts violates NIOSH and NFPA certifications on any manufacturer's equipment. For your reference, please find enclosed a notice from NIOSH on this subject.

As a worldwide respiratory protection product manufacturer, we follow strict quality assurance controls and product labeling requirements in concert with regulatory standards that may be compromised if a non-approved part, or component, is added to the respirator.

If you have a specific fire department that has additional questions or concerns on the above, please do not hesitate to contact your local Scott Health & Safety sales representative for details. Thank you again for your continued efforts and support.

Sincerely,

Tom Korb  
Fire Service Marketing Manager- Americas

Enclosure