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**Comments**

The Buddy Breathing Connection is an extra tool in the tool box to keep us alive. I can not think of a reason that someone would NOT want an extra life saving device on our SCBA.

Example...an engine crew is in the fire building and one of the firefighters gets seperated form his crew. Meanwhile a second engine crew is entering the building to perform their assigned task with fresh full air bottles. The RIT crew is still outside with the drag bag. The firefighter from the first engine crew calls for a mayday. The second engine crew finds the lost firefighter and is now able to provide air through the Buddy Breathing Device and bring the firefighter out to safety.

I for one believe you must have ALL available options for the safety of firefighters