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Comments

The high cost of SCBA cylinders has always been an issue come budget time in the Fire Service. As an administrator, my job is to ensure the city gets value for every dollar spent, but also that our Fire Fighters are adequately protected and provided with the necessary means to protect the citizens. When it comes to PPE and SCBA, there is no compromising, and for this reason, our hands are tied when it comes to justification for the ever increasing SCBA cylinder prices.

A separate cylinder approval as well as elimination of the cylinder from the ensemble approval would go along way in creating a fair and competitive playing field which will go far to assist the burdeoning budgets of Fire Services Nation wide.

Regards

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