NIOSH should continue its stand on no buddy breathing by SCBA users. Placing two firefighters at risk is irresponsible at best. For the NFPA to be considering this is, and driving this is a contradiction to safe practice.

All SCBA manufacturers now make RIT packs that quickly and efficiently adapt to provide a redundant air supply in a safe, non threatening manner.

NIOSH should direct the NFPA to make these units mandatory on the fireground, make training with these units a required element, and to develop a standard for the design and use of redundant breathing systems.