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Comments

I am writing in support of the further research and development of the use of Buddy Breathing Sysytes for use in Firefighting. I feel the only time this application should be attempted is during the rescue of a downed firefighter until such time that a separate 1 Hour SCBA rescue Pack can be attached to the downed member. SInce the regulators on current packs are now face mounted and easier read, they still do not tell the intial wearer or the member that may be sharing the true aount of air available for 2 firefighters.
Please continue to research this valuable tool.

Thank You

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