



**Kent/SeaTac/Maple Valley Fire Department  
Annual Competency Objective  
SCBA Emergency Operations**

**Buddy Breathing/Regulator Sharing**

**TASK:**

Demonstrate Buddy Breathing/Regulator Sharing

**Performance Outcome:**

Two firefighters will be able to efficiently breathe, using the Buddy Breathing/Regulator Sharing technique, sharing a 2<sup>nd</sup> stage regulator.

**Conditions:**

Firefighters will be in full bunkers, SCBA, in a simulated smoke-filled drill area.

No.	Task Steps
1.	Instructor advises one firefighter that the SCBA will not deliver air (complete failure of 1 <sup>st</sup> stage regulator, with no possibility of trans-fill).
2.	Victim communicates problem to crew.
3.	Mayday procedure by crew.
4.	Attempts bypass valve (MSA)/purge valve (SCOTT), Checks bottle pressure, Confirms bottle is open. (SCBA still does not deliver air).
5.	Firefighter will share 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage regulator with victim, holding breath while victim is breathing through the regulator. Share regulator between firefighters.
6.	<b>MSA</b> - Rather than use slide-to-connect on the mask, offset the regulator prongs to either the 10 o'clock or 2 o'clock position. <b>SCOTT</b> - Do not twist regulator, keep the red Purge valve at 12 o'clock or 6 o'clock position.
7.	Continue Buddy Breathing/Regulator Sharing for 60 seconds.