



MABAS DIVISION 19

Standard Operating Procedure	Section Administration	Page 1 of 2 Date 4-13-2010 SOP# 19-106
	Subject MABAS 19 CBRN Policy	

PURPOSE

The MSA Millennium CBRN Gas Mask has been purchased by the Illinois Terrorism Task Force for all firefighters within the State of Illinois. All fire departments should have received a distribution of Millennium CBRN Gas Masks for each firefighter on their department during the 2004 distribution program. This policy is a suggested practice in an attempt to standard the operations of MABAS Division 19 members in the use of these masks.

Policy:

Each firefighter will be assigned an MSA Millennium CBRN Gas Mask as part of his/her standard issue of protective clothing but it will not be issued. CBRN Masks will be stored in a secure location of the departments choosing where they can be quickly distributed to firefighters when needed. This issuance consists of the following items;

- 1-Protective CBRN Mask.
- 1-Niosh Approved CBRN Filter in a sealed container.
- 1-Training filter.
- 1-Protective clamshell.
- 1-Carrying bag to hold all of the above.

Mask will be distributed to all firefighters for the following reasons;

- Whenever the threat level for the Midwest is raised to, "RED" on the Department of Homeland Security's Threat Level Scale. Firefighters will be issued their CBRN Mask and will be required to carry it with them as part of their personnel protective clothing.
- Whenever a special team (TRT, Haz-Mat...) is activated for a MABAS 19 Division response to a state disaster as requested from RED Center.

- **At any time the local Fire Chief feels it is necessary for personnel safety. (NOTE-Hazardous Materials Team Members should access the practicality of carrying the CBRN Mask in their Hazardous Material Units at all times.)**

Training:

Annual training on the Millennium CBRN Mask is required. A training package was distributed to all departments before mask distribution was initiated. Each department is responsible for the administration of their training program.

Medical Clearance:

29 CFR Part 1910.134 requires current medical clearance must be on file at the fire department.

Quantitative Facepiece Fit Testing:

Only quantitative facepiece fit testing is allowed for negative pressure gas mask and is required annually. Departments are required to maintain fit testing records locally.

Shelf Life:

The CBRN canister has a shelf life of 5 years and should remain unopened. As part of the program, unopened canisters will be replaced during the fifth year by the Illinois Terrorism Task Force Program to provide an additional 5 years of use.

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