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Comments
I believe that there should not be any changes to the negative stance on "buddy-breathing". I feel the stress should be emphasized on training in SCBA familiarization, self-rescue, and devices that are already on the market for these emergencies (i.e. RIT pack set-ups). I strongly feel that "buddy-breathing" severely diminishes a firefighters capability of assisting a fellow firefighter if his air supply is reduced, at a minimum of twice the capacity, by allowing another firefighter in distress to tap into his supply. Thus putting both firefighters at reduced risk of a successful rescue should there be a prolonged rescue attempt.