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Comments
To improve Fire Fighter safety in emergency situations revoke the 1984 letter prohibition. With an approved Emergency Breathing Safety System, performance and training for Fire Fighters will increase.

NIOSH testing should follow there standard 40 lmp flow rate for each SCBA.
NFPA can develop a higher flow rate test to stress the pneumatics of both SCBA's.

The availability of a tested and approved Emergency Breathing Safety System and the fact that it is an optional system should appease all end users.