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**2016 FIGHT FOR AIR
CLIMB** 



FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGE GEAR REQUIREMENTS

In the best interest of competition and to make this event as fair as possible, the following guidelines have been established:

TEAM: **You must have five members to qualify for the team trophy competition.*** Members do not have to be from the same department. A team can consist of five members from five different departments. **If you have a team of more than five, the fastest five times will be taken to count towards the challenge. Individual firefighters can compete for the fastest time as an individual.**

PPE: Must be structural firefighting gear adhering to NFPA 1971. Both coat and pants **MUST** have the liner in place. Failure to have a liner will result in disqualifying your time from the trophy. Pants must also be worn. $\frac{3}{4}$ coats will be permissible in qualifying your team for the trophy.

BOOTS: All boots must be structural firefighting boots. Rubber, leather & lace up boots will be permitted, provided they are fire rated. **NO** station boots will be permitted when qualifying for the trophy. Again, boots must be structural firefighting boots.

GLOVES: Gloves are optional.

HELMET & HOOD: Helmets are mandatory; hoods are optional.

AIR TANK: An air tank must be worn the entire climb in order to qualify your time for the trophy. It is recommended that they be full, though this will not be policed. Bear in mind the spirit of the event is that no firefighter would make the climb with an empty bottle if a fire were at the top. Due to the various sizes, capacities, makes and department standards, we cannot have an official size or weight set for the air tank. Therefore the only requirement is that one be worn for the entire climb.

MASK: Masks are optional. Time will be counted whether you are on air or not.

UNDERLAYERS: Optional, but, it is recommended that some sort of clothing be worn.

EMS: Any EMS team is more than welcome in the firefighting competition provided they meet the above requirements.

These guidelines will be monitored on the honor system. If a complaint is filed with the Climb Committee, it will be investigated. If it is deemed that an infraction has occurred, that competitor's time will be removed from the overall teams qualifying times. Any tools you bring into the stairwell must make the journey up with you.

*Please note that the five-person requirement for team competition will be strictly enforced. If you have a team of **more than five, the fastest five times will be taken to count towards the team trophy competition. Individual firefighters can compete for the fastest time as an individual.**