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Comments
I am a Captain with over 20 years in the VA Beach F.D. I recommend having the buddy breather. We train that it is only used as a last resort after you have checked the wheel on the cylinder and checked your bypass.
If these options don't work then you use buddy breathing only to exit the IDLH area. If you were in a structure and you had a malfunction with your SCBA wouldn't you want to know you had the buddy breather as an option!