

## **Department of Fire Services**

Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Mobile Training Units

## SCBA MAZE TRAILER

The Massachusetts
Firefighting Academy
has four mobile training
units that make it easy
to deliver fire service
training anywhere in
Massachusetts. The mobile
units include a SCBA maze,
a driver training simulator,
a live fire training unit,
and an incident command
training simulator.

An important aspect of firefighting operations is the ability to enter a dark, smoke filled environment to conduct search and rescue or firefighting operations. Individual confidence is one of the leading factors in reducing firefighter air consumption while using SCBA, but the confidence gained in initial training can degrade over time. The Firefighting Academy's SCBA Maze Trailer and our team of trained instructors can be the key to building and maintaining this confidence.

The Trailer is a self-contained maze that includes three levels and allows firefighters to move through tubes, to ascend and descend through ceiling/floor hatches, to navigate low



profile openings, and more. Training is conducted in a dark, smoke-filled environment. While students are in the maze, they are in direct contact with an instructor in a control room who is monitoring their every move through infrared lighting and movable cameras

The Maze is both a maintenance training tool and a valuable training tool for departments who are upgrading or replacing SCBA and want to provide firefighters with a chance to train on, and build confidence with, the new equipment.

The Maze can be delivered and set up at any department in Massachusetts for use over a series of days. One department or several regional departments can

make use of the prop at one site.



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