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### Comments

The subject of SCBA manufacturers holding the fire service under the gun of having to buy cylinders exclusively from them, has been a thorn in my side for years. Why should fire departments have to pay the "dealer mark up" on these cylinders that they are getting cheap from the manufacturer.

Once again the fire departments of the world are making the companies they rely on for safety rich, and for what reason? Because the current regulations allow it. It is my belief that any change in the current regulations that can make the business of life safety more cost effective for the agencies doing the work, is a great change. Lets make it easier for the public safety sector to outfit their responders with the equipment they need, instead of going broke and having to lay off employees so a few can be outfitted...