TAKE 5 FOR SAFETY

5-MINUTE SAFETY DRILL

Driving: Safe Backing Takes Practice

Date:_____

Student:_____

Dept:_____

Station:_____

Training Code:_____

NOTES:

CHALLENGE

Backing is an every day activity for firefighters. Not surprisingly, a significant number of vehicle incidents involve backing. Backing accidents result in damages to our vehicle, buildings, equipment and occasionally to other firefighters.

We must put additional emphasis on enforcing our backing procedures. We should create a culture where it is the exception and not the rule when policies are violated. Through training, resource allocation and positive reinforcement, we can develop a safer culture with regards to “backing”.

DISCUSSION

- Have you been involved in a backing accident or near miss?
- Did you report the near miss?
- Were you using a spotter, if not why not?
- Did you use a radio to communicate?
- What are the safety precautions that must be taken to safely back emergency equipment?
- How can we strengthen our safe backing procedures?
- How can we improve our safety culture?

The greatest asset of the fire service is our people; protect them!

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