TAKE 5 FOR SAFETY

5-MINUTE SAFETY DRILL

Driving: Seat Belts Are Vital

Date:_____

Student:_____

Dept:_____

Station:_____

Training Code:_____

NOTES:

CHALLENGE

Every year fire departments experience roughly 16,000 vehicle accidents. Driving is one of the most dangerous activities for firefighters. Speed, inattention and the response of the public create additional hazards. There are approximately 25 to 35 firefighter fatalities each year. As a result of vehicle crashes! Accident investigations have revealed that deaths and injuries are greatly reduced by simply wearing your seatbelts! So, what's the problem!

DISCUSSION

- Does our department strictly enforce a seat belt rule?
- Is it common practice in our department to prematurely unbuckle?
- What suggestions do you have to promote the proper seatbelt use?
- Do we turn out while in the apparatus?
- Are our seatbelts long enough for turnouts & firefighters?
- What suggestions do you have for SOP's, training, safety equipment & dealing with violations of seatbelt policy?
- How can we improve our safety culture?

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

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