TAKE 5 FOR SAFETY

INSTRUCTOR'S NOTES

5-MINUTE SAFETY DRILL

Driving : Seat Belts Are The Key

Date:_____

Shift:_____

Dept:_____

Station:_____

Training Code:_____

NOTES:

FOCUS: Driving is one of the most hazardous activities firefighters are engaged in. We must focus our safety efforts to ensure everyone drives safely! Seat Belts are critical components for safe driving practices.

CHALLENGE

Each year there are tens of thousands of accidents resulting in serious injury for fire service personnel and the civilian personnel involved. Safe driving practices is very important. We must be well trained in the operation and safety features of the apparatus we are driving.

In addition, we must adjust to the conditions at the time we are operating equipment. Critical considerations should be given to time of day, weather and road conditions, lighting, and traffic. Reducing speed and driving defensively can go a long way to ensure safe arrival at our intended destinations!

The overwhelming activity that helps everyone to arrive safety is the wearing of seat belts. We have seen many accidents where firefighters escaped serious injury due to the fact they were belted in. Let's encourage one another to take the time to buckle up take responsibility for arriving safely!

DISCUSSION

- Have you had a "near miss" that could have resulted in your involvement in a crash?
- Does our department strictly enforce the wearing of seat belts?
- Do you make it a practice to "buckle up" prior to the vehicle moving?
- Do you encourage this practice with fellow firefighters?
- Does our vehicle inspection program include seat belts?
- Do you practice off the job safety and wear seat belts when driving?
- What suggestions do you have for SOP's, training and dealing with violations of the seatbelt policy?
- Have you signed the seat belt pledge?
- Do you take this safety message home to your family?

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