TAKE 5 FOR SAFETY

5-MINUTE SAFETY DRILL

Civil Rights: Jokes Can Be Harmful

Date:_____

Student:_____

Dept:_____

Station:_____

Training Code:_____

NOTES:

CHALLENGE

Like kids, most of us enjoy the occasional joke or prank whether it is about us personally or others. However, jokes and pranks have come under scrutiny in recent years. This is because too often the jokes have been at the expense of an individual's dignity. The line has been crossed when the subject of the joke does not enjoy it. A good test is whether you would think it's funny if it were done to you or a family member?

We must be respectful of one another if we are going to have a positive team environment!

DISCUSSION

- Are practical jokes played on team members at our district?
- What types of jokes are told?
- Is "one" person targeted more than others?
- Would you enjoy the joke if you were the recipient?
- Have you heard jokes you didn't like?
- What did you do or say?
- Has the district had problems resulting from firefighter complaints?
- How has the district handled the situation?
- Do you feel this was adequate?
- Was there any retaliation against the person filing the complaint?
- What's the district's policy on harassment?

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