TAKE 5 FOR SAFETY

INSTRUCTOR'S NOTES

5-MINUTE SAFETY DRILL

Driving: We Aren't Ready Until We Buckle Up

FOCUS: Driving is one of the most dangerous tasks firefighters perform. Injuries that are the result of vehicle accidents continue to rise each year despite safer apparatus! We must not forget our most important safety tool, SEATBELTS!

Date:_____

Shift:_____

Dept:_____

Station:_____

Training Code:_____

NOTES:

CHALLENGE

Each year there are tens of thousands of accidents resulting in serious injury for fire service personnel and the civilian personnel involved. Wearing seat belts has been proven to save lives and reduce injuries when an accident occurs.

This is more disconcerting because seatbelts are required to be worn in the majority of the states. Why are we acting in violation of the law on a daily basis? Why are we exposing ourselves and our departments to potential liabilities should we be involved in an accident?

We should do everything in our power to get there safely! Buckle Up!

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?

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

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