

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Use of Seat Belts in Fire Company Apparatus

1.0 PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for the use of seat belts while traveling in Fire Company apparatus. This document applies to all Township Fire Companies.

This guideline is written to comply with NFPA 1500 Chapter 6 Fire Apparatus, Equipment, and Driver/Operators - 6.3 Riding in Fire Apparatus.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility to ensure that the actions described in this guideline are carried out belongs to the following:

- **2.1** Company Members
- **2.2** Driver / Operator
- 2.3 Company Officers

3.0 PROCEDURE

- 3.1 All persons riding in fire apparatus shall be seated and belted securely by seat belts in approved riding positions and at any time the vehicle is in motion.
- 3.2 Standing or riding on tail steps, sidesteps, running boards, or in any other exposed position shall be specifically prohibited
- 3.3 Seat belts shall not be released or loosened for any purpose while the vehicle is in motion, including the donning of respiratory protection equipment or protective clothing

4.0 RECORDS

4.1 NFPA 1500 Chapter 6 Fire Apparatus, Equipment, and Driver/Operators - 6.3 Riding in Fire Apparatus.

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