

ORDER #07- 06

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RE: SEAT BELTS

After attending the OPFFA Health & Safety Conference and attending a session on the use of seatbelts on fire apparatus, it was decided that this Order would be issued mandating that all personnel will wear seat belts while riding in the apparatus. We were awaiting a copy of the presentation so that the roll out of this order would be accompanied by the background information.

In lieu of the fact that we have yet to receive the DVD from the presentation and considering the importance of this issue, this Order is now issued. All Fire & Rescue staff will wear seatbelts when travelling in a WFRS vehicle. For all staff in Fire Suppression, you will wear your seat belts until you arrive at the scene and the vehicle is stopped, you will then proceed to don your SCBA. While donning your SCBA you may be able to do a quick size-up (i.e., one or two stories, basement or none, where windows are located, etc.)

Failure to follow this order will lead to disciplinary action.

Vehicle crashes are the second leading cause of firefighter fatalities behind cardiac arrest.

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