

Hurricane Fire & Rescue

Hurricane, WV

Administrative Guidelines

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Purpose: For the safety and welfare of department personnel, the following guidelines shall be in effect for all personnel riding on moving fire apparatus or staff vehicles.

Scope: All personnel when riding or driving a department vehicle, or on department business.

Responsibility: It is the responsibility of all personnel to utilize safety belts when riding or driving a department vehicle or on department business.

All department personnel are **REQUIRED TO USE SEAT BELTS** when operating an department vehicle equipped with **seat belts** and anyone riding as a passenger in an department vehicle is required to use **seat belts** where provided.

- A. All personnel shall be in a seated position when the apparatus is in motion. This may necessitate donning of bunker gear before the unit leaves the station. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL MEMBERS RIDE IN A STANDING POSITION.**
- B. When any department apparatus is responding to an emergency call that does not require the donning of breathing apparatus, all personnel shall wear **seat belts**.
- C. When any department apparatus is responding to an emergency call that requires the donning of breathing apparatus, the personnel on the apparatus shall complete the donning procedure and immediately engage their **seat belts** or engage their **seatbelts** and don SCBA after arrival on scene.
- D. Personnel assigned to jump seats will be seated whenever the unit is moving. Seats are equipped with protective devices to provide protection to the neck and back in the case of sudden stops. Those individuals sitting in jump seats with back protection will not be required to wear helmets while seated.

- E. In addition to all stipulations above, safety bars/doors will be in the "down" position at all times while any apparatus equipped with such equipment is in motion.
- F. If a unit receives a call while on the road, it will be up to the Officer to use discretion as to the safe donning of bunker gear while the unit is in motion or whether to safely move to the side of the road to have personnel don their gear and then proceed to the incident or don their gear upon arrival at the incident. Personnel are still expected to use seatbelts.
- G. Officers and the Chief will be responsible for personnel compliance with this Standard Operating Guideline.