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Standard Operating Guideline



Cumberland Road Fire Department Inc.

Use of Seatbelts

Approved By

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SCOPE:

This guideline shall apply to all members of the Cumberland Road Fire Department and shall be adhered to by all members.

PURPOSE:

To establish procedures for the use of passenger restraint devices in all apparatus.

DEFINITIONS:

Guideline - a general rule, principle, outline of a policy

Member – any Part-Time paid, volunteer, staff, and Board of Director affiliated with the department

Shall - indicates a mandatory requirement

GUIDELINES:

The use of vehicle passenger restraints is mandatory for all occupants any time the vehicle is in motion. Any passenger or operator of a Cumberland Road Fire Department vehicle shall wear seat belts whenever the vehicle is in motion.

Vehicles with Self Contained Breathing Apparatus seats, allow the Firefighter to wear a seat belt while wearing Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, therefore, seat belts must be worn, even while donning a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. Vehicles not equipped with Self Contained Breathing

Apparatus seats, such as the Squad, Service Units, and Staff Vehicle do not permit the wearing of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and seat belts simultaneously, therefore, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus shall not be worn while these vehicles are in motion.

There shall be NO EXCEPTIONS to this guideline.