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Office of the Fire Chief

Policy 4215-005

Policies and Directives

Use of Seat Belts (Directive 09-01) [Revised 2020]

Purpose: This directive is designed to safely respond and return from fire emergencies and company sponsored events in all fire apparatus and to be in compliance with Delaware State Law.

Definitions:

Fire Apparatus – includes but is not limited to, all engines, tankers, ladders, rescues, brush units, ambulances, command units, utility vehicles, and gators owned and insured by the Carlisle Fire Co.

Fire Emergencies – any dispatch by the 911 centers, including EMS calls, service calls, etc.

Company Sponsored Events – any event in which a fire apparatus is used to transport personnel.

Drivers, officers, fire fighters, EMS personnel, and Jr. Members are required to use seat belts. Delaware's law requires everyone in the vehicle, including the driver and all passengers, even those in the back seat, to buckle up.

Drivers and any personnel riding in the front seat of the apparatus will apply the seat belt before the apparatus is put into motion. All personnel riding in the rear of the fire apparatus will buckle up before the apparatus is put into motion. It is the responsibility of the driver to insure the safety of the personnel on board.

First Offense: verbal warning

Second Offense: written reprimand

Third Offense: meeting with Fire Chief

Fourth Offense: suspension off fire apparatus (both emergency and non-emergency) for a period of at least 30 days.

Fifth Offense: 30-day suspension out of the Company, and then a 60-day suspension off the apparatus (concurrent).

Sixth Offense: Automatic Membership Review by the Board of Directors for possible expulsion from the company in accordance with the Bylaws