



USE OF SEATBELTS

SCOPE

This guideline shall apply to all members of the Stoney Point 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 career, volunteer, staff, and auxiliary personnel 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 Stoney Point Fire Department vehicle shall wear seat belts whenever the vehicle is in motion.

Vehicles with Self Contained Breathing Apparatus seats, such as Engines, Aerial Trucks and Heavy Rescue, allow the Firefighter to wear a seat belt while wearing Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, therefore, seat belts must be worn, even while donning an Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. Vehicles not equipped with Self Contained Breathing Apparatus seats, such as the Medical Squad, Brush Truck and Service Units, 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.

References

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