

City of Belleville Fire Department

Number: 3020

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Belleville Fire Department to ensure personnel safety while riding in any Fire Department vehicle

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GUIDELINE

1:00 **Purpose:**

1:01 To reduce the risk of personnel being injured by not wearing seat belts.

2:00 **Procedures:**

2:01 All personnel shall wear their seat belt at all times when in a department vehicle including when responding to an emergency incident.

2:02 Fire helmets must not be worn by persons riding in the enclosed cab or crew area of fire apparatus as they put the wearer at risk due to lack of head clearance resulting in neck or back injury in the event of an apparatus MVC or rollover. All fire helmets inside the cab or crew area must be secured using latching clips/devices so they do not become a projectile in the event of a collision.

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3:00 **Scope:**

3:01 It shall be the responsibility of the Captain/ Officer in charge of each shift to ensure that this guideline is explained and followed.

3:02 It shall be the responsibility of **all employees** to understand and adhere to this guideline.

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