

<b>SUBJECT:</b> SEAT BELT SAFETY	<b>SECTION:</b> 306.13
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## **PURPOSE**

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To insure the life safety of all members of the Reading Fire Department and all citizens when riding on fire department apparatus.

## **POLICY**

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All members and passengers shall wear seat belts while riding in the City of Reading Fire Department vehicles.

## **PROCEDURE**

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All persons shall be seated in an approved riding position and shall be secured by a seat belt anytime the vehicle is in motion. Exception: EMT's and EMT-Paramedics attending a patient in the patient compartment of an ambulance shall be secured to whatever extent is practical while still being able to deliver proper medical care.

## **RESPONSIBILITY**

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- A. It shall be the responsibility of each member to comply with the provisions of this standard.
- B. Drivers should not operate their vehicles unless everyone on board is in compliance with the provisions of this standard.
- C. Officers shall be strictly accountable for enforcing the provisions of this standard and shall correct any violations that are observed.