



## HEMPFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT – OPERATIONS

### 200.7 – SEAT BELTS

**ISSUED:**

January 25, 2021

**REVISED:**

#### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this standard operating policy is to establish appropriate and safe behavior regarding the use of safety belts when operating or riding in an emergency vehicle.

#### **SCOPE:**

This standard operating policy shall apply to all Hempfield Fire Department members.

#### **ENFORCEMENT:**

The Fire Chief and all Hempfield Fire Department Officers are ultimately responsible for ensuring the safety of firefighters in Hempfield Township. Any person deviating from this policy may be required to submit, in writing, an explanation for deviating from this policy to the Fire Chief within five days.

#### **PROCEDURE:**

1. All persons riding in fire department vehicles shall be seated in approved riding positions with seatbelts or safety restraints fastened at all times when the vehicle is in motion.
2. The driver shall not begin to move the vehicle until all passengers are seated and properly secured. All passengers shall remain seated and secured as long as the vehicle is in motion. Seatbelts shall not be loosened or released while in route to dress or don equipment.
3. The operator and apparatus officer will be responsible for double-checking that all passengers are seated and belted prior to movement.