

# CLARENCE FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

## **SAFETY RESTRAINT DEVICE POLICY**

### **I. SCOPE:**

This policy applies to all members of Clarence Fire District No. 1 who drive or ride in all Clarence Fire District owned vehicles.

### **II. OBJECTIVE:**

The objective of this policy is to establish guidelines when seated in any moving vehicle owned by Clarence Fire District No. 1 (in both emergency and non-emergency operation).

### **III. GUIDELINES:**

The following rules and regulations are established:

- A. All operators and all seated passengers of emergency vehicles must use seat belts when the vehicle is in motion.
- B. All personnel in the patient compartment of the ambulance must use seat belts when they are not attending to a patient and the vehicle is in motion.
- C. All personnel (including family) in the patient compartment must use seat belts when the vehicle is in motion.
- D. Any child transported to the hospital should be in the child's own protective restraining device (child safety seat) when available. He/she should be placed in the device and the device should be belted to an ambulance seat. If the child actually is the patient, he/she should be secured onto the stretcher, and if appropriate, kept in the child safety seat.
- E. All patients on the stretcher must be secured at all times when the vehicle is in motion or the stretcher is being carried or moved.
- F. Personnel are not allowed to be on the rear platform of any vehicle while in motion.
- G. It shall be the responsibility of the Clarence Fire District No. 1 Chief, or his designee, to instruct and/or promulgate these guidelines to all members of the Clarence Fire Company.

### **IV. There are no exceptions to the above-stated guidelines.**

This policy is adopted March 12, 2012 and supersedes the previous revision of this policy adopted September 2, 2008.

By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Clarence Fire District No. 1

