

Douro-Dummer Fire Service Policy

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Section: Operations

Subject: Use of Seat Belts

Purpose: To establish a policy for the use of seatbelts in order to protect fire department personnel.

Scope: This policy shall be followed by all personnel while riding in a fire apparatus.

Policy:

1. Seatbelts shall be worn in accordance with the Highway Traffic Act by all personnel while riding in a moving **vehicle**.
2. Personnel are not to don their bunker gear while the vehicle is in motion.
3. Best practice is to don prior to entering the **vehicle** or on arrival on scene. Passengers in apparatus with in-seat SCBA may don the SCBA while wearing seat belts. SCBA mechanical latching device shall not be released until the vehicle is stopped and the firefighter is ready to exit.