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St. George Fire Department Pledges to “Buckle Up”

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation has recognized the St. George Fire Department for its 100% participation in having signed the International First Responder Seatbelt Pledge. Every member of the Department, including the administrative staff has signed the pledge to buckle up whenever they are in a Department vehicle.

Motor vehicle accidents are the second leading cause of firefighter fatalities in the United States. In promoting the “Buckle Up!” initiative, Chief Ronald Siarnicki, Executive Director of the NFFF, has said, “Just as you need to get to the scene of a call quickly, you need to get there safely; buckling your seatbelt is the easiest safety measure you can take.”

St. George has long recognized the important lifesaving advantage of wearing seatbelts at all times in all vehicles. Wearing a seatbelt has been a requirement of our Standard Operating Guidelines since before it became a statutory requirement.

So, when District Chief Frank Dellucky brought this initiative to Fire Chief Jerry Tarleton’s attention, the Department was happy to get behind Chief Dellucky’s efforts to gather the needed signatures to participate in the petition campaign. As Chief Dellucky stated, “(We are) ... also hoping that the public will see that we are taking this seriously, and they will do the same.”

For more information, go to www.everyonegoeshome.com.