

**WESTHAMPTON FIRE DEPARTMENT  
STANDARD POLICY**

**RIDING ON APPARATUS**

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The purpose of this policy is to protect firefighters from falling off of moving vehicles or from being injured in the event of a collision. No one shall ride the rear step of any piece of fire apparatus while responding to an emergency. While vehicle is responding to any emergency or call for service, all firefighters shall be seated and no attempt should be made to don or doff any gear. This should be done before the apparatus starts or when it comes to a stop at the scene. It is required that seat belts be worn where available. The only time a firefighter may be riding on the back of a moving emergency vehicle is when the vehicle is being repacked with hose to put back into service. The vehicle will not be traveling greater than 5 MPH and will have adequate lighting and a spotter on the rear driver side of the vehicle.