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**Hearing Protection in Vehicles**

***This is a sample of a standard operating guideline (SOG) on this topic. You should review the content, modify as appropriate for your organization, have it reviewed by your leadership team and if appropriate your legal counsel. Once adopted, make sure the SOG is communicated to members, implemented and performance monitored for effective implementation.***

**Purpose:**

To establish positive behavior regarding the use of hearing protection when operating or riding in a vehicle.

**Scope:**

All personnel.

**Procedure:**

Wearing headsets before any vehicle movement occurs in order to prevent death, injury or property damage and riders must:

* Remain seated and belted anytime the vehicle is in motion
* Wear approved hearing protection to minimize hearing loss and improve hearing and listening of information
* Always use hearing protection in “noisy” environments that exceed a level of 90 dBA

***This is a sample guideline furnished to you by VFIS. Your organization should review this guideline and make the necessary modifications to meet your organization’s needs. The intent of this guideline is to assist you in reducing exposure to the risk of injury, harm or damage to personnel, property and the general public. For additional information on this topic, contact your VFIS Risk Control representative.***

**References:**

NVFC "Emergency Vehicle Safe Operations For Volunteer and Small Combination Emergency Service Organizations"