TAKE 5 FOR SAFETY

# 5-MINUTE SAFETY DRILL

## Driving: Safe Backing Takes Practice

**Date:**_____

**Student:**_____

**Dept:**_____

**Station:**_____

**Training Code:**_____

NOTES:

### CHALLENGE

Each day thousands of emergency apparatus is involved in backing activities. Not surprisingly, there is a high frequency of near misses as well as serious accidents that occur as the result of this activity. These backing accidents result in damages to our vehicles, buildings, equipment and potentially to other firefighters.

Due to the size and value of our emergency equipment, we must put additional emphasis on our backing procedures. The training will ensure that there is coordinated communications between the driver and spotter. Additionally, the use of radio communications and the correct position of the spotter will ensure that emergency equipment is not damaged when backing.

### DISCUSSION

- Have seen near misses involving backing activities?
- Have you been involved in a backing accident while in the department?
- Were you using a spotter, if not why not?
- Did you use a radio to communicate?
- What are the safety precautions that must be taken to safely back emergency equipment?
- How can we strengthen our safe backing procedures?

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