



Newport News Police Department - Administrative Manual

ADM-560 - USE OF SEAT BELTS IN POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

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I. GENERAL

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It is the policy of the Newport News Police Department that the operator and all passengers shall wear seat belts when traveling in a Police Department vehicle, to include the off-duty use of any Department take home vehicle.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. The operator of a Police Department vehicle shall ensure that all passengers properly engage the seat belt system prior to operating the police vehicle.
- B. The operator of a Police Department vehicle shall ensure that all children passengers are restrained in an approved child seat restraint device, or manner, as outlined in §46.2-1095 of the Code of Virginia.
- C. Exemptions
 - 1. Any person for whom a licensed physician determines that the use of such seat belt system would be impractical by reason of such person's physical condition or other medical reason, provided the person so exempted carries on his person or in the vehicle a written statement of the physician identifying the exempted person and stating the grounds for the exemption.
 - 2. When circumstances dictate, such as a violent resisting suspect, the wearing of seat belts by persons in custody in the rear seat shall be in accordance with OPS-220 (Prisoner Transportation).

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