

RANDOLPH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Subject: USE OF SAFETY BELTS ORDER: AD#100-A
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Note: The Randolph Police Department has established Policies and Procedures for Patrol Duties.

It is the duty of all members of the Randolph Police Department to enforce the laws of the State Of Vermont

It is not within Department Policies to select and choose which of the state laws Officers wish to enforce

The following is the beginning of the Patrol Procedures Policies

All Patrol Officers will take NO TOLLERANCE enforcement action on:

Violation of state laws with regards to

**Operating Vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquors or other substance; criminal refusal
Title 23 section 1201**

**Persons under 21: alcohol concentration of 0.02 or more
Title 23 section 1216**

**Child Restraint System
Title 23 section 1258**

**Safety Belts
Title 23 section 1259**

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SEAT BELT USE:

To assure the safety of all personnel, safety belts shall be worn at all times by drivers and passengers in all vehicles owned, leased or rented by the Randolph Police Department. This also applies to the operation of privately owned vehicle or other vehicles IF authorized to be used on-duty.

PROCEDURES:

- 1. Department personnel shall use the safety belts installed by the manufacturer properly adjusted and securely fastened when operating or riding in any vehicle so equipped if used while on duty.**
- 2. The driver of the vehicle is responsible for ensuring compliance by all occupants of the vehicle they are operating. Federally approved child restraints shall be used for all children for which such restraints are prescribed by Title 23 V.S.A. 1258.**
- 3. No person shall operate a departmental vehicle in which any safety belt in the drivers seating position is inoperable.**
- 4. No person shall modify, remove deactivate or otherwise tamper with the vehicle safety belts except for vehicle maintenance and repair and not without the express authorization of the Police Chief.**
- 5. Personnel who discover an inoperative restraint system shall report the defect to their immediate supervisor. Prompt action will be taken to repair or replace the system.**
- 6. Any person(s) under arrest and being transported in department vehicle(s) is required to be secured in the vehicle by safety belts in all seating positions for which safety belts are provided by the vehicle manufacture.**
- 7. An officer operating in an undercover capacity may be exempt only if the officer believes the use of the seat belt will compromise his identity and safety.**
- 8. When arriving at an emergency call or making a vehicle traffic stop, the operator may remove the safety restraint just prior to stopping for a quick exit. Caution should be exercised to ensure that during the traffic stop the violator is in fact going to stop. This prevents becoming involved in a pursuit without the use of the safety belt.**

EMPLOYEES OF THE RANDOLPH POLICE DEPARTMENT BOTH SWORN AND CIVILIAN, WILL WHEN OPERATING A DEPARTMENT OWNED, LEASED OR RENTED VEHICLE WILL ALWAYS WEAR A PRESCRIBED SEATBELT DEVICE. Sworn officers of the Randolph Police Department, when enforcing the motor vehicle laws, will demonstrate a ZERO TOLERANCE regarding the seatbelt and child passenger safety violation.

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