

Policy #11

Subject: Use of Seatbelts

Effective Date: February 2000

Reference: Standard Operating Procedures

Distribution: All Personnel

1. Numerous statistics have been compiled, nationwide, revealing that the use of seat belts has a positive effect on the saving of lives of police officers. This applies to both passengers and drivers alike. The use of these belts also reduces the injuries, which may be suffered by the occupants of the vehicles. The use of seatbelts is a necessary precaution, which must be utilized by this department.
2. Effective immediately, all police personnel, operating or riding in any Town of Littleton vehicle, will utilize and wear the seatbelts, if such vehicle is so equipped. This is a mandatory regulation, which is being put into place effective immediately. Compliance is required.
3. It is further required that whenever possible, all prisoners transported in the Town of Littleton police vehicles will be belted into the rear seat of the vehicle. The exception to this requirement will be when the prisoner is so combative that any attempt to put the seatbelt on the prisoner will cause injury to the officers.
4. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in disciplinary action.