


TEXARKANA POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL

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I. Scope and Purpose

- A. The Texarkana Police Department remains concerned about the safety of its employees. The purpose of this policy is to set forth the mandate requiring the employees of the Agency to wear safety belts in Department vehicles.

II. Policy

- A. It shall be the policy of the Texarkana Police Department to require all employees of the Agency to wear safety belts when they find themselves as drivers or passengers within vehicles owned, leased or rented by the Agency as required by Arkansas Statutory Law. This mandate also extends to privately owned or leased vehicles when they are used on-duty.
- B. Whenever possible, a person placed under arrest and subsequently transported in vehicles owned, leased or rented by the Agency is required to be secured in the unit utilizing a safety belt. Circumstances that involve violent and non-compliant prisoners create an impractical situation when considering the use of safety belts on those types of individuals; however, the Agency highly recommends officers attempt to utilize safety belts on prisoners whenever deemed possible.
- C. Employees of the Department shall observe, recognize and adhere to the guidelines set forth by this policy.