

TEXARKANA POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL

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I. Scope and Purpose

- A. The purpose of this policy is to address the issues surrounding tobacco use by members of the Texarkana Police Department. This policy is intended to improve our image as a professional law enforcement agency while promoting a healthy lifestyle and smoke free environment for non-users of tobacco products.

II. Policy

- A. It shall be the policy of the Texarkana Police Department to limit and/or restrict the use of tobacco products by the members of the Agency. This policy also applies to those officers who are engaged in extra duty assignments while the officer is in or out of uniform acting in their capacity as a police officer. All members of the Agency shall recognize and adhere to the guidelines set forth within this policy.

III. Procedures

- A. Texarkana Arkansas City Ordinance K-447—which was passed and approved on May 3, 1993 by the Board of Directors—prohibits the use of tobacco products in all areas of the Bi-State Justice Center with the exception of a designated smoking immediately outside the doors on the southeast side of the building.
- B. Employees of the Agency who were hired after February 8, 1998 are prohibited from using tobacco products at any time. As a condition of employment with the Department, new employees are required to endorse a form that prohibits their use of tobacco products either on or off-duty.
- C. The Texarkana Police Department strongly discourages the use of tobacco products by its employees who were hired prior to February 8, 1998.
- D. Officers of the Agency are prohibited from using tobacco products in any form while they are engaged in activities that deal directly with the public or place the officer within public view. Officers may—while on-duty—use tobacco products while they are on a break; however, when using tobacco products during their break, officers will not be in public view.
- E. Officers are prohibited from carrying cigarette packages and smokeless tobacco containers/pouches within the pockets of their uniforms.

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