



East Norriton Township Police Department

GENERAL ORDER 2.1.6

USE OF SAFETY RESTRAINTS

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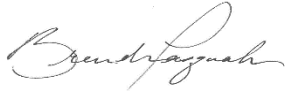
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- A. The East Norriton Township Police Department will strive to reduce the severity of injuries and hopefully eliminate fatalities for all occupants of police department vehicles through the required use of safety restraint devices in patrol vehicles provided by the manufacturer and maintained by the Department.
- B. The use of safety restraints is the law. It will help police personnel maintain control of the patrol unit during a collision, unexpected evasive maneuvers, emergency responses, pursuit driving, and in everyday driving conditions. Mandatory compliance with this policy will reduce the incidence of injuries sustained in traffic accidents and lessen the severity of injuries that are sustained. Compliance with the law and this policy serves as an excellent example to the motoring public and general population.
- C. All police personnel will properly wear safety restraint devices when in police department vehicles.
- D. All police personnel driving police vehicles will ensure that occupants being transported, including prisoners, utilize safety restraint devices provided and/or made available.
- E. EXCEPTIONS:
 - 1. A police vehicle without the availability of a properly functioning safety restraint system will be taken out of service, and will not be placed back in service until fixed. A Vehicle Inspection Report shall be completed documenting the damage.
 - 2. An exemption from this policy can also be granted if the prisoner(s) to be transported is/are violent, combative, or otherwise would be hazardous to seat-belt in the car.
 - 3. Under certain circumstances, the use of safety restraint devices, and the police function and/or officer survival, may not be compatible. Further exemptions to this policy shall be granted in situations in which the officer believes the efficient culmination of the police function, and/or officer survival through a potentially high risk situation outweigh the benefits of the safety restraint device.

By order of:

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Brandon Pasquale
Chief of Police