

TEXARKANA, TEXAS POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL

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SECTION 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to require the use of seatbelts by all employees at all times while operating a city vehicle.

SECTION 2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Department that all employees and all other occupants of a city vehicle will wear a seat belt as required by state law.

SECTION 3 PROCEDURES

- A. All employees are required to wear a seat belt as required by law anytime they are operating a city vehicle.
- B. All employees are responsible for ensuring that all occupants of the vehicle including arrestees are wearing a seat belt as required by state law any time the employee is operating a city vehicle.

C. RESPONSIBILITY

- 1. All members of the Department shall know and comply with all aspects of this directive.
- 2. All Division Commanders and supervisory personnel are responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions and intent of this directive.