

PALM BEACH GARDENS POLICE DEPARTMENT

USE OF SEATBELTS

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PURPOSE: To require the use of seatbelts by any occupants of department vehicles.

SCOPE: This policy applies to all occupants of department vehicles.

RESPONSIBILITY: Chief of Police

POLICY: All members shall properly use seatbelts while operating or as a passenger in department vehicles. Members operating department vehicles shall ensure the proper use of seatbelts by all passengers in department vehicles.

PROCEDURES:

1. USE OF SEATBELTS

- a. All members who either operate or are passengers in a department vehicle shall comply with the requirements of F.S.S. 316.614, Safety Belt Usage, and F.S.S. 316.613, Child Restraints.
- b. Notwithstanding the portion of F.S.S. 316.614 which allows backseat passengers over 18 to not wear seatbelts, all occupants of any department vehicle, regardless of seating location, shall properly wear and use seatbelts.

2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR USE

- a. Supervisors will be responsible to ensure that State Law and this policy are followed.
- b. Drivers will ensure that all seatbelts are in working order or have been documented for repair or replacement.
- c. The driver shall ensure all passengers are properly restrained by a seatbelt when the vehicle is in motion.

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