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Eudora Police Department
Seatbelt Policy

Safety Restraint Policy

In keeping with the Kansas Statute 8-2503, department employees shall utilize safety belts and shoulder restraints at all times when traveling in city vehicles, or when riding in private vehicles being used for departmental purposes. Failure to do this will subject employees to immediate discipline, up to and including discharge from employment. There is no likely circumstance where two seconds or less to buckle up or unbuckle will endanger a police officer or the public he or she serves. Officers must model for the public a law they are sworn to uphold.

Exception: When approaching an incident scene or a call where the officer believes that a rapid exit from the vehicle may be required, the officer may release the seat belt just before arrival.

The driver (or ranking officer, if different from the driver), shall be responsible for ensuring that all passengers (including prisoners) are appropriately secured with lap belts and shoulder restraints.

When transporting a child, the proper child safety restraints shall be utilized as required by law. For advice on child restraint issues contact Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Ofc. 1-800-416-2522.

Drivers shall immediately report defects in a vehicle's restraint system to their supervisor and maintenance department.

While operating any city owned vehicle, please remember that you are representing this agency and your actions will reflect upon your fellow officers. Therefore, you are expected to drive responsibly and in a professional manner. In short, drive as if I'm in the car with you. Thank you and be safe, Chief Grady Walker.

Printed Name

Signature

Date