

RANCHO MURIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Category:	Security	Policy # 2005-01
Title:	Use of Vehicle Safety Belts	

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to insure District personnel and/or passengers use available safety equipment in motor vehicles.

POLICY

Motor vehicles purchased by the Rancho Murieta Community Services District, for use by District employees, are equipped with safety belts in compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Standards.

All District personnel who drive District vehicles shall use and insure that all passengers use available safety belt equipment installed in the vehicles being operated. This policy includes all District marked and unmarked vehicles.

PROCEDURES

- A. District personnel shall insure all occupants of the vehicle are using the safety belt/shoulder harness before moving a motor vehicle.
 1. When Security Officers arrive at an emergency call, the driver may remove the restraint device just prior to stopping for quick exit and to prevent becoming entangled in the restraint device.
 2. Security Officers may remove the safety restraint device just prior to coming to a stop on a pedestrian or vehicle contact.
 3. Security Officers may restrain suspects in the rear of vehicles using the safety restraint device.
- B. District personnel will adjust the safety restraint devices so that they are comfortable yet provide maximum protection in the event of an accident. They will inspect the serviceability of the harness at the start of each shift.

VIOLATION OF POLICY

It is the specific intent of this policy to be non-punitive in nature. In essence, no disciplinary action for violation of this policy will be proposed unless the employee actually *refuses* to wear vehicle safety belts. It is recognized that occasionally it will be impractical to secure the occupants in the safety system; however, those occurrences should be the exception rather than the rule.

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