



California Exposition and State Fair Police Department

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DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER

ORDER № 600.900

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USE OF VEHICLE SAFETY BELTS

600.901 PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of this order is to insure all California Exposition & State Fair Police Department employees and passengers use available safety belt restraints in state vehicles. Numerous studies have shown that the use of restraint devices reduces the possibility of death or serious injury in collisions.

600.902 POLICY

- A. In accordance with California Vehicle Code § 27315.5, all department employees who drive state vehicles (except motorcycles) **SHALL** use the available safety belt equipment. This policy includes, but is not limited to, marked police vehicles, unmarked police vehicles, and security vehicles.

600.903 PROCEDURE

- A. In accordance with California Vehicle Code § 27315(d)(1), the department employee (driver) **SHALL** insure all passengers (*except combative or hostile handcuffed prisoners in the rear seat*) of the state vehicle are using the safety belt / shoulder harness before operating the state vehicle.
- B. **Emergency Call:** In accordance with California Vehicle Code § 27315.5, when arriving at an emergency call, the Police Officers may remove the restraint device just prior to stopping for quicker exit and to prevent becoming entangled in the restraint device.
- C. **Vehicle / Traffic Stop:** In accordance with California Vehicle Code § 27315.5, Police Officers may remove the safety restraint device just prior to coming to a complete stop on a vehicle / traffic stop.
- D. **Civilian Juvenile Passengers eight years of age or over:** In accordance with California Vehicle Code § 27315(d)(3), the operator of a limousine for hire or the **operator of an authorized emergency vehicle**, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 165, **shall not operate** the limousine for hire or **authorized emergency vehicle** unless the operator and any passengers **eight years of age** or over, in the front seat, **are properly restrained by a safety belt**.

The mission of the California Exposition & State Fair Police is to:

Provide for the safety and security of visitors, employees, and stakeholders; keep order and preserve the peace; and support the economic well-being of the California Exposition & State Fair.

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- E. **Child two years or under:** Department employees are prohibited from transporting any child two years of age, or under, unless they are secured in a child safety seat. The department has an approved child safety seat available and stored at the police building (lower level).

- F. **Prisoners:** In accordance with California Vehicle Code § 27315(g), Police Officers shall restrain prisoners in the rear of police vehicles using the available lap belts.
 - 1. **EXCEPTION:** In accordance with California Vehicle Code § 27315(g), if the prisoner is combative or hostile as to create a potential risk to the transporting police officer, the seat belt need not be used until the prisoner can be restrained safely. A combative or hostile prisoner shall be transported in the rear seat of a vehicle equipped with a barrier screen. When a Police Officer is transporting a combative or hostile prisoner without the use of the lap belt, and whenever available, a secondary Police Officer shall accompany the transporting officer while transporting the prisoner.