



Occupant Protection Policy

The Peachtree City Police Department has a consolidated policy that covers traffic enforcement and collision investigations. Below are screen shots of the various sections of this policy where occupant protection is covered:

PEACHTREE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE			
SUBJECT TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT, CONTROL, ADMINISTRATION AND ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION	EFFECTIVE DATE 08/08/2014	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEW <input type="checkbox"/> REVISED	POLICY NO. 40-2
<small>Rescinds and consolidates SOPs 40-3-1, 10-61-1, 10-67-1, 40-4-1, 40-5-1, 40-7-1, and 40-23-1</small>			
I. <u>PURPOSE:</u>			
The purpose of this procedure is to establish guidelines for the administration of all traffic-related activities and to establish the proper methods for taking enforcement action applicable to traffic law violations within the jurisdiction of the City of Peachtree City.			

Below the various sections in this (27 page) policy where occupant protection is discussed and prioritized:

<p>The Peachtree City Police Department recognizes that speeding, impaired driving, and occupant restraint violations have a direct effect on the safety of our roadways, including the frequency and severity of injury of the collisions on these roadways. These violations are priority enforcement areas.</p>
III. <u>SCOPE:</u>
This SOP is applicable to all sworn members of the Peachtree City Police Department.

7. Occupant Restraint Violations:
The Patrol Division will enforce all occupant restraint laws. Appropriate action will be taken for any violation of the child restraint laws. The Community Response Team will develop educational and enforcement programs to encourage the use of seat belts in cooperation with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.



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Below is the applicable policy that mandates that all officers and their vehicle occupants will wear a safety belt and that all supervisors will ensure compliance.

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SUBJECT <i>Safety Restraining Devices</i>	EFFECTIVE DATE <i>11/11/2013</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REVISED	POLICY NO. <i>10-25</i>
			<i>Old SOP 10-52-1</i>
I. <u>PURPOSE:</u>			
To establish guidelines for the use of occupant restraining devices in agency vehicles, and minimize the possibility of death or injury to personnel if they are involved in a vehicle collision.			
II. <u>POLICY:</u>			
It is the policy of the Peachtree City Police Department to maintain the highest degree of safety for its employees and the public. Available evidence indicates a clear relationship between the use of occupant restraints, safety of occupants during and after vehicle collisions, and ability of drivers to maintain control of moving vehicles during unusual, emergency, or evasive driving actions. As such the use of occupant restraining devices as set forth in this SOP will be followed.			

III. <u>SCOPE:</u>	
This SOP is applicable to all members of the Peachtree City Police Department who operate any city vehicle, and any other person who may become a passenger in any city vehicle.	
IV. <u>PROCEDURES:</u>	
A.	All supervisors will ensure that their subordinates are complying with this SOP.
B.	All persons occupying any city vehicle, or any vehicle under the control of a Peachtree City Police Department employee who is acting in their official capacity, shall use the occupant restraints of that vehicle while such vehicle in motion or use upon a roadway. The employee operating such vehicle is responsible for ensuring compliance with this SOP by all other occupants.
November 11 th , 2013 <hr style="width: 25%; margin-left: 0;"/> Date	 <hr style="width: 25%; margin-left: 0;"/> H. C. "Skip" Clark, II Chief of Police



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The department's policy on transporting prisoners (SOP 40-12) also includes mandatory seat belt usage and has been in effect for 20 years. Below is an excerpt from that policy that covers this topic.

2. All prisoners shall be properly handcuffed and placed in the back seat of the patrol vehicle. If transporting one prisoner, the prisoner will be positioned on the transporting officer's right side (passenger side) to ensure the maximum safety for the officer. Prisoners will be securely seat belted during the transport. A prisoner is not to be handcuffed to any part of the vehicle, such as doorpost, etc.

The City of Peachtree City also has a personnel policy that mandates that all city employees will wear their seatbelts while operating a city vehicle or in their personal vehicle if performing job related duties. Below are appropriate excerpts from that policy:

Section 6: Seat Belt Use Policy

(a) Statement of Policy

Seat belts shall be used by all persons (driver and passengers) in a City vehicle when the vehicle is operating, in any personal vehicle when said personal vehicle is being used for City of Peachtree City business, and on all City construction equipment when equipped with a seat belt and rollover protection.

employees of this policy in employee communications. New employees shall be required to sign a pledge to wear seat belts as a condition of employment.

3. **Each Division Director** – It is the responsibility of each Division Director to ensure that this policy is communicated to each employee and that each employee complies with this policy. Division Directors are responsible for initiating disciplinary action, up to and including termination, to employees who violate this policy.

(d) Enforcement

1. It shall be the duty of each employee to abide by the aforementioned policy, and it shall be the responsibility of each Division Director to properly and equitably enforce this policy.
2. Employees who violate any section of this policy, whole or in part, are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.