



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Connecticut Police Academy

GENERAL NOTICE 23-05

To: Chief Law Enforcement Officers
Training Officers
Protective Services
Resident Troopers

From: Karen Boisvert [digital signature]
Academy Administrator

Date: December 27, 2023

Subject: Adoption and Implementation of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council’s State-Wide Model Policy requiring the “Use of a Seat Safety Belt for Any Person Who is Being Transported in a Municipal Police Vehicle” pursuant to [Public Act 23-87](#) .

At the November 9, 2023, regular meeting, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) adopted a model policy regarding the use of a safety seat belt for any person who is being transported in a “Municipal Police Vehicle”.

Effective April 1, 2024, all Law Enforcement Units are required to adopt and maintain a written policy that meets or exceeds the POSTC “Seat Safety Belt Use Required for Any Person Transported in a Municipal Police Vehicle” statewide model policy.

Additionally, in accordance with Public Act 23-87 Section 1(b), on and after April 1, 2024, if the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of a Municipal Law Enforcement Unit finds through an internal review that a municipal police officer has violated this policy and such violation undermines public confidences, the Chief Law Enforcement Officer shall report the violation to the Police Officer Standards and Training Council who shall consider a possible suspension, cancellation or revocation of a police certification in accordance with the provision of Section 7-294d of the General Statutes.

The safety seat belt policy is located [here](#). For future reference, the statewide policy will be posted on the POSTC website under featured links.

Questions or comments may be directed to my attention either by email karen.boisvert@ct.gov or phone 203 – 427 – 2601.

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