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"A STATE ACCREDITED POLICE AGENCY"

POLICY & PROCEDURE

CELLULAR TELEPHONE USE

Policy Number: ADM-2.01

Effective Date: May 10, 2009

REFERENCE:

Revised Date:

Accreditation Standards:

Mass. Gen. Law:

Other:

Approved:

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POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the Truro Police Department issue personnel with cellular telephones to be used as deemed necessary by the Chief of Police or as this policy dictates.

PROCEDURES:

1. Cellular telephones will not be used by the Telecommunicators to contact patrol officers unless all other methods have failed. The exception is when the paging and text messaging features are needed and utilized. When transmitting confidential communications, the encrypted channel (*channel 4 scramble*) will be used instead of the telephone. (*Revised May 15, 2009*)
2. Due to the extensive number of monitors available to the public and news media, officers will adhere to the "Communications" policy as closely as possible.
3. Use of any personal cellular phone while on duty is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Chief of Police.
4. Officers shall not read or send text messages while operating a patrol vehicle. Officers should limit their use of their cellular telephones while operating a patrol vehicle.

5. This policy is to be used in conjunction with all relevant existing department policies, procedures, rules, regulations, and statutes.

