

# Hamden Police Department General Orders

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**Section:** Patrol

**Rescinds:**

**Title:** Cruiser Equipment

**Approved By:**

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## PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the marking of police vehicles and the equipment carried in each.

## POLICY

All vehicles used in the uniformed Patrol Division will be conspicuously marked because it increases safety, serves as a warning to potential violators and provides citizens with a feeling of security.

## Procedures

A. Each vehicle used in routine patrol will be equipped with the following:

1. Mobile radio.
2. Approved flashing roof lights and wig-wag headlights.
3. Exterior mounted spot light.
4. Audible warning devices.
5. Public address system.
6. Road flares.
7. First aid kit.
8. Oxygen inhalator.
9. Disposable bag valve mask unit.
10. Fire extinguisher.
11. Infectious Disease Prevention Kit. This kit is to be replaced after each use.
12. Supply of disposable gloves.

B. Seatbelts.

1. Police vehicles will be equipped with seatbelts that will be used during routine patrol. Seatbelt use may be at the discretion of the officer while responding to emergency calls as per State Statute and as the situation dictates.

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### C. Inspection of Patrol Vehicles.

1. The responsibility for assigned equipment and the condition of patrol vehicles is that of the officer assigned. Before the beginning of each shift, an inspection will be done and any damaged or missing items will be brought to the attention of the officer's supervisor.