

# Hamden Police Department General Orders

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**Section:** Patrol

**Rescinds:**

**Title:** Noise Ordinance Violations.

**Approved By:**

**Approval Date:**

## PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the proper procedures and enforcement of the Town Noise Ordinance.

### Policy

For the members of the Hamden Police Department to have knowledge of an understanding of the Town of Hamden Noise Ordinance and make every effort to ensure an environment free from excessive sound and vibration and to protect preserve and promote the health, safety, welfare and quality of life of its residents by reduction, control and prevention of excessive noise.

### Equipment

The Department owned noise meter and tuning equipment shall be stored in the Traffic Division and available to certified users only. Personnel assigned to the Traffic Division will be responsible for the annual calibration of the noise meter unit.

The Department will, in addition to the current certified Officers, instruct all Patrol Sergeants on the use of the noise meter, measurements, characteristics of, and sound level Regulations.

### Procedure

- A. All noise complaints will be investigated and verified by assigned patrol personnel.
- B. Should the incident be deemed a violation of the Town Ordinance, an officer or supervisor, certified in the noise meter usage, will conduct and record a sound meter measurement at the time of, and for each complaint? If a violation is established, the investigating officer may then take enforcement action.

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- C. A police report will be completed documenting the complaint, sound measurement and action, if any, taken by the officer. A copy of said report is forwarded to the Traffic Division supervisor.