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Selectboard Policy on Seat Belts


A large percentage of municipal employees and volunteers use vehicles in the course of their duties for the Town of Shutesbury. Frequently the drivers mind is on the meeting they are about to attend or have just left or on the task they are doing. This places heavy demands on the drivers alertness, judgment and skill. Driving errors can be costly to the Town of Shutesbury, but of greater importance is the potential which exists for serious injury to the employee or volunteer and the members of the general public.

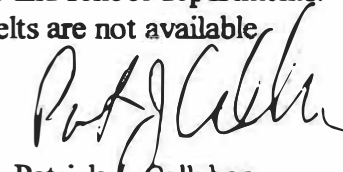
Municipal vehicles are easily identified and constitute a traveling advertisement seen by many citizens, but whether it is a municipal vehicle or private vehicle the cargo is important to Shutesbury. Wearing seat belts is not only required by law but will save lives and reduce injuries, while serving as an example to the community at large.

Therefore, the Town of Shutesbury implements the following policy:

All municipal employees and volunteers are required to wear safety belts when operating or riding in municipally owned or leased vehicles, or in other vehicles, including personal vehicles, while engaged in Town-related business. Town management insists that all municipal employees and volunteers comply with this policy, including the police, fire and school departments. The only exception to this policy will be emergency vehicles if seat belts are not available.


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