# 3-01/090.07 - Use of Seatbelts

All personnel and passengers shall wear factory-installed safety belts and do so consistent with the recommendations of the manufacturer while operating or riding in county/permittee vehicles unless exigent circumstances are present or it can be reasonably anticipated that a sudden exit from the vehicle is a greater safety consideration than the protection offered by the safety belt.

Seatbelt extenders shall be used as needed on a case-by-case basis. They shall be worn only as designed and consistent with the recommendations of the manufacturer. They shall only be permitted for use when they fit properly, their use is warranted by the vehicle manufacturer, and the user has been made aware of the risks associated with seatbelt extender use.

This order does not apply to passengers with physically disabling or medical conditions which would prevent the proper utilization of factory-installed or other Department- authorized safety belts.

Vehicles assigned to the Training Bureau, Emergency Vehicle Operations Center unit, for use in driver safety instruction may be equipped with a safety belt system which is superior to the factory-installed system.