

Unit Order 43 - Cellular Telephone Usage While Driving

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Station Order is to create a policy governing the use of cellular telephones while operating county vehicles.

SCOPE:

This directive applies to all assigned station personnel.

ORDER:

This policy is written verbatim from 3-01/090.10 M.P.P.

Absent extenuating circumstances, members shall not operate a cellular telephone while driving any marked county-owned vehicle. When practical, members shall use a cellular telephone headset/earpiece (e.g. Bluetooth, other hands-free device, etc.) when engaged in a telephone conversation while driving, however, such devices shall not be worn when the cellular (wireless) telephone is not in use.

NOTE: This prohibition shall apply to the use of the cellular telephone for both voice communications as well as data (text) communications.
