



## CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON



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### EXECUTIVE ORDER

DATE: January 1, 2010

TO: All Bureau Members

RE: Directive 1225.00 Communication Technology

**BACKGROUND:** Effective January 1, 2010, Oregon Law changed regarding cell phone use while operating a motor vehicle. The City of Portland's Bureau of Human Resources adopted new language in the Administrative Rules with regard to the operation of City vehicles and mobile communication devices. As a result of these changes, the Portland Police Bureau has implemented a new policy regulating the use of mobile communication devices. This policy applies to all members of the Portland Police Bureau and is effective as of January 1, 2010.

Two-way radios and mobile data computers are necessary equipment for police officers to respond to calls. It is the intent of this policy to balance the safe use of mobile communication devices with the safety of the officer and public.

Studies have shown conclusively that driving while communicating on mobile devices significantly increases the chances of being involved in a motor vehicle accident.

**ACTION:** New language added under Policy concerning the use of mobile communication devices while operating a motor vehicle. New Procedures added to the Cellular Telephone section, sub-section Member Responsibilities.

### 1225.00 COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

#### POLICY (1225.00)

No member will drive a City vehicle while operating a cell phone or other mobile communications device, either with or without a hands-free device. Exceptions are included under Procedure.

#### PROCEDURE (1225.00)

##### Directive Specific Definitions

Mobile communication device: cell phone, text messaging device, mobile data computer, laptop or notebook computer, pager or personal data assistant (PDA).

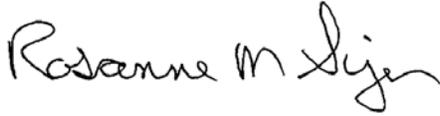
**Cellular Telephones:**

a. Member Responsibilities.

8. Two-way Radios: Members who use two-way radios are permitted to monitor the radio and respond as necessary. If a sworn member is a passenger in the vehicle, the passenger should conduct radio operations if feasible.
9. Mobile Data Computers: Sworn employees are permitted to operate mobile data computers while conducting police business. If a sworn member is a passenger in the vehicle, the passenger should conduct MDC operations if feasible.
10. Cellular Phones: Sworn Employees are permitted to use a cellular phone if the use of the phone produces a safer or more effective response to a call for service or helps to more effectively conduct police operations. All members may use a cellular phone to report illegal activity or to call for emergency help to prevent injury to people or damage to property.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Please contact Marsha Palmer, Strategic Services, at 503-823-0264.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosanne M. Sizer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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