

**MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
GENERAL ORDER MANUAL**

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CELLULAR PHONE USE

POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Marin County Sheriff's Office to use cellular phones as an alternate means of communication for department business when circumstances make the use of other communication devices unsafe or inefficient.

PROCEDURE

Cellular phones may be used for the following:

- Administrative: The use of the cellular phone for tasks related to the efficient conduct of supervisory or managerial tasks.
- Investigative: The use of cellular phones for the purposes related to the conduct of departmental business related to investigations, prevention of crime or the apprehension of criminals.
- Urgent: The use of cellular telephones for the purposes of conducting department business in situations requiring immediate contact or where the radio would be inappropriate due to the anticipated length or nature of the conversation and any delay would likely result in:
 - harm to any person
 - destruction of property or evidence
 - facilitate the arrest of an individual
 - prevent any public offense
- Emergency: Any situation requiring immediate contact with any person or entity where no other means of communication and delay poses a risk of imminent danger to any individual, or any situation where a deputy is unable to contact dispatch via radio.

Cellular phones may be used while the vehicle is in motion only when the cellular phone is secured in the cradle and in the "hands free" mode.

Any use of the cellular phone not authorized in accordance with this General Order or by a Captain or above is prohibited.

RELATED STANDARDS:

None

AFFECTED DIVISIONS:

All

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By Order of:

ROBERT T. DOYLE
SHERIFF