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I. PURPOSE

For the safety and protection of all police officers and those under the officer's care and supervision, all sworn personnel engaged in the arrest and transportation of individuals, will conduct a thorough inspection of their assigned vehicle prior to beginning their daily activities. This inspection is to ensure that the vehicle is clean of any contraband that any transported individual may have placed in the vehicle.

II. DEFINITIONS

N/A

III. POLICY

- A. Periodic recovery of weapons, drugs and other contraband from our police vehicles is an unfortunate event which periodically happens. We must always remember that individuals can react in a violent manner when they are about to have their freedom restricted for even a short period of time. This policy is to ensure that each officer is not exposed to any threat from an outside source. Failure to check an assigned vehicle before shift could possibly provide a prisoner with the means to affect their escape if an officer over looked a weapon which has entered the vehicle undetected.
- B. Officers will use the Vehicle Maintenance & Safety Checklist to document checking the vehicle for contraband, prior to each shift and after a prisoner or passenger rides in a KPD vehicle. Any weapons or contraband located during the check will be turned in the Crime Lab Evidence locker and a supervisor will be notified immediately.
- C. The pre-shift vehicle inspection of the vehicle includes checking the condition of the tires, lights, emergency equipment and door locks.