

217. VEHICLES IDLING WHILE UNATTENDED



RICHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to establish when officers may leave vehicles idling when they are not in the vehicle.

II. POLICY

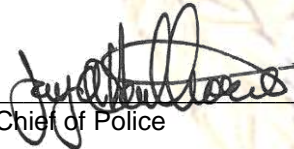
The Police Department recognizes that at a time when fuel costs are at all-time highs, and carbon emissions have become a global concern, leaving vehicles running while unattended is not necessary. Therefore, except in certain circumstances as listed in this Policy, vehicles shall not be left idling when unattended.

III. PROCEDURE

Vehicles shall not be left unoccupied and idling unless:

- 1) The outside temperature is at or below 0 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 2) The outside temperature is above 85 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 3) An employee is on a traffic stop, accident scene or otherwise in the roadway and the vehicle's emergency lights are on.
- 4) When the vehicle is a Canine Unit and the vehicle must be left idling for the comfort and well-being of the canine.
- 5) When weather conditions or mechanical issues require the vehicle to be left idling

By Order Of:



Chief of Police

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