



# Town of Webster

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## Policy for Use of Police Cruiser

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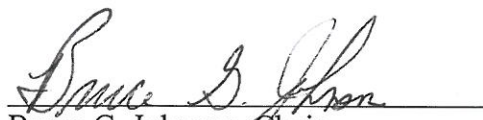
The police cruiser is for official use only and shall not be used for personal business or pleasure purposes. The cruiser shall be operated only by members of the Webster Police Department. The cruiser shall not leave the Town boundaries without approval of the Select Board except when necessary in the conduct of official business, while in fresh pursuit, to obtain fuel, or to have maintenance performed on said vehicle. The cruiser shall not be used to transport individuals to a hospital unless an ambulance is not available or, in the judgment of the officer driving the cruiser, lack of immediate transportation would jeopardize human life.

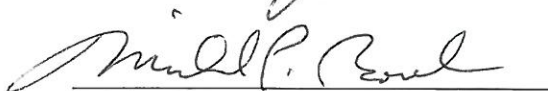
Employees of the police department shall be the only individuals allowed to ride in the police cruiser with the following exceptions:

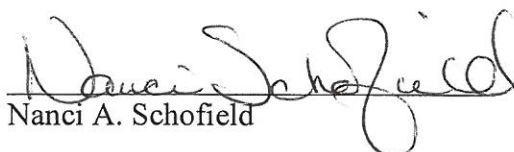
1. Detainees.
2. Town of Webster, County, or State Officials on official business or other police officials in the performance of official duties for the department to which they are assigned.
3. People or animals that require transport in the course of official business and persons or animals in need of assistance.
4. Civilian ride alongs and Explorers with prior approval from the Chief and the Select Board, and after receipt of the appropriate Release and Waiver.
5. The Town Vehicle Policy will be adhered to. Police cruisers may be used for commuting to and from work when the officer is on call. Use of a cruiser for commuting when not on call is a taxable fringe benefit and records must be kept and turned into the Financial Administrator monthly. The Police Chief may be exempt from taxation if on call 24/7. See IRS 1.274-5T (k)(3).

The Select Board reserves the right to waive any provision of this policy as circumstances warrant.

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