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Safety

MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY

This policy sets forth guidelines for the safe operation of both personal and corporate vehicles.

1. All PACR personnel operating any motor vehicle will maintain maximum diligence and regard for the safe operation of that motor vehicle by ensuring that all provisions of state vehicle codes and Civil Air Patrol regulations are met. Additionally, drivers will adhere to the following items whenever backing or maneuvering a vehicle:

a. Whenever any other CAP personnel are present either in the vehicle or close by, guidance will be obtained from outside the vehicle for the safe backing and clearance from obstructions. For personal safety, the guide will maintain safe clearance from the vehicle.

b. Whenever possible, vehicles will be backed into parking spaces to afford easy and clear departure.

c. The driver, or other responsible adult, will walk completely around the vehicle, observing all obstructions or other hazards, prior to entering the vehicle for departure.

d. Safety vehicle decals ("Check 6") will be supplied to all Wings in PCR. These decals are intended for vehicle interior use only. Place in a prominent position in full view of the driver, such as the center of the steering wheel, sun visor or dashboard. These decals are to remind the driver of the provisions set forth in item #3 of this policy letter.

2. None of the provisions set forth herein shall apply when in conflict with local, state or highway codes, ordinances or statutes.

3. If a vehicle mishap occurs involving possible violations of this policy, each of above items (a. through d.) must be addressed in the filing of the CAPF 78.

4. As with any directive, not all scenarios can be accurately anticipated. In situations not covered by this policy letter, common sense should prevail.

JOHN P. HALL, Major, CAP
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