Smoking and Tobacco Use

1009.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes limitations on smoking and the use of tobacco products by members and others while on-duty or while in Elkton Police Department facilities or vehicles.

For the purpose of this policy, smoking and tobacco use includes, but is not limited to, any tobacco product, such as cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, tobacco pouches and chewing tobacco, as well as any device that is intended to simulate smoking, such as an electronic cigarette or personal vaporizer.

1009.2 POLICY

The Elkton Police Department recognizes that tobacco use is a health risk and can be offensive to others. Smoking and tobacco use also presents an unprofessional image for the Department and its members. Therefore smoking and tobacco use is prohibited by members and visitors in all department facilities, buildings and vehicles, and as further outlined in this policy (Md. Code HG § 24-504; COMAR 04.05.01.03F).

1009.3 SMOKING AND TOBACCO USE

Smoking and tobacco use by members is prohibited any time members are in public view representing the Elkton Police Department.

It shall be the responsibility of each member to ensure that no person under his/her supervision smokes or uses any tobacco product inside Town facilities and vehicles.

1009.4 ADDITIONAL PROHIBITIONS

A “NO SMOKING” sign that conforms to the requirements of COMAR 10.19.04.06E shall be conspicuously displayed at every public entrance to an indoor area that is open to the public and at every public entrance to an indoor area that is open to the public where smoking is prohibited (COMAR 10.19.04.06).

A sign stating “Smoking in This Elevator Is Illegal and Subject to a Penalty Not to Exceed $25.00” shall be posted in any elevator that is available to the public (Md. Code HG § 24-212(a)).

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