

PINE BLUFF POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL

	SUBJECT:	POLICY NUMBER 185
	UNSAFE ACTS	ISSUE DATE 02/19/2008
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I. POLICY

Members of this department shall not unlawfully commit acts or behave in such a manner that has a potential for endangering or injuring themselves, property or another person.

II. VIOLATIONS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO

- A.** All behaviors regulated or prohibited by specific guidelines, policies, procedures and practices that are designed to prohibit unnecessary risk to all persons' safety.
- B.** Allowing untrained or inexperienced employees or civilians to use equipment that has the potential of being damaged or injuring any person.
- C.** Being assigned to assist as a backup and habitually failing to be able to provide support or assistance is substantial evidence that the member is violating this policy.
- D.** Being on patrol, dispatch, or backup and failing to keep aware of events and circumstances ongoing during the shift that have reasonable expectation of causing a safety concern for others or self.
- E.** Continuing a chase for a minor violation once a license number and driver identification are known and substantial evidence exists to indicate the person can be apprehended later on with less public endangerment.
- F.** Failing or refusing to wear a seat belt properly.
- G.** Failing to drive defensively, resulting in a chargeable motor vehicle accident, in nearly causing a motor vehicle accident or in the department's receiving a substantiated complaint.

- H.** Failing to notify the dispatcher of a location, particularly on a traffic stop or encounter with a suspicious person.
- I.** Failing to provide known information or withholding information that results in another member or person being injured or subject to an unnecessary safety or health risk.
- J.** Failing to report damaged or dysfunctional equipment that has the probability of endangering self or others.
- K.** Handling, aiming, firing, unloading or loading a weapon contrary to established policies or procedures (includes accidental discharges of firearms, drawing weapons on citizens without reasonable belief to believe that the citizen is life threatening).
- L.** Horseplay (e.g., the use of equipment for purposes not specifically designed or pranks that create the possibility of injury).
- M.** Leaving unsecured or improperly stored a weapon or potential weapon.
- N.** Unauthorized as well as unnecessary divulging of information, communications, or correspondence that identifies or suggests the identification of an informant or undercover member of this agency or any other investigative official.
- O.** Unsafe and/or improper handling of equipment that carries a reasonable risk of endangering persons or property.