

# **COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**

**Subject: SEGWAY i2 POLICE PERSONAL TRANSPORTER (PT)**

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## **I. Purpose**

To establish procedures for the use and operation of the Segway i2 Police Personal Transporter.

## **II. Statement of Policy**

It shall be the policy of the Covington Police Department to provide Segway i2 Police Personal Transporters to officers as a supplement to and an alternative to the patrol officers in marked units.

## **III. Definition**

Segway i2 Police Personal Transporter (PT) – A two-wheeled battery powered electric transportation device designed to allow you to ride anywhere a pedestrian can go.

## **IV. Safety, Required Training and Operation of the Segway i2 Police PT**

### **A. Safety**

1. There is a risk of serious injury from loss of control, collisions and falls. Officers will reduce the likelihood of such occurrences by following all instructions and warnings in the Segway user materials.
2. Officer will wear approved helmets at all times when operating the Segway i2 Police PT. The chin strap must be snapped in place at all times while the unit is in motion.
3. Officers must always wear their police safety vest when operating the Segway i2 Police PT.
4. Avoid slippery and wet surfaces that could result in a loss of balance or traction and cause a fall.
5. Avoid obstacles, steep inclines, uneven terrain, holes, and curbs that could result in a loss of balance or traction and cause a fall. The Segway PT is not designed to climb up or down curbing or stairs.

6. The Segway PT is designed to be operated at a speed that would allow the operator to keep the PT under control and make a safe stop to avoid persons, pets, obstacles or other hazards.
7. The operator shall always use caution to slow down or stop if necessary to avoid contact with pedestrians on sidewalks or walkways.
8. All operators will avoid unsafe and/or unprofessional riding conduct. Any report of unsafe or unprofessional operation will be investigated. Violators will be subject to suspension of riding privileges and/or progressive discipline.

B. Required Training

1. Safety video – Officers shall view the Segway safety video.
2. Officer shall read and review the Segway Reference Manual
3. Officers shall receive training orientation from a CPD officer or supervisor serving as an instructor/coach that has met the required training and has operational experience on the Segway PT. This orientation shall include hands-on training by the student on the unit.
4. Officers shall practice a minimum of one (1) hour operating the Segway PT and feel comfortable in the safe operation prior to assuming duty on the Segway PT.

Upon successful completion of all the required training, the instructor/coach shall complete and sign the Segway PT Orientation and Safety Checklist.

C. Operation

1. The Segway i2 Police PT is a supplement to marked patrol units and gives officers the opportunity to cover more territory, be more visible and have more visibility over crowds.
2. Officers are responsible for the safe operation of the Segway PT.
3. Officers are prohibited from allowing any person other than CPD officers that have completed the required training to operate the Segway PT.
4. Officers will comply with any applicable laws when operating the units on the roadways, sidewalks and walkways of the City of Covington.
5. Officers will connect the units to the chargers upon returning to the department for storage and will immediately report any damage to the unit to their supervisor.

6. The Patrol Division Captain or his designee is responsible for the condition and maintenance of the units.

***This SOP supersedes any SOP previously issued.***

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

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