

PINEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

SECTION: 16 EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: 1604 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

EFFECTIVE: 01/01/2015

1. **PURPOSE.** To establish guidelines for personal equipment use.

2. **POLICY.** It shall be the policy of the Pineville Police Department that any personal equipment use must be approved by the Chief of Police, Assistant Chief, or Bureau Commander. Personal equipment shall not interfere with any Department issued or operated equipment.

3. **CELLULAR PHONE USE.** All personal cellular phone use should be kept to a minimum and should not interfere with normal duties. The following are guideline for cellular phone use.
 - A. No calls for service will be dispatched via cellular phone. All pertinent information relating to a call should be relayed via radio transmissions.
 - B. Cellular phone use between officers is permissible but should be kept to a minimum.
 - C. Personal phone calls should be kept to a minimum.
 - D. Cellular phones will not be used while in contact with citizens unless it is the performance of duties.
 - E. It is strongly recommended that a earbud / headset / bluetooth ear piece or other hands free operation be used while driving.

By order of

Darrell Basco
Chief of Police