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07.06 MOBILE DATA COMPUTERS

A. General

MDC use is in accordance with ISP procedures [02.11 Use of Information Technology](#), [07.12 Patrol Radio Operations](#), and [11.01 ILETS Access Requirements](#).

B. Definitions

“Mobile Data Computer (MDC)” means an electronic computer based system within a vehicle that provides direct access to national and local law enforcement databases and common computer functions governed by ISP procedures.

C. Installation and Care

1. Public Safety Communications or its designee installs the mount and related equipment.
2. Troopers may make minor adjustments to assist with equipment functionality, but are prohibited from moving the mount or making changes to the wiring.
3. Troopers must ensure the MDC is secure in the mount prior to vehicle operation.
4. Troopers may attach a USB keyboard and/or mouse.
5. Clean the computer screen only with wipes manufactured for this specific purpose.
6. Do not affix any item using Velcro or a sticky backing to the computer screen or edges of the screen.
7. Use the ISP provided sunshade to prevent the MDC from unnecessary exposure to the sun when parking the vehicle for a lengthy period of time.
8. All employees assigned MDC equipment and associated software applications are required to receive training on the use of MDC hardware and software prior to use. This includes, but is not limited to, training on the use of thermal printers, laptop computers, scanners, Electronic Ticket, and ASPEN (CVS).

D. Security

1. All MDC's are protected using assigned password(s) and other security devices and protocols.
2. Users must take reasonable steps to ensure unauthorized persons and vehicle occupants do not view displayed data or hear Quick Voice returns.

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3. Users must take reasonable steps to ensure protection against unauthorized use of the MDC by closing the screen, logging off, or locking the MDC when leaving the vehicle for an extended period.
4. In case of a damaged, lost, or stolen MDC, users must:
 - a. Immediately notify a supervisor for completion of appropriate paperwork;
 - b. Ensure the MDC ID is entered into NCIC stolen article files;
 - c. Notify ISP IT; and
 - d. Ensure any data stored on the MDC prior to damage or loss has been forwarded to the appropriate court.

E. Communication

1. Traffic stops, motorist assists, physical checks on suspicious vehicles or suspicious persons are initiated by radio; additional information may be obtained either by MDC or by voice communication.
2. For all contacts, Troopers advise dispatch of the contact's name and DOB prior to clearing the stop for entry into CAD.
3. When a trooper runs a driver check using an MDC, and the subject returns with a misdemeanor or felony warrant, the trooper immediately notifies dispatch.

F. Special Considerations

1. Use of the MDC by the trooper should be limited to times when the vehicle is stopped. Sending or reading MDC messages while a vehicle is in motion is a potentially dangerous practice.
2. Short transmissions such as entry of a license number for a stolen or registration check are permitted if they can be done safely.
3. Reading messages while in motion by the trooper should only be attempted when the message requires the trooper's immediate attention, and the action can be done safely.
4. In no case shall the trooper attempt to send or review any message that would compromise the safe operation of the vehicle, while the vehicle is in motion. Focusing attention on the operation of the MDC must not detract from the safe and responsible operation of the vehicle.
5. While investigating reports of possible bombs or other explosive devices, the trooper will turn off the MDC. Operating the MDC in close proximity to an explosive device may cause the device to detonate.
6. Only ISP approved software may be installed on MDC's. Employees will not

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install personal data files, offensive photographs and screensavers, or other unauthorized media.

7. Records of MDC usage may be reviewed by supervisors at any time without prior notification or permission.
8. Troopers using the MDC shall comply with all applicable federal and state rules and regulations.