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Personnel Training and Safety – Portable Radios

Guideline Statement

All local agencies should make every effort to provide all Animal Control Officers with portable radios/cellular telephones/direct personal communication devices in addition to vehicle radios.

Basis for Guideline

Officers often pursue strays on foot several blocks from their vehicle and frequently encounter hostile owners. This equipment allows officers to call for help or backup in case of emergency.

Guideline Recommendation

NACA recognizes that some agencies budgets are small and raising funds can be very challenging yet the officers' safety and liability concerns should be first and foremost when deciding how to spend funds available to that agency. Also, officers should be required to carry issued radios at ALL times while duty.

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The foregoing Guideline has been affirmed as duly adopted by the NACA Board of Directors.

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