

WINONA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**SUBJECT: MINSEF: MINNESOTA STATE-WIDE EMERGENCY
FREQUENCY**

1.0 PURPOSE:

It is the purpose of this general order to establish policy and procedures for the use of the MINSEF radio frequency by members of this department.

2.0 POLICY:

2.1 It is the policy of this department that the MINSEF system shall be used primarily for emergency communications between police agencies. For the purposes of this general order, "emergency" means a set of circumstances resulting from natural disaster, accident, civil disorder, national emergency, or criminal activity which requires coordination and cooperation between various agencies to protect lives and property.

2.2 Routine interagency exchanges of information and communications regarding activity where life and property are not immediately endangered are not emergency communications for the purpose of this general order.

2.3 The system may be used on a secondary basis to provide communications to any police vehicle traveling through our area, when said vehicle is beyond the communication range of its base station and no other communication medium is readily available. This secondary use shall not cause harmful interference to the primary use of this system.

3.0 PROCEDURE:

3.1 Each use of MINSEF must specify the appropriate message category, agency and radio call number, nature of the action and location and direction of travel, if applicable.

3.1.1 "MINSEF EMERGENCY": Example: Winona Police Unit 101 in pursuit of a robbery suspect, northbound on Highway 61, two miles north of Minneiska.

3.1.2 "MINSEF SECONDARY": Example: Winona Police Unit 101 to Wabasha County Sheriff's Office -- Information.

3.1.3 "MINSEF TEST": Example: Winona Police Unit 101 to Winona County Sheriff's Unit 501 -- How do you copy on this channel?

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3.2 In any event, each transmission on this frequency should conclude with our base station radio call numbers -- "KAB 277".