SHERIFF'S PREFACE

The Sheriff's Mission involves a special trust given to us by the public to uphold and enforce the law while protecting and defending everyone's Constitutional rights. As public servants, we have many interactions with the public and the community we serve. Often, these contacts are during times of crisis and distress and can unfold rapidly and in unforeseen ways. This manual cannot predict every aspect of a deputy's duties, nor can it anticipate all the potential situations that Sheriff's Office employees might encounter. This manual does establish a framework of rules and expected performance for all staff in order for us to carry out our Mission: Conserving the Peace in Columbia County.

State law sets forth the duties of the Sheriff in conserving the peace. Those duties include:

(1) Arrest and commit to prison all persons who break the peace, or attempt to break it, and all persons guilty of public offenses.

(2) Defend the county against those who, by riot or otherwise, endanger the public peace or safety.

(3) Execute the process and orders of the courts of justice or of judicial officers, when delivered to the sheriff for that purpose, according to law.

(4) Execute all warrants delivered to the sheriff for that purpose by other public officers, according to law.

(5) Attend, upon call, the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Oregon Tax Court, circuit court, justice court or county court held within the county, and to obey its lawful orders or directions

(6) Oversee Search and Rescue within the county

(7) Manage the County Jail

Each employee is equally important and plays an essential role in our efforts and in the measurement of the results of those efforts. Our mission involves a partnership with the community and with the stakeholders with whom we share vital functions. As partners with the community, all employees will work cooperatively with the community and our stakeholders to see that our mission is carried out as efficiently, effectively and restoratively as possible.

Together, we work to identify and prioritize problems and their solutions. In interacting with one another and with the public, we will be professional and consider how our conduct may impact others.

This manual supersedes all previous policy manuals issued by this office. All employees are required to familiarize themselves with the policies and directives within this manual, and, when necessary, seek guidance and clarification from a supervisor. If there is a question on the interpretation of this manual, that interpretation rests with the sheriff. I encourage all staff to look for ways to improve this manual, and to submit recommendations for constructive changes to improve efficiency and effectiveness of our service through the chain of command. This manual

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is subject to update, as necessary, to reflect changes in the law, personnel responsibilities, and the goals and objectives of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

As sheriff, I am committed to the values and vision we share:

VALUES STATEMENT

- Employees are valued and empowered to do what is right;
- Citizens are served effectively and efficiently;
- The rights of all are upheld and protected

VISION STATEMENT

It is the vision of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to serve the citizens of our county with:

- effective and efficient public safety services;
- a safe, secure and efficient incarceration facility that contributes to a better quality of life; and,
- reliable court and civil process services.

Together, I am confident, we can make a difference for good in the lives of our fellow citizens, and this manual is in place to give us the guidelines we need to always to the right thing, at the right time and for the right reasons.

Sheriff

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE CODE OF ETHICS

As a criminal justice officer, my fundamental duty is to serve humankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect all persons against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all people to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. Without compromise and with relentlessness, I will uphold the laws affecting the duties of my profession courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence, and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize my position as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it, as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of The Criminal Justice System. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Sheriff is to Conserve the Peace in Columbia County!

The Columbia County Sheriff is committed to working in partnership with our community to improve the quality of life in our county. The Sheriff's Office is dedicated to solving community problems, the reduction of crime, and the preservation of laws, ordinances and the constitutional rights of all people within our jurisdiction.

The mandate of all sheriffs in Oregon is to conserve the peace in our communities by: investigating violations of law and bringing the perpetrators to justice; standing guard against those who would seek to undermine the peace in the county; maintaining the county jail for the purpose of detaining and correcting all those who break the peace in the county; executing all warrants and other processes of the courts or judicial officers thereof; and conducting all search and rescue efforts within the county.

All employees and volunteers with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office adhere to the following values and vision statement:

VALUES

- Employees are valued and empowered to do what is right;
- Citizens are served effectively and efficiently;
- The rights of all are upheld and protected

VISION STATEMENT

It is the vision of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to serve the citizens of our county with:

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- reliable court and civil process services.

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Mission Statement

Each employee is enabled to solve problems by taking ownership and believing he or she can form partnerships with our citizens and fellow public safety providers to make our community an ideal place to live, work and recreate.

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Chapter 1 - Law Enforcement Role and Authority

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Law Enforcement Authority

100.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to affirm the authority of the members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to perform their functions based on established legal authority.

100.2 PEACE OFFICER POWERS

Peace officers are granted authority by Oregon Revised Statutes to prevent and deter crime; arrest offenders; issue citations in lieu of custody; take custody of evidence of a crime, contraband or recovered stolen property; control the flow of traffic and preserve the peace and safety of the public.

Sworn members of this Department are peace officers pursuant to ORS 161.015. Peace officer authority extends to any place in the State of Oregon.

100.2.1 AUTHORITY TO ARREST

Pursuant to ORS 133.235:

(a) A peace officer may arrest a person for a crime at any hour of any day or night.

(b) A peace officer may arrest a person for a crime, pursuant to ORS 133.310(1), whether or not such crime was committed within the geographical area of such peace officer's employment, and the peace officer may make such arrest within the state, regardless of the situs of the offense.

(c) The peace officer shall inform the person to be arrested of the peace officer's authority and reason for the arrest, and, if the arrest is under a warrant, shall show the warrant, unless the peace officer encounters physical resistance, flight or other factors rendering this procedure impracticable, in which case the arresting peace officer shall inform the arrested person and show the warrant, if any, as soon as practicable.

(d) In order to make an arrest, a peace officer may use physical force as justifiable under ORS 161.235, ORS 161.239 and ORS 161.245.

(e) In order to make an arrest, a peace officer may enter premises in which the peace officer has probable cause to believe the person to be arrested to be present.

(f) If after giving notice of the peace officer's identity, authority and purpose, the peace officer is not admitted, the peace officer may enter the premises, and by a breaking, if necessary.

(g) A person may not be arrested for a violation except as provided by ORS 153.039 and ORS 810.410.

100.3 CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

All members shall observe and comply with every person’s clearly established rights under the United States and Oregon Constitutions.

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100.4 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to limit its members to only exercise the authority granted to them by law.

While this department recognizes the power of peace officers to make arrests and take other enforcement action, deputies are encouraged to use sound discretion in the enforcement of the law. This department does not tolerate abuse of law enforcement authority.

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Public Safety Certification

101.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training requires that all sworn law enforcement officers, telecommunicators and emergency medical dispatchers employed within the State of Oregon receive certification within 18 months of appointment. Corrections officers are required to receive certification within 12 months of appointment (OAR 259-008-0060).

101.2 SUPERVISOR AND MANAGER CERTIFICATION

101.2.1 SUPERVISORS AND MANAGERS

In addition to basic certification, supervisors and mid-level managers are expected to meet the qualifications for supervisory or management level certification, respectively, within two years of each appointment (OAR 259-008-0060).

101.3 MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION

In order to maintain certification, all active peace officers, telecommunicators and emergency medical dispatchers are required to meet on-going training requirements as specified in OAR 259-008-0064 or OAR 259-008-0065.

Active peace officers who hold Supervisory, Management or Executive certification must complete at least 24 hours of department-approved Leadership/Professional training every three years, as part of the on-going training required for all peace officers (OAR 259-008-0065).

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Oath of Office

102.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that oaths, when appropriate, are administered to department members.

102.2 OATH OF OFFICE

All department members, when appropriate, shall take and subscribe to the oaths or affirmations applicable to their positions. The form of oath should be as follows:

"I, (state name), do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and the laws therefore and rules and regulations of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, and I will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties of (position about to assume) during my continuance therein, to the best of my ability, so help me God."

If a member is opposed to taking an oath, he/she shall be permitted to substitute the word “affirm” for the word “swear,” and the words "so help me God" may be omitted.

102.2.1 CRIMINAL JUSTICE CODE OF ETHICS

All members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office are required to subscribe and adhere to the Criminal Justice Code of Ethics as presented in the introduction to this Policy Manual.

102.2.2 MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

The oath of office shall be filed in accordance with the established records retention schedule.

102.3 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office that, when appropriate, department members affirm the oath of their office as an expression of commitment to the constitutional rights of those served by the Department and the dedication of its members to their duties.

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Policy Manual

103.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The manual of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office is hereby established and shall be referred to as the Policy Manual or the manual. The manual is a statement of the current policies, rules and guidelines of this department. All members are to conform to the provisions of this manual.

All prior and existing manuals, orders and regulations that are in conflict with this manual are rescinded, except to the extent that portions of existing manuals, procedures, orders and other regulations that have not been included herein shall remain in effect, provided that they do not conflict with the provisions of this manual.

103.2 POLICY

Except where otherwise expressly stated, the provisions of this manual shall be considered as guidelines. It is recognized that the work of law enforcement is not always predictable and circumstances may arise which warrant departure from these guidelines. It is the intent of this manual to be viewed from an objective standard, taking into consideration the sound discretion entrusted to members of this department under the circumstances reasonably available at the time of any incident.

103.2.1 DISCLAIMER

The provisions contained in the Policy Manual are not intended to create an employment contract nor any employment rights or entitlements. The policies contained within this manual are for the internal use of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and shall not be construed to create a higher standard or duty of care for civil or criminal liability against the County, its officials or members. Violations of any provision of any policy contained within this manual shall only form the basis for department administrative action, training or discipline. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office reserves the right to revise any policy content, in whole or in part.

103.3 AUTHORITY

The Sheriff shall be considered the ultimate authority for the content and adoption of the provisions of this manual and shall ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws. The Sheriff or the authorized designee is authorized to issue Interim Directives, which shall modify those provisions of the manual to which they pertain. Interim Directives shall remain in effect until such time as they may be permanently incorporated into the manual.

103.4 DEFINITIONS

The following words and terms shall have these assigned meanings throughout the Policy Manual, unless it is apparent from the content that they have a different meaning:

Adult - Any person 18 years of age or older.

CFR - Code of Federal Regulations.

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County - The County of Columbia.

Non-sworn - Employees and volunteers who are not sworn peace officers.

Department/CCSO - The Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

DHS - Department of Human Services.

DMV - The Department of Motor Vehicles.

Employee/personnel - Any person employed by the Department.

Manual - The Columbia County Sheriff's Office Policy Manual.

May - Indicates a permissive, discretionary or conditional action.

Member - Any person employed or appointed by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, including:

- Full- and part-time employees
- Sworn peace officers
- Reserve, auxiliary deputies
- Non-sworn employees
- Volunteers

OAR - Oregon Administrative Rules (Example: OAR 259-008-0060).

ORS - Oregon Revised Statutes (Example: ORS 153.039).

OSP - The Oregon State Police.

Deputy/sworn - Those employees, regardless of rank, who are sworn peace officers employees of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

On-duty - A member’s status during the period when he/she is actually engaged in the performance of his/her assigned duties.

Order - A written or verbal instruction issued by a superior.

Rank - The title of the classification held by a deputy.

Shall or will - Indicates a mandatory action.

Should - Indicates a generally required or expected action, absent a rational basis for failing to conform.

Supervisor - A person in a position of authority that may include responsibility for hiring, transfer, suspension, promotion, discharge, assignment, reward or discipline of other department members, directing the work of other members or having the authority to adjust grievances. The supervisory exercise of authority may not be merely routine or clerical in nature but requires the use of independent judgment.

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The term "supervisor" may also include any person (e.g., deputy-in-charge, lead or senior worker) given responsibility for the direction of the work of others without regard to a formal job title, rank or compensation.

When there is only one department member on-duty, that person may also be the supervisor, except when circumstances reasonably require the notification or involvement of the member's off-duty supervisor or an on-call supervisor.

USC - United States Code.

103.5 ISSUING THE POLICY MANUAL

An electronic version of the Policy Manual will be made available to all members on the department network for viewing and printing. No changes shall be made to the manual without authorization from the Sheriff or the authorized designee.

Each member shall acknowledge that he/she has been provided access to, and has had the opportunity to review the Policy Manual and Interim Directives. Members shall seek clarification as needed from an appropriate supervisor for any provisions that they do not fully understand.

103.6 PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE POLICY MANUAL

The Sheriff will ensure that the Policy Manual is periodically reviewed and updated as necessary.

103.7 REVISIONS TO POLICIES

All revisions to the Policy Manual will be provided to each member on or before the date the policy becomes effective. Each member will be required to acknowledge that he/she has reviewed the revisions and shall seek clarification from an appropriate supervisor as needed.

Members are responsible for keeping abreast of all Policy Manual revisions.

Each [Division Commander] will ensure that members under his/her command are aware of any Policy Manual revision.

All department members suggesting revision of the contents of the Policy Manual shall forward their written suggestions to their [Division Commander]s, who will consider the recommendations and forward them to the command staff as appropriate.

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Chief Executive Officer

104.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

All law enforcement Chief Executive Officers employed within the State of Oregon are required to meet specific requirements for appointment. This policy provides guidelines for the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, who is required to exercise the powers and duties of the office as prescribed by state law (OAR 259-008-0060).

104.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office that the Sheriff meets the minimum standards for exercising his/her authority granted by law.

104.3 SHERIFF REQUIREMENTS

The Sheriff should have, within two years of appointment, successfully obtained Executive certification through the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) and be licensed by DPSST.

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Chapter 2 - Organization and Administration

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Organizational Structure and Responsibility

200.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The organizational structure of this department is designed to create an efficient means to accomplish our mission and goals and to provide for the best possible service to the public.

200.2 DIVISIONS

The Sheriff is responsible for administering and managing the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. There are three divisions in the Sheriff Office as follows:

- Enforcement Division
- Corrections Division
- Support Services Division

200.2.1 ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

The Enforcement Division is commanded by the Undersheriff, whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for the Enforcement Division. The Enforcement Division consists of the Patrol Unit, the Marine Unit, the Criminal Investigation Unit, Dog Control, Reserve Deputies and the Property & Evidence Unit.

200.2.2 CORRECTIONS DIVISION

The Corrections Division is commanded by a Jail Commander whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for that Division. The Corrections Division consists of Jail Operations, the Transport Unit, the Court Security Unit, Facility Maintenance, Food Services, Outside Agency Services, Inmate Health Services and Inmate Programs.

200.2.3 SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The Support Services Division is under the direction of the Sheriff, whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for the Support Services Division. The Support Services Division consists of the the Civil Process Unit, Volunteer Services, the Records Unit, and Business Services. Volunteer Services cover Search and Rescue Volunteers and Volunteers In Partnership with the Sheriff. The Records Unit Covers Warrants, Reports and Concealed Handgun Licensing.

200.3 COMMAND PROTOCOL

200.3.1 SUCCESSION OF COMMAND

Except when designated as above, the order of command authority in the absence or unavailability of the Sheriff is as follows:

(a) Undersheriff

(b) Lieutenant - Enforcement

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(c) Sergeant - Enforcement

(d) Senior Deputy - Enforcement

200.3.2 UNITY OF COMMAND

The principles of unity of command ensure efficient supervision and control within the Department. Generally, each employee shall be accountable to one supervisor at any time for a given assignment or responsibility. Except where specifically delegated authority may exist by policy or special assignment (e.g. K-9, SWAT), any supervisor may temporarily direct any subordinate if an operational necessity exists.

200.3.3 ORDERS

Members shall respond to and make a good faith and reasonable effort to comply with the lawful order of superior officers and other proper authority.

200.3.4 UNLAWFUL AND CONFLICTING ORDERS

No member is required to obey any order which outwardly appears to be in direct conflict with any federal or state law, or local ordinance. If the legality of an order is in doubt the affected member shall ask the issuing supervisor to clarify the order or confer with a higher authority. Responsibility for refusal to obey rests with the member, who shall subsequently be required to justify the refusal.

Unless it would jeopardize the safety of any individual, members who are presented with an order that is in conflict with a previous order, department policy, or other directive, shall respectfully inform the issuing supervisor of the conflict. The issuing supervisor is responsible for either resolving the conflict or clarifying that the order is intended to countermand the previous order or directive, in which case the member is obliged to comply. Members who are compelled to follow a conflicting order after having given the issuing supervisor the opportunity to correct the conflict are not held accountable for disobedience of the order or directive that was initially issued.

The person issuing the countermanded order shall be notified in writing by the person issuing the second command of the action taken and the reason therefore.

200.4 ACCOUNTABILITY

Supervisors and managers shall be accountable for the performance of the members under their immediate control.

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Interim Directives

201.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Interim Directives establish an interdepartmental communication that may be used by the Sheriff to make immediate changes to policy and procedure. Interim Directives will immediately modify or change and supersede sections of this manual to which they pertain.

201.1.1 INTERIM DIRECTIVE PROTOCOL

Interim Directives will be incorporated into the manual as required upon approval of Staff. Interim Directives will modify existing policies or create a new policy as appropriate. A Interim Directive will be rescinded once it has been incorporated into the manual.

All existing Interim Directives have now been incorporated in the updated Policy Manual as of the below revision date.

Interim Directives issued after publication of the manual shall be numbered consecutively starting with the last two digits of the year. For example, 08-01 signifies the first Interim Directive for the year 2008.

201.2 RESPONSIBILITIES

201.2.1 STAFF

The staff shall review and approve revisions of the Policy Manual, which will incorporate changes originally made by a standing order.

201.2.2 SHERIFF

The Sheriff or the authorized designee shall issue all Interim Directives.

201.3 ACCEPTANCE OF INTERIM DIRECTIVES

All employees are required to read and obtain any necessary clarification of all Interim Directives. All employees are required to acknowledge in writing the receipt and review of any new Interim Directive. Signed acknowledgement forms and/or e-mail receipts showing an employee's acknowledgement will be maintained by the Undersheriff.

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Emergency Operations Plan

202.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The County has prepared an Emergency Operations Plan Manual for use by all employees in the event of a major disaster or other emergency event. The manual provides for a strategic response by all employees and assigns specific responsibilities in the event the plan is activated (ORS 401.305). The Emergency Operations Plan Manual is available on the CCSO computer network S drive, at: S:\05 CURRENT POLICIES\Emergency Plans\COLUMBIA EOP.pdf. Sheriff's Office-related plans are specifically addressed in the Emergency Support Function (ESF) Annexes #ESF9 and #ESF13

All employees shall receive annual refresher training on the details of the Columbia Emergency Operations Plan.

202.2 ACTIVATING THE EMERGENCY PLAN

The Emergency Operations Plan can be activated in a number of ways. For this department, the Sheriff or the highest ranking official on duty may activate the Emergency Operations Plan in response to a major emergency.

202.2.1 RECALL OF PERSONNEL

In the event that the Emergency Operations Plan is activated, all employees of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office are subject to immediate recall. Employees may also be subject to recall during extraordinary circumstances as deemed necessary by the Sheriff or the authorized designee.

Failure to promptly respond to an order to report for duty may result in discipline.

202.3 BUILDING EVACUATION PLAN

In the event of a disaster or emergency which requires evacuation of the sheriff's building, all employees shall follow implemented evacuation plans and posted exit routes (OAR 437-002-0041). The posted exit routes shall include any special directions for physically impaired employees.

202.4 UPDATING OF MANUALS

The Sheriff or the authorized designee should review the Emergency Operations Plan Manual at least once every two years to ensure that the manual conforms to any revisions made by the National Incident Management System (NIMS), and appropriately address any needed revisions.

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Electronic Mail

203.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the proper use and application of the Department's electronic mail (email) system by employees of this Department. Email is a communication tool available to Department employees to enhance the efficiency in the performance of job duties and is to be used in accordance with generally accepted business practices and current law, such as the Oregon Public Records Law set forth in Oregon Revised Statutes 192.420 and Columbia County policies. Messages transmitted over the email system must only be those that involve County business activities or contain information essential to County employees for the accomplishment of business-related tasks, and/or communication directly related to County business, administration or practices.

203.2 EMAIL RIGHT OF PRIVACY

All email messages, including any attachments, that are transmitted over County networks are considered County records and therefore County property. The County reserves the right to access, audit or disclose, for any lawful reason, any message including any attachment that is transmitted over its email system or that is stored on any County system. Likewise, employees are prohibited from receiving, sending or storing email messages in personal files. The County reserves the right to access any personal folders to assure compliance with this policy.

The email system is not a confidential system and therefore is not appropriate for confidential communications. If a communication must be confidential, an alternative method to communicate the message should be used. Employees using the County email system shall have no expectation of privacy concerning communications transmitted over the system.

Employees should not use personal accounts to exchange email or other information that is related to the official business of the County.

203.3 PROHIBITED USE OF EMAIL

Sending derogatory, defamatory, obscene, disrespectful, sexually suggestive and harassing, or any other inappropriate messages on the email system is prohibited and may result in discipline.

Email messages addressed to the entire department are only to be used for official business related items that are of particular interest to all users. Personal advertisements are not acceptable.

It is a violation of this policy to transmit a message under another user's name. Users are strongly encouraged to log off the network when their computer is unattended. This added security measure would minimize the misuse of an individual's email, name and/or password by others.

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203.4 EMAIL RECORD MANAGEMENT

Email may, depending upon the individual content, be a public record under the Oregon Public Records Law and must be managed in accordance with the established records retention schedule and in compliance with state law and/or County rules and procedures.

The Custodian of Records shall ensure that email messages are retained and recoverable as outlined in the Records Maintenance and Release Policy.

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Training

204.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

It is the policy of this department to administer a training program that will provide for the professional growth and continued development of its personnel. By doing so, the Department will ensure its personnel possess the knowledge and skills necessary to provide a professional level of service that meets the needs of the community.

204.2 PHILOSOPHY

The Department seeks to provide ongoing training and encourages all personnel to participate in advanced training and formal education on a continual basis. Training is provided within the confines of funding, requirements of a given assignment, staffing levels, and legal mandates. Whenever possible, the Department will use courses certified by the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST).

204.3 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Training Program are to:

(a) Enhance the level of law enforcement service to the public

(b) Increase the technical expertise and overall effectiveness of our personnel

(c) Provide for continued professional development of department personnel

(d) Enhance the safety of deputies and the community

204.4 TRAINING PROCEDURES

(a) All employees assigned to attend training shall attend unless previously excused by their immediate supervisor. Excused absences from mandatory training should be limited to:

1. Court appearances
2. First choice vacation
3. Sick leave
4. Physical limitations preventing the employee’s participation.
5. Emergency situations

(b) When an employee is unable to attend mandatory training, that employee shall:

1. Notify his/her supervisor as soon as possible, but no later than at least one hour prior to the start of training.
2. Document his/her absence in a memorandum to his/her supervisor.

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3. Make arrangements through his/her supervisor and the Undersheriff to attend an alternate date.

204.5 DAILY TRAINING BULLETINS

The Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins (DTBs) are contained in a web-accessed system that provides training on the Columbia County Sheriff's Office policy manual and other important topics. Generally, one training bulletin is available for each day of the month. However, the number of DTBs may be adjusted by the Enforcement Lieutenant.

Personnel assigned to participate in DTBs shall only use login credentials assigned to them by the Enforcement Lieutenant. Personnel should not share their password with others and should frequently change their password to protect the security of the system. After each session, employees should logoff the system to prevent unauthorized access. The content of the DTBs is copyrighted material and shall not be shared with others outside of this agency.

Employees who are assigned to participate in the DTB program should complete each DTB at the beginning of their shift or as otherwise directed by their supervisor. Employees should not allow uncompleted DTBs to build up over time. Personnel may be required to complete DTBs missed during extended absences (e.g., vacation, medical leave) upon returning to duty. Although the DTB system can be accessed from any Internet active computer, employees shall only take DTBs as part of their on-duty assignment unless directed otherwise by a supervisor.

Supervisors will be responsible for monitoring the progress of personnel under their command to ensure compliance with this policy.

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Administrative Communications

205.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide members with the protocols and forms to be used for internal administrative communications. Administrative communications of this department are governed by the following policies.

205.2 PERSONNEL CHANGES

Personnel changes may be issued periodically by the Sheriff to announce and document all promotions, transfers, hiring of new personnel, separations, personnel and group commendations, or other changes in status.

205.3 CORRESPONDENCE

All external correspondence shall be on Sheriff's Office letterhead. Personnel should use Sheriff's Office letterhead only for official business in the format shown below.

Official External correspondence (First Page)

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COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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December 30, 2013

Board of County Commissioners
Acting as the Local Public Contracting Review Board
230 Strand Street
St. Helens, Oregon 97051

Re: Request for special procurement to extend existing contract with ARAMARK for food, commissary and laundry services in the Columbia County Jail by one year

Dear Commissioners:

Pursuant to ORS 279B.085, I am requesting that you act as the local contract review board to approve a special procurement to extend the existing contract with ARAMARK for food, commissary and laundry services in the Columbia County Jail for a period of one year. The County entered into a contract with ARAMARK in 2006. The Contract expires on December 31, 2013. I am requesting a direct appointment with ARAMARK to extend the contract for an additional one year period. As you are aware, funding in the Columbia County Jail has been very uncertain for the last several years. The extension is necessary in order to assess funding and adjust food, commissary and laundry expectations accordingly. I will use this assessment in a future request for proposal for these services which will be issued mid-2014, should we be able to determine that the jail will be able to continue operations into the future. The expectation is that a new contract will be issued based on the results of the 2014RFP no later than December 31, 2014.

This Special Procurement is unlikely to encourage favoritism in the awarding of public contracts or to substantially diminish competition for public contracts for the following reasons:

1. It is a stop-gap measure to merely continue inmate services while we determine whether the jail will continue to operate in the coming fiscal year. ARAMARK will have no special advantage over other proposers when the RFP is issued. Furthermore, a one year extension of an existing contract will not substantially diminish competition.
2. It is a purely cost-driven procurement designed to save money on a contract that has already been awarded following ORS 279B.060 (competitive sealed proposals) and to ultimately save money on the future contract.
3. The plan is to assess the likelihood of continued jail operations, given the funding shortfall we are currently in, the likelihood of reduced US Marshal bed rentals and the increasing costs of jail operations overall. If the jail is to close, changing providers in the midst of shut-down operations

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5. Because keeping costs low will be key in the next contract negotiations, all competing bidders will have an equal opportunity to demonstrate how they will keep costs low – there is no desire to keep our current provider if we can find one that will provide appropriate food services at a lower rate.

Given the requirement in our current contracting language of a bond posted by the provider, for which the provider would necessarily pass the costs on to the contracting agency over a potentially short period of time, this Special Procurement can be reasonably expected to result in substantial cost savings to the contracting agency or to the public by reducing the cost of food services by five percent over the course of the special procurement, which equals an amount over $20,000 under current expense levels.

Jeff Dickerson

Jeffrey M. Dickerson
Sheriff

205.4 SURVEYS

All surveys made in the name of the Sheriff's Office shall be authorized by the Sheriff, or the Undersheriff.

205.5 INFORMATIONAL MEMOS

The Sheriff may issue memoranda to department personnel from time to time for the purpose of disseminating information to the members. Additionally, members may use memoranda for inter-office communications. The memorandum shall conform to the format below:

Memorandum (First Page):

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COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF
M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: January 5, 2009

TO: All Staff

Author Signs Memorandum here

FROM: Andrew M. Moyer, Undersheriff
Sheriff's Command Council

SUBJECT: **CHANGE IN MEMORANDUM FORMAT**

REFER: Chapter 205.5 of the Sheriff's Office's Polices, Rules and Procedures Manual.

Effective January 5, 2009, all memorandums will be generated in the style shown in this example.
The example will be used as a learning sample for all new Columbia County Sheriff's Office employees.

cc: Sheriff Dickerosn
Lt. Hald

Memorandum (Suceeding Pages):

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New Memorandum Format
January 5, 2009

If there is a continuation page (or pages), the memorandum shall appear in this manner on the succeeding pages. There is no signature line except at the top of the first page.

cc: Undersheriff Moyer
Lt. Hald

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Staffing Levels

206.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that proper staffing is available for all shifts. The Department intends to balance the employee's needs against the need to have flexibility and discretion in using personnel to meet operational needs. While balance is desirable, the paramount concern is the Department's need to meet operational requirements.

206.2 MINIMUM STAFFING LEVELS

Minimum staffing levels vary based on staffing availability. Scheduling should result in the deployment of at least one regular deputy on duty per scheduled shift. Lieutenants will ensure that at least one field supervisor is either deployed or is on call during each watch. Field Supervisors will be defined as any sworn Deputy of the rank of Sergeant or higher.

206.2.1 SUPERVISION DEPLOYMENTS

In order to accommodate training and other unforeseen circumstances, a deputy may be used as a field supervisor in place of a field sergeant or lieutenant.

With prior authorization from the Undersheiff, a deputy may act as the shift supervisor for a limited period of time .

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Concealed Handgun License

207.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Sheriff of a county shall issue Oregon concealed handgun licenses to qualified applicants upon receipt of the appropriate fees and after compliance with the procedures set out in ORS 166.291 through ORS 166.295. Police Departments should refer inquiries related to concealed handgun licenses to the Sheriff's Office.

207.1.1 LICENSING PROCEDURE

All concealed handgun license applicants shall be accepted and processed by the Records Unit. Upon receipt of an application:

(a) The completed Application to Carry a Concealed Handgun will be reviewed by the Support Services Supervisor or his/her designee. If not complete, it should be immediately returned to the applicant for completion.

(b) The Records Unit will process the application in a timely manner and complete all the procedures as required by law.

(c) When the Records Unit investigation warrants a denial, the reconds unit shall forward the completed background review to the Sheriff for review. Any disqualifying information should be highlighted for the Sheriff's review.

207.2 QUALIFIED APPLICANTS

To qualify for an Oregon concealed handgun license, an applicant must meet the criteria set forth in ORS 166.291 et seq.

207.3 APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants for Oregon concealed handgun licenses must complete a written application, must submit to fingerprinting and photographing by the Sheriff, and the Sheriff shall conduct any investigation necessary to ensure that applicants meet the qualifications.

Immediately upon acceptance of an application for a concealed handgun license, the Sheriff shall enter the applicant's name into the Law Enforcement Data System (ORS 166.291).

207.3.1 WRITTEN APPLICATION

The Sheriff will provide, and the applicant must complete, a uniform application for a concealed handgun license (ORS 166.291).

207.3.2 FINGERPRINTING, PHOTOGRAPHING AND INVESTIGATION

The applicant must submit to fingerprinting and photographing by the Sheriff. The Sheriff shall fingerprint and photograph the applicant and shall conduct any investigation necessary to corroborate the qualification requirements. If a nationwide criminal check is necessary, the Sheriff shall request the Department of State Police to conduct the check, including fingerprint identification, through the Federal Bureau of Investigations (ORS 166.291).

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207.3.3 OUT OF COUNTY APPLICATION PROCESSING

The Sheriff's Office will accept and process Concealed Handgun License applications from individuals whose primary residence is not within Columbia County when either of the following exceptions are applicable to the individual making such an application:

- The applicant owns property or has a business license within any political subdivision of the county; or,
- The applicant lives in the State of Washington and presents evidence that travel into Oregon from Washington will include passing through Columbia County

Out-of-State applicants for any license requiring a background check will be assessed a fee for conducting the background check when all infomation cannot be obtained through routine, Oregon Law Enforcement Data System queries.

207.4 DENIAL OF CONCEALED HANDGUN APPLICATIONS

If the application for the concealed handgun license is denied, the Sheriff shall set forth in writing the reasons for the denial. The denial shall be sent to the applicant by certified mail, restricted delivery, within 45 days after the application was made. If no decision is issued within 45 days, the person may seek review through the procedures set out in ORS 166.293(5).

A Sheriff may deny a concealed handgun license if the Sheriff has reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant has been or is reasonably likely to be a danger to self or others, or to the community at large, as a result of the applicant's mental or psychological state, as demonstrated by past pattern of behavior or participation in incidents involving unlawful violence or threats of unlawful violence (ORS 166.293).

207.5 ISSUED CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSES

If the application for the license is approved, the Sheriff shall issue and mail or otherwise deliver to the applicant at the address shown on the application, within 45 days of the application, a wallet sized license bearing the photograph of the licensee. The license must be signed by the licensee and carried whenever the licensee carries a concealed handgun. Failure of a person who carries a concealed handgun also to carry a concealed handgun license is prima facie evidence that the person does not have such a license (ORS 166.292).

The Sheriff shall keep a record of all the licenses that are issued or renewed.

Unless revoked, an Oregon concealed handgun license is valid for a period of four years from the date on which it is issued.

207.5.1 LICENSE RESTRICTIONS

When a Sheriff issues a concealed handgun license, the Sheriff shall provide the licensee with a list of those places where carrying concealed handguns is prohibited or restricted by state or federal law (ORS 166.292).

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207.5.2 CHANGE OF LICENSEE'S ADDRESS
If a licensee changes residence, the licensee shall report the change of address and the Sheriff shall issue a new license as a duplicate for a change of address. The license shall expire upon the same date as would the original (ORS 166.295).

207.5.3 REVOCATION OF LICENSES
Any act or condition that would prevent the issuance of a license under ORS 166.291 as set out above, is cause for revoking a concealed handgun license.

A Sheriff may revoke a license by serving upon the licensee a notice of revocation. The notice must contain the grounds for the revocation and must be served either personally or by certified mail, restricted delivery. The notice and return of service shall be included in the file of the licensee. The revocation is effective upon the licensee's receipt of the notice.

Any peace officer or corrections officer may seize a concealed handgun license and return it to the issuing Sheriff when the license is held by a person who has been arrested or cited for a crime that can, or would otherwise disqualify the person from being issued a concealed handgun license. The seizing officer or deputy should issue a receipt to the license holder for the CHL. The issuing Sheriff shall hold the license for 30 days. If, after 30 days, the person is not charged with a crime the Sheriff shall return the license (upon request) unless it is revoked.

A person whose license is revoked may seek review by following the procedure set forth in ORS 166.293.

207.5.4 LICENSE RENEWAL
A concealed handgun license is renewable by repeating the application process, except for the requirement to submit fingerprints and provide character references. An otherwise expired concealed handgun license continues to be valid for up to 45 days after the licensee applies for renewal if: the licensee applies for renewal before the original license expires; the licensee has proof of the application for renewal; and the application for renewal has not been denied (ORS 166.295).

207.6 ANNUAL REPORT OF LICENSE REVOCATIONS
The Sheriff shall submit an annual report to the Department of State Police containing the number of concealed handgun licenses revoked during the reporting period and the reasons for the revocations (ORS 166.297).

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Retiree Concealed Firearms

208.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the issuance, denial, suspension or revocation of Columbia County Sheriff's Office identification cards under the Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act (LEOSA) (18 USC § 926C).

This policy outlines the process and conditions associated with the issuance, revocation, and denial of a concealed weapon (CCW) endorsement for retired deputies of this department who live within the State of Oregon. Retirees living outside of Oregon must comply with procedures in their state of residence to maintain a concealed weapon endorsement with their retiree identification.

Oregon law authorizes honorably retired peace officers from Oregon or other states to carry a concealed weapon in Oregon. This provision does not authorize Oregon retired peace officers to carry concealed weapons in other states (ORS 166.260).

A "CCW Approved" endorsement is not required for an honorably retired deputy to carry a concealed weapon in Oregon. The endorsement is, however, required for retired deputies who wish to carry concealed weapons in other states in accordance with the provisions of 18 USC § 926C and the Firearms and Qualification Policy.

208.2 QUALIFIED RETIREES

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to provide identification cards to qualified former or retired deputies as provided in this policy.

Any full time sworn deputy of this department who was authorized to, and did, carry a firearm during the course and scope of their employment and has retired honorably from this department shall be issued an identification card. However, in order to be authorized to carry a concealed firearam outside of Oregon, Oregon residents who are retirees of this Department must also carry an Oregon firearms qualification card, which has been standardized through the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST).

(a) For the purpose of this policy, "Honorably retired" includes all peace officers who have qualified for, and accepted, a service or disability retirement; however, shall not include any deputy who retires in lieu of termination.

(b) The Sheriff shall grant retiree identification cards to those deputies who retire honorably during the current sheriff's term of office. Employees who retired under a previous sheriff but did not receive a retire identification card from the sheriff at the time of their retirement cannot expect the current sheriff toprovide a retiree identification card.

(c) Retired law enforcement deputies from this Department who reside in Oregon and wish to carry concealed firearms outside of Oregon must also pass annually the DPSST authorized Basic Police Qualifications Course (PQC) to be issued the Oregon firearms qualification card. The Sheriff will issue the Oregon firearms qualification card to any honorably retired member of this department who presents proof of qualification under this policy.

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(d) Retired law enforcement deputies from this Department who reside outside of the state of Oregon must qualify under the laws and rules of the state in which they reside to carry a concealed firearm in other states.

208.3 LEOSA

The Sheriff may issue an identification card for LEOSA purposes to any qualified former deputy of this department who (18 USC § 926C(c)):

(a) Separated from service in good standing from this department as a deputy.

(b) Before such separation, had regular employment as a law enforcement officer for an aggregate of 10 years or more or, if employed as a law enforcement officer for less than 10 years, separated from service after completing any applicable probationary period due to a service-connected disability as determined by this department.

(c) Has not been disqualified for reasons related to mental health.

(d) Has not entered into an agreement with this department where the deputy acknowledges that he/she is not qualified to receive a firearm qualification certificate for reasons related to mental health.

(e) Is not prohibited by federal law from receiving or possessing a firearm.

208.3.1 AUTHORIZATION

Any qualified former law enforcement officer, including a former deputy of this department, may carry a concealed firearm under 18 USC § 926C when:

(a) In possession of photographic identification that identifies him/her as having been employed as a law enforcement officer, and one of the following:

1. An indication from the person's former law enforcement agency that he/she has, within the past year, been tested or otherwise found by the law enforcement agency to meet agency-established active duty standards for qualification in firearms training to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed firearm.

2. A certification, issued by either the state in which the person resides or by a certified firearms instructor who is qualified to conduct a firearms qualification test for active duty law enforcement officers within that state, indicating that the person has, within the past year, been tested or otherwise found to meet the standards established by the state or, if not applicable, the standards of any agency in that state.

(b) Not under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance.

(c) Not prohibited by federal law from receiving a firearm.

(d) Not in a location prohibited by Oregon law or by a private person or entity on his/her property if such prohibition is permitted by Oregon law.

208.4 FORMER DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITIES

A former deputy with a card issued under this policy shall immediately notify the Enforcement Lieutenant of his/her arrest or conviction in any jurisdiction, or that he/she is the subject of a court order, in accordance with the Reporting of Employee Convictions Policy.

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208.4.1 RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER LEOSA

In order to obtain or retain a LEOSA identification card, the former deputy shall:

(a) Sign a waiver of liability of the Department for all acts taken related to carrying a concealed firearm, acknowledging both his/her personal responsibility as a private person for all acts taken when carrying a concealed firearm as permitted by LEOSA and also that these acts were not taken as an employee or former employee of the Department.

(b) Remain subject to all applicable department policies and federal, state and local laws.

(c) Demonstrate good judgment and character commensurate with carrying a loaded and concealed firearm.

(d) Successfully pass an annual criminal history background check indicating that he/she is not prohibited by law from receiving or possessing a firearm.

208.5 DENIAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION

A LEOSA identification card may be denied or revoked upon a showing of good cause as determined by the Department. In the event that an identification card is denied, suspended or revoked, the formerdeputy may request a review by the Sheriff. The decision of the Sheriff is final.

208.6 MAINTAINING A FIREARMS QUALIFICATION CARD

In order to maintain a firearms qualification, the retired officer shall:

(a) Qualify annually with the authorized firearm at any course authorized under tate law to provide firearms qualifications to Oregon retirees for firearms qualification card purposes -- at the retired deputy’s expense

(b) Remain subject to all rules and policies of the state, as well as all federal laws.

(c) Only be authorized to carry a concealed firearm with which the retired member has qualified within the past year.

(d) A qualified retired law enforcement officer must carry a photo id issued by the agency

from which the officer retired from service as a law enforcement officer AND a certification

issued by the State in which the retired member currently resides that indicates that said member has been tested or

otherwise found by the State to meet the standards established by the State for training

and qualification for active law enforcement officers to carry a firearm of the same type as

the concealed firearm within the past 12 months

208.7 IDENTIFICATION CARD FORMAT

This subsection sets forth the formats for the Retiree Identification Card and the Firearms Qualification Card.

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1. The identification card issued to any qualified and honorably retired officer shall be 2 x 3 inches and minimally contain the following:

(a) Photograph of the retiree

(b) Retiree's rank at time of retirement

(c) Date of retirement

(d) The Department name

2. The Firearms Qualification Card shall comply with the standardized format developed through Oregon DPSST

208.8 REQUIREMENT FOR ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

Any retired law enforcment member from this department must renew his/her qualification to carry a concealed firearm annually in order to be qualified to carry a concealed firearm outside of Oregon. All retirees must conform with the rules, laws and regulations of the state wherein he/she resides.

208.9 FIREARM QUALIFICATIONS

The Rangemaster may provide former deputies from this department an opportunity to qualify. Written evidence of the qualification and the weapons used will be provided and will contain the date of the qualification. The Rangemaster will maintain a record of the qualifications and weapons used.

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Use of Force

300.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines on the reasonable use of force. While there is no way to specify the exact amount or type of reasonable force to be applied in any situation, every member of this department is expected to use these guidelines to make such decisions in a professional, impartial and reasonable manner.

300.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Deadly force - Force reasonably anticipated and intended to create a substantial likelihood of causing death or very serious injury.

Force - The application of physical techniques or tactics, chemical agents or weapons to another person. It is not a use of force when a person allows him/herself to be searched, escorted, handcuffed or restrained.

P hysical Force - The use of hands or other parts of the body, objects, instruments, electronic stun devices, chemical agents, firearms or other physical methods to restrain, subdue, control or compel a person to act or stop acting in a particular way.

300.2 POLICY

The use of force by law enforcement personnel is a matter of critical concern, both to the public and to the law enforcement community. Deputies are involved on a daily basis in numerous and varied interactions and, when warranted, may use reasonable force in carrying out their duties.

Deputies must have an understanding of, and true appreciation for, their authority and limitations. This is especially true with respect to overcoming resistance while engaged in the performance of law enforcement duties.

The Department recognizes and respects the value of all human life and dignity without prejudice to anyone. Vesting deputies with the authority to use reasonable force and to protect the public welfare requires monitoring, evaluation and a careful balancing of all interests.

300.2.1 DUTY TO INTERCEDE

Any deputy present and observing another deputy using force that is clearly beyond that which is objectively reasonable under the circumstances shall, when in a position to do so, intercede to prevent the use of unreasonable force. A deputy who observes another employee use force that exceeds the degree of force permitted by law should promptly report these observations to a supervisor.

300.3 USE OF FORCE

Deputies shall use only that amount of force that reasonably appears necessary given the facts and circumstances perceived by the deputy at the time of the event to accomplish a legitimate law enforcement purpose.

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The reasonableness of force will be judged from the perspective of a reasonable deputy on the scene at the time of the incident. Any evaluation of reasonableness must allow for the fact that deputies are often forced to make split-second decisions about the amount of force that reasonably appears necessary in a particular situation, with limited information and in circumstances that are tense, uncertain and rapidly evolving.

Given that no policy can realistically predict every possible situation a deputy might encounter, deputies are entrusted to use well-reasoned discretion in determining the appropriate use of force in each incident.

It is also recognized that circumstances may arise in which deputies reasonably believe that it would be impractical or ineffective to use any of the tools, weapons or methods provided by the Department. Deputies may find it more effective or reasonable to improvise their response to rapidly unfolding conditions that they are confronting. In such circumstances, the use of any improvised device or method must nonetheless be reasonable and utilized only to the degree that reasonably appears necessary to accomplish a legitimate law enforcement purpose.

While the ultimate objective of every law enforcement encounter is to avoid or minimize injury, nothing in this policy requires a deputy to retreat or be exposed to possible physical injury before applying reasonable force.

300.3.1 USE OF FORCE TO EFFECT AN ARREST

A deputy is justified in using force upon another person only when and to the extent that the deputy reasonably believes it necessary (ORS 161.235):

(a) To make an arrest or to prevent the escape from custody of an arrested person unless the deputy knows that the arrest is unlawful; or

(b) For self-defense or to defend a third person from what the deputy reasonably believes to be the use or imminent use of force while making or attempting to make an arrest or while preventing or attempting to prevent an escape.

300.3.2 FACTORS USED TO DETERMINE THE REASONABLENESS OF FORCE

When determining whether to apply force and evaluating whether a deputy has used reasonable force, a number of factors should be taken into consideration, as time and circumstances permit. These factors include, but are not limited to:

(a) Immediacy and severity of the threat to deputies or others.

(b) The conduct of the individual being confronted, as reasonably perceived by the deputy at the time.

(c) Deputy/subject factors (age, size, relative strength, skill level, injuries sustained, level of exhaustion or fatigue, the number of deputies available vs. subjects).

(d) The effects of drugs or alcohol.

(e) Subject’s mental state or capacity.

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(f) Proximity of weapons or dangerous improvised devices.

(g) The degree to which the subject has been effectively restrained and his/her ability to resist despite being restrained.

(h) The availability of other options and their possible effectiveness.

(i) Seriousness of the suspected offense or reason for contact with the individual.

(j) Training and experience of the deputy.

(k) Potential for injury to deputies, suspects and others.

(l) Whether the person appears to be resisting, attempting to evade arrest by flight or is attacking the deputy.

(m) The risk and reasonably foreseeable consequences of escape.

(n) The apparent need for immediate control of the subject or a prompt resolution of the situation.

(o) Whether the conduct of the individual being confronted no longer reasonably appears to pose an imminent threat to the deputy or others.

(p) Prior contacts with the subject or awareness of any propensity for violence.

(q) Any other exigent circumstances.

300.3.3 PAIN COMPLIANCE TECHNIQUES

Pain compliance techniques may be effective in controlling a physically or actively resisting individual. Deputies may only apply those pain compliance techniques for which they have successfully completed department-approved training. Deputies utilizing any pain compliance technique should consider:

(a) The degree to which the application of the technique may be controlled given the level of resistance.

(b) Whether the person can comply with the direction or orders of the deputy.

(c) Whether the person has been given sufficient opportunity to comply.

The application of any pain compliance technique shall be discontinued once the deputy determines that compliance has been achieved.

300.3.4 CAROTID CONTROL HOLD

The proper application of the carotid control hold may be effective in restraining a violent or combative individual. However, due to the potential for injury, the use of the carotid control hold is subject to the following:

(a) The deputy shall have successfully completed department-approved training in the use and application of the carotid control hold.

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(b) The carotid control hold may only be used when circumstances perceived by the deputy at the time indicate that such application reasonably appears necessary to control a person in any of the following circumstances:

1. The subject is violent or physically resisting.
2. The subject, by words or actions, has demonstrated an intention to be violent and reasonably appears to have the potential to harm deputies, him/herself or others.

(c) The application of a carotid control hold on the following individuals should generally be avoided unless the totality of the circumstances indicates that other available options reasonably appear ineffective, or would present a greater danger to the deputy, the subject or others, and the deputy reasonably believes that the need to control the individual outweighs the risk of applying a carotid control hold:

1. Females who are known to be pregnant
2. Elderly individuals
3. Obvious juveniles
4. Individuals who appear to have Down syndrome or who appear to have obvious neck deformities or malformations, or visible neck injuries

(d) Any individual who has had the carotid control hold applied, regardless of whether he/she was rendered unconscious, shall be promptly examined by paramedics or other qualified medical personnel and should be monitored until examined by paramedics or other appropriate medical personnel.

(e) The deputy shall inform any person receiving custody, or any person placed in a position of providing care, that the individual has been subjected to the carotid control hold and whether the subject lost consciousness as a result.

(f) Any deputy attempting or applying the carotid control hold shall promptly notify a supervisor of the use or attempted use of such hold.

(g) The use or attempted use of the carotid control hold shall be thoroughly documented by the deputy in any related reports.

300.3.5 THREATS

A deputy will not threaten to use force that is not justified.

300.3.6 VERBAL WARNINGS

Whenever feasible, Deputies will issue verbal warnings or commands both prior to and during the application of force, physical force or deadly physical force.

300.3.7 USE OF FORCE TO SEIZE EVIDENCE

In general, deputies may use reasonable force to lawfully seize evidence and to prevent the destruction of evidence. However, deputies are discouraged from using force solely to prevent

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a person from swallowing evidence or contraband. In the instance when force is used, deputies should not intentionally use any technique that restricts blood flow to the head, restricts respiration or which creates a reasonable likelihood that blood flow to the head or respiration would be restricted. Deputies are encouraged to use techniques and methods taught by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office for this specific purpose.

300.4 DEADLY FORCE APPLICATIONS

Use of deadly force is justified in the following circumstances:

(a) A deputy may use deadly force to protect him/herself or others from what he/she reasonably believes would be an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury.

(b) A deputy may use deadly force to stop a fleeing subject when the deputy has probable cause to believe that the person has committed, or intends to commit, a felony involving the infliction or threatened infliction of serious bodily injury or death, and the deputy reasonably believes that there is an imminent risk of serious bodily injury or death to any other person if the subject is not immediately apprehended. Under such circumstances, a verbal warning should precede the use of deadly force, where feasible.

Imminent does not mean immediate or instantaneous. An imminent danger may exist even if the suspect is not at that very moment pointing a weapon at someone. For example, an imminent danger may exist if a deputy reasonably believes any of the following:

1. The person has a weapon or is attempting to access one and it is reasonable to believe the person intends to use it against the deputy or another.
2. The person is capable of causing serious bodily injury or death without a weapon and it is reasonable to believe the person intends to do so.

300.4.1 SHOOTING AT OR FROM MOVING VEHICLES

Shots fired at or from a moving vehicle are rarely effective. Deputies should move out of the path of an approaching vehicle instead of discharging their firearm at the vehicle or any of its occupants. A deputy should only discharge a firearm at a moving vehicle or its occupants when the deputy reasonably believes there are no other reasonable means available to avert the threat of the vehicle, or if deadly force other than the vehicle is directed at the deputy or others.

Deputies should not shoot at any part of a vehicle in an attempt to disable the vehicle.

300.5 REPORTING THE USE OF FORCE

Any use of force by a member of this department shall be documented promptly, completely and accurately in an appropriate report, depending on the nature of the incident. The deputy should articulate the factors perceived and why he/she believed the use of force was reasonable under the circumstances. To collect data for purposes of training, resource allocation, analysis and related purposes, the Department may require the completion of additional report forms, as specified in department policy, procedure or law.

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300.5.1 NOTIFICATION TO SUPERVISORS

Supervisory notification shall be made as soon as practicable following the application of force in any of the following circumstances:

(a) The application caused a visible injury.

(b) The application would lead a reasonable deputy to conclude that the individual may have experienced more than momentary discomfort.

(c) The individual subjected to the force complained of injury or continuing pain.

(d) The individual indicates intent to pursue litigation.

(e) Any application of the [(EMDT)] or control device.

(f) Any application of a restraint device other than handcuffs, shackles or belly chains.

(g) The individual subjected to the force was rendered unconscious.

(h) An individual was struck or kicked.

(i) An individual alleges any of the above has occurred.

300.6 MEDICAL CONSIDERATION

Prior to booking or release, medical assistance shall be obtained for any person who exhibits signs of physical distress, who has sustained visible injury, expresses a complaint of injury or continuing pain, or who was rendered unconscious. Any individual exhibiting signs of physical distress after an encounter should be continuously monitored until he/she can be medically assessed.

Based upon the deputy's initial assessment of the nature and extent of the subject's injuries, medical assistance may consist of examination by fire personnel, paramedics, hospital staff or medical staff at the jail. If any such individual refuses medical attention, such a refusal shall be fully documented in related reports and, whenever practicable, should be witnessed by another deputy and/or medical personnel. If a recording is made of the contact or an interview with the individual, any refusal should be included in the recording, if possible.

The on-scene supervisor or, if the on-scene supervisor is not available, the primary handling deputy shall ensure that any person providing medical care or receiving custody of a person following any use of force is informed that the person was subjected to force. This notification shall include a description of the force used and any other circumstances the deputy reasonably believes would be potential safety or medical risks to the subject (e.g., prolonged struggle, extreme agitation, impaired respiration).

Persons who exhibit extreme agitation, violent irrational behavior accompanied by profuse sweating, extraordinary strength beyond their physical characteristics and imperviousness to pain (sometimes called "excited delirium"), or who require a protracted physical encounter with multiple deputies to be brought under control, may be at an increased risk of sudden death. Calls involving these persons should be considered medical emergencies. Deputies who reasonably suspect a

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medical emergency should request medical assistance as soon as practicable and have medical personnel stage away if appropriate.

300.7 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY

When a supervisor is able to respond to an incident in which there has been a reported application of force, the supervisor is expected to:

(a) Obtain the basic facts from the involved deputies. Absent an allegation of misconduct or excessive force, this will be considered a routine contact in the normal course of duties.

(b) Ensure that any injured parties are examined and treated.

(c) When possible, separately obtain a recorded interview with the subject upon whom force was applied. If this interview is conducted without the person having voluntarily waived his/her *Miranda* rights, the following shall apply:

  1. The content of the interview should not be summarized or included in any related criminal charges.
  2. The fact that a recorded interview was conducted should be documented in a property or other report.
  3. The recording of the interview should be distinctly marked for retention until all potential for civil litigation has expired.

(d) Once any initial medical assessment has been completed or first aid has been rendered, ensure that photographs have been taken of any areas involving visible injury or complaint of pain, as well as overall photographs of uninjured areas. These photographs should be retained until all potential for civil litigation has expired.

(e) Identify any witnesses not already included in related reports.

(f) Review and approve all related reports.

(g) Determine if there is any indication that the subject may pursue civil litigation.

  1. If there is an indication of potential civil litigation, the supervisor should complete and route a notification of a potential claim through the appropriate channels.

(h) Evaluate the circumstances surrounding the incident and initiate an administrative investigation if there is a question of policy non-compliance or if for any reason further investigation may be appropriate.

In the event that a supervisor is unable to respond to the scene of an incident involving the reported application of force, the supervisor is still expected to complete as many of the above items as circumstances permit.

300.7.1 ENFORCEMENT LIEUTENANT RESPONSIBILITY

The Enforcement Lieutenant shall review each use of force by any personnel within his/her command to ensure compliance with this policy and to address any training issues.

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300.8 TRAINING

Deputies will receive periodic training on this policy and demonstrate their knowledge and understanding.

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Use of Force Review Boards

301.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes a process for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to review the use of force by its employees.

This review process shall be in addition to any other review or investigation that may be conducted by any outside or multi-agency entity having jurisdiction over the investigation or evaluation of the use of deadly force.

301.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will objectively evaluate the use of force by its members to ensure that their authority is used lawfully, appropriately and is consistent with training and policy.

301.3 REMOVAL FROM LINE DUTY ASSIGNMENT

Generally, whenever an employee's actions or use of force in an official capacity, or while using department equipment, results in death or very serious injury to another, that employee will be placed in a temporary administrative assignment pending an administrative review. The Sheriff may exercise discretion and choose not to place an employee in an administrative assignment in any case.

301.4 REVIEW BOARD

The Use of Force Review Board will be convened when the use of force by a member results in very serious injury or death to another.

The Use of Force Review Board will also investigate and review the circumstances surrounding every discharge of a firearm, whether the employee was on- or off-duty, excluding training, recreational use or the authorized dispatch of an animal.

The Sheriff may request the Use of Force Review Board to investigate the circumstances surrounding any use of force incident.

The Undersheriff will convene the Use of Force Review Board as necessary. It will be the responsibility of the Division Commander or supervisor of the involved employee to notify the Undersheriff of any incidents requiring board review. The involved employee's Division Commander or supervisor will also ensure that all relevant reports, documents and materials are available for consideration and review by the board.

301.4.1 COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

The Undersheriff should select five Use of Force Review Board members from the following, as appropriate:

- Representatives of the Corrections and Enforcement Divisions
- Commanding officer in the involved member's chain of command

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- Undersheriff
- Non-administrative supervisor
- A peer deputy
- A sworn peace officer from an outside law enforcement agency
- Department instructor for the type of weapon, device or technique used

The senior ranking command representative who is not in the same division as the involved employee will serve as chairperson.

301.4.2 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD

The Use of Force Review Board is empowered to conduct an administrative review and inquiry into the circumstances of an incident.

The board members may request further investigation, request reports be submitted for the board's review, call persons to present information and request the involved employee to appear. The involved employee will be notified of the meeting of the board and may choose to have a representative through all phases of the review process.

The board does not have the authority to recommend discipline.

The Sheriff will determine whether the board should delay its review until after completion of any criminal investigation, review by any prosecutorial body, filing of criminal charges, the decision not to file criminal charges or any other action. The board should be provided all relevant available material from these proceedings for its consideration.

The review shall be based upon those facts which were reasonably believed or known by the deputy at the time of the incident, applying any legal requirements, department policies, procedures and approved training to those facts. Facts later discovered but unknown to the deputy at the time shall neither justify nor call into question a deputy's decision regarding the use of force.

Any questioning of the involved employee conducted by the board will be in accordance with the department's disciplinary procedures, the Personnel Complaints Policy, the current collective bargaining agreement and any applicable state or federal law.

The board shall make one of the following recommended findings:

(a) The employee's actions were within department policy and procedure.

(b) The employee's actions were in violation of department policy and procedure.

A recommended finding requires a majority vote of the board. The board may also recommend additional investigations or reviews, such as disciplinary investigations, training reviews to consider whether training should be developed or revised, and policy reviews, as may be appropriate. The board chairperson will submit the written recommendation to the Sheriff.

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The Sheriff shall review the recommendation, make a final determination as to whether the employee's actions were within policy and procedure and will determine whether any additional actions, investigations or reviews are appropriate. The Sheriff's final findings will be forwarded to the involved employee's Division Commander for review and appropriate action. If the Sheriff concludes that discipline should be considered, a disciplinary process will be initiated.

At the conclusion of any additional reviews, copies of all relevant reports and information will be filed with the Sheriff.

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Handcuffing and Restraints

302.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for the use of handcuffs and other restraints during detentions and arrests.

302.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office authorizes the use of restraint devices in accordance with this policy, the Use of Force Policy and department training. Restraint devices shall not be used to punish, to display authority or as a show of force.

302.3 USE OF RESTRAINTS

Only members who have successfully completed Columbia County Sheriff's Office-approved training on the use of restraint devices described in this policy are authorized to use these devices.

When deciding whether to use any restraint, deputies should carefully balance officer safety concerns with factors that include, but are not limited to:

- The circumstances or crime leading to the arrest.
- The demeanor and behavior of the arrested person.
- The age and health of the person.
- Whether the person is known to be pregnant.
- Whether the person has a hearing or speaking disability. In such cases, consideration should be given, safety permitting, to handcuffing to the front in order to allow the person to sign or write notes.
- Whether the person has any other apparent disability.

302.3.1 RESTRAINT OF DETAINEES

Situations may arise where it may be reasonable to restrain an individual who may, after brief investigation, be released without arrest. Unless arrested, the use of restraints on detainees should continue only for as long as is reasonably necessary to assure the safety of deputies and others. When deciding whether to remove restraints from a detainee, deputies should continuously weigh the safety interests at hand against the continuing intrusion upon the detainee.

302.3.2 RESTRAINT OF PREGNANT PERSONS

Persons who are known to be pregnant should be restrained in the least restrictive manner that is effective for officer safety and in no event shall these persons be restrained by the use of leg irons, waist chains or handcuffs behind the body.

No person who is in labor shall be handcuffed or restrained except in extraordinary circumstances and only when a supervisor makes an individualized determination that such restraints are necessary to prevent escape or injury.

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302.3.3 RESTRAINT OF JUVENILES
A juvenile under 14 years of age should not be restrained unless he/she is suspected of a dangerous felony or when the deputy has a reasonable suspicion that the juvenile may resist, attempt escape, injure him/herself, injure the deputy or damage property.

302.3.4 NOTIFICATIONS
Whenever a deputy transports a person with the use of restraints other than handcuffs, the deputy shall inform the jail staff upon arrival at the jail that restraints were used. This notification should include information regarding any other circumstances the deputy reasonably believes would be potential safety concerns or medical risks to the subject (e.g., prolonged struggle, extreme agitation, impaired respiration) that may have occurred prior to, or during transportation to the jail.

302.4 APPLICATION OF HANDCUFFS OR PLASTIC CUFFS

Handcuffs, including temporary nylon or plastic cuffs, may be used only to restrain a person's hands to ensure officer safety.

Although recommended for most arrest situations, handcuffing is discretionary and not an absolute requirement of the Department. Deputies should consider handcuffing any person they reasonably believe warrants that degree of restraint. However, deputies should not conclude that in order to avoid risk every person should be handcuffed, regardless of the circumstances.

In most situations handcuffs should be applied with the hands behind the person's back. When feasible, handcuffs should be double-locked to prevent tightening, which may cause undue discomfort or injury to the hands or wrists.

In situations where one pair of handcuffs does not appear sufficient to restrain the individual or may cause unreasonable discomfort due to the person's size, deputies should consider alternatives, such as using an additional set of handcuffs or multiple plastic cuffs.

Handcuffs should be removed as soon as it is reasonable or after the person has been searched and is safely confined within a detention facility.

302.5 APPLICATION OF SPIT HOODS/MASKS/SOCKS

Spit hoods/masks/socks are temporary protective devices designed to prevent the wearer from biting and/or transferring or transmitting fluids (saliva and mucous) to others.

Spit hoods may be placed upon persons in custody when the deputy reasonably believes the person will bite or spit, either on a person or in an inappropriate place. They are generally used during application of a physical restraint, while the person is restrained, or during or after transport.

Deputies utilizing spit hoods should ensure that the spit hood is fastened properly to allow for adequate ventilation and that the restrained person can breathe normally. Deputies should provide assistance during the movement of restrained individuals due to the potential for impaired or distorted vision on the part of the individual. Deputies should avoid comingling individuals wearing spit hoods with other detainees.

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Spit hoods should not be used in situations where the restrained person is bleeding profusely from the area around the mouth or nose, or if there are indications that the person has a medical condition, such as difficulty breathing or vomiting. In such cases, prompt medical care should be obtained. If the person vomits while wearing a spit hood, the spit hood should be promptly removed and discarded. Persons who have been sprayed with oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray should be thoroughly decontaminated including hair, head and clothing prior to application of a spit hood.

Those who have been placed in a spit hood should be continually monitored and shall not be left unattended until the spit hood is removed. Spit hoods shall be discarded after each use.

302.6 APPLICATION OF AUXILIARY RESTRAINT DEVICES

Auxiliary restraint devices include transport belts, waist or belly chains, transportation chains, leg irons and other similar devices. Auxiliary restraint devices are intended for use during long-term restraint or transportation. They provide additional security and safety without impeding breathing, while permitting adequate movement, comfort and mobility.

Only department-authorized devices may be used. Any person in auxiliary restraints should be monitored as reasonably appears necessary.

302.7 APPLICATION OF LEG RESTRAINT DEVICES

Leg restraints may be used to restrain the legs of a violent or potentially violent person when it is reasonable to do so during the course of detention, arrest or transportation. Only restraint devices approved by the department shall be used.

In determining whether to use the leg restraint, deputies should consider:

(a) Whether the deputy or others could be exposed to injury due to the assaultive or resistant behavior of a suspect.

(b) Whether it is reasonably necessary to protect the suspect from his/her own actions (e.g., hitting his/her head against the interior of the patrol unit, running away from the arresting deputy while handcuffed, kicking at objects or deputies).

(c) Whether it is reasonably necessary to avoid damage to property (e.g., kicking at windows of the patrol unit).

302.7.1 GUIDELINES FOR USE OF LEG RESTRAINTS

When applying leg restraints the following guidelines should be followed:

(a) If practicable, deputies should notify a supervisor of the intent to apply the leg restraint device. In all cases, a supervisor shall be notified as soon as practicable after the application of the leg restraint device.

(b) Once applied, absent a medical or other emergency, restraints should remain in place until the deputy arrives at the jail or other facility or the person no longer reasonably appears to pose a threat.

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(c) Once secured, the person should be placed in a seated or upright position, secured with a seat belt, and shall not be placed on his/her stomach for an extended period, as this could reduce the person's ability to breathe.

(d) The restrained person should be continually monitored by a deputy while in the leg restraint. The deputy should ensure that the person does not roll onto and remain on his/her stomach.

(e) The deputy should look for signs of labored breathing and take appropriate steps to relieve and minimize any obvious factors contributing to this condition.

(f) When transported by ambulance/paramedic unit, the restrained person should be accompanied by a deputy when requested by medical personnel. The transporting deputy should describe to medical personnel any unusual behaviors or other circumstances the deputy reasonably believes would be potential safety or medical risks to the subject (e.g., prolonged struggle, extreme agitation, impaired respiration).

302.8 REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

If an individual is restrained and released without an arrest, the deputy shall document the details of the detention and the need for handcuffs or other restraints.

If an individual is arrested, the use of restraints other than handcuffs shall be documented in the related report. The deputy should include, as appropriate:

(a) The amount of time the suspect was restrained.

(b) How the suspect was transported and the position of the suspect.

(c) Observations of the suspect's behavior and any signs of physiological problems.

(d) Any known or suspected drug use or other medical problems.

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Control Devices and Techniques

303.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for the use and maintenance of control devices that are described in this policy.

303.2 POLICY

In order to control subjects who are violent or who demonstrate the intent to be violent, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office authorizes deputies to use control devices in accordance with the guidelines in this policy and the Use of Force Policy.

303.3 ISSUING, CARRYING AND USING CONTROL DEVICES

Control devices described in this policy may be carried and used by members of this department only if the device has been issued by the Department or approved by the Sheriff or the authorized designee.

Only deputies who have successfully completed department-approved training in the use of any control device are authorized to carry and use the device.

Control devices may be used when a decision has been made to control, restrain or arrest a subject who is violent or who demonstrates the intent to be violent, and the use of the device appears reasonable under the circumstances. When reasonable, a verbal warning and opportunity to comply should precede the use of these devices.

When using control devices, deputies should carefully consider potential impact areas in order to minimize injuries and unintentional targets.

303.4 RESPONSIBILITIES

303.4.1 LIEUTENANT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Lieutenants may authorize the use of a control device by selected personnel or members of specialized units who have successfully completed the required training.

303.4.2 ENFORCEMENT LIEUTENANT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Enforcement Lieutenant shall control the inventory and issuance of all control devices and shall ensure that all damaged, inoperative, outdated or expended control devices or munitions are properly disposed of, repaired or replaced.

Every control device will be periodically inspected by the Enforcement Lieutenant or the designated instructor for a particular control device. The inspection shall be documented.

303.4.3 USER RESPONSIBILITIES

All normal maintenance, charging or cleaning shall remain the responsibility of personnel using the various devices.

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Any damaged, inoperative, outdated or expended control devices or munitions, along with documentation explaining the cause of the damage, shall be returned to the Enforcement Lieutenant for disposition. Damage to County property forms shall also be prepared and forwarded through the chain of command, when appropriate, explaining the cause of damage.

303.5 BATON GUIDELINES

The need to immediately control a suspect must be weighed against the risk of causing serious injury. The head, neck, throat, spine, heart, kidneys and groin should not be intentionally targeted except when the deputy reasonably believes the suspect poses an imminent threat of serious bodily injury or death to the deputy or others.

When carrying a baton, uniformed personnel shall carry the baton in its authorized holder on the equipment belt or load-bearing vest. Plainclothes and non-field personnel may carry the baton as authorized and in accordance with the needs of their assignment or at the direction of their supervisor.

303.6 TEAR GAS GUIDELINES

Tear gas may be used for crowd control, crowd dispersal or against barricaded suspects based on the circumstances. Only the Enforcement Lieutenant, Incident Commander or Crisis Response Unit Commander may authorize the delivery and use of tear gas, and only after evaluating all conditions known at the time and determining that such force reasonably appears justified and necessary.

When practicable, fire personnel should be alerted or summoned to the scene prior to the deployment of tear gas to control any fires and to assist in providing medical aid or gas evacuation if needed.

303.7 OLEORESIN CAPSICUM (OC) GUIDELINES

As with other control devices, oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray and pepper projectiles may be considered for use to bring under control an individual or groups of individuals who are engaging in, or are about to engage in violent behavior. Pepper projectiles and OC spray should not, however, be used against individuals or groups who merely fail to disperse or do not reasonably appear to present a risk to the safety of officers or the public.

303.7.1 OC SPRAY

Uniformed personnel carrying OC spray shall carry the device in its holster on the equipment belt or on the load-bearing vest. Plainclothes and non-field personnel may carry OC spray as authorized, in accordance with the needs of their assignment or at the direction of their supervisor.

303.7.2 PEPPER PROJECTILE SYSTEMS

Pepper projectiles are plastic spheres that are filled with a derivative of OC powder. Because the compressed gas launcher delivers the projectiles with enough force to burst the projectiles on impact and release the OC powder, the potential exists for the projectiles to inflict injury if they strike the head, neck, spine or groin. Therefore, personnel using a pepper projectile system should

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not intentionally target those areas, except when the deputy reasonably believes the suspect poses an imminent threat of serious bodily injury or death to the deputy or others.

Deputies encountering a situation that warrants the use of a pepper projectile system shall notify a supervisor as soon as practicable. A supervisor shall respond to all pepper projectile system incidents where the suspect has been hit or exposed to the chemical agent. The supervisor shall ensure that all notifications and reports are completed as required by the Use of Force Policy.

Each deployment of a pepper projectile system shall be documented. This includes situations where the launcher was directed toward the suspect, whether or not the launcher was used. Unintentional discharges shall be promptly reported to a supervisor and documented on the appropriate report form. Only non-incident use of a pepper projectile system, such as training and product demonstrations, is exempt from the reporting requirement.

303.7.3 TREATMENT FOR OC SPRAY EXPOSURE

Persons who have been sprayed with or otherwise affected by the use of OC should be promptly provided with clean water to cleanse the affected areas. Those persons who complain of further severe effects shall be examined by appropriate medical personnel.

303.8 POST-APPLICATION NOTICE

Whenever tear gas or OC has been introduced into a residence, building interior, vehicle or other enclosed area, deputies should provide the owners or available occupants with notice of the possible presence of residue that could result in irritation or injury if the area is not properly cleaned. Such notice should include advisement that clean up will be at the owner’s expense. Information regarding the method of notice and the individuals notified should be included in related reports.

303.9 KINETIC ENERGY PROJECTILE GUIDELINES

This department is committed to reducing the potential for violent confrontations. Kinetic energy projectiles, when used properly, are less likely to result in death or serious physical injury and can be used in an attempt to de-escalate a potentially deadly situation.

303.9.1 DEPLOYMENT AND USE

Only department-approved kinetic energy munitions shall be carried and deployed. Approved munitions may be used to compel an individual to cease his/her actions when such munitions present a reasonable option.

Deputies are not required or compelled to use approved munitions in lieu of other reasonable tactics if the involved deputy determines that deployment of these munitions cannot be done safely. The safety of hostages, innocent persons and deputies takes priority over the safety of subjects engaged in criminal or suicidal behavior.

Circumstances appropriate for deployment include, but are not limited to, situations in which:

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(a) The suspect is armed with a weapon and the tactical circumstances allow for the safe application of approved munitions.

(b) The suspect has made credible threats to harm him/herself or others.

(c) The suspect is engaged in riotous behavior or is throwing rocks, bottles or other dangerous projectiles at people and/or deputies.

(d) There is probable cause to believe that the suspect has already committed a crime of violence and is refusing to comply with lawful orders.

303.9.2 DEPLOYMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Before discharging projectiles, the deputy should consider such factors as:

(a) Distance and angle to target.

(b) Type of munitions employed.

(c) Type and thickness of subject’s clothing.

(d) The subject’s proximity to others.

(e) The location of the subject.

(f) Whether the subject’s actions dictate the need for an immediate response and the use of control devices appears appropriate.

A verbal warning of the intended use of the device should precede its application, unless it would otherwise endanger the safety of deputies or when it is not practicable due to the circumstances. The purpose of the warning is to give the individual a reasonable opportunity to voluntarily comply and to warn other deputies and individuals that the device is being deployed.

Deputies should keep in mind the manufacturer’s recommendations and their training regarding effective distances and target areas. However, deputies are not restricted solely to use according to manufacturer recommendations. Each situation must be evaluated on the totality of circumstances at the time of deployment.

The need to immediately incapacitate the subject must be weighed against the risk of causing serious injury or death. The head and neck should not be intentionally targeted, except when the deputy reasonably believes the suspect poses an imminent threat of serious bodily injury or death to the deputy or others.

303.9.3 SAFETY PROCEDURES

Shotguns specifically designated for use with kinetic energy projectiles will be specially marked in a manner that makes them readily identifiable as such.

Deputies will inspect the shotgun and projectiles at the beginning of each shift to ensure that the shotgun is in proper working order and the projectiles are of the approved type and appear to be free from defects.

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When it is not in use, the shotgun will be unloaded and properly and securely stored in the vehicle. When deploying the kinetic energy projectile shotgun, the deputy shall visually inspect the kinetic energy projectiles to ensure that conventional ammunition is not being loaded into the shotgun.

Absent compelling circumstances, deputies who must transition from conventional ammunition to kinetic energy projectiles will employ the two-person rule for loading. The two-person rule is a safety measure in which a second deputy watches the unloading and loading process to ensure that the weapon is completely emptied of conventional ammunition.

303.10 TRAINING FOR CONTROL DEVICES

The Undersheriff shall ensure that all personnel who are authorized to carry a control device have been properly trained and certified to carry the specific control device and are retrained or recertified as necessary.

(a) Proficiency training shall be monitored and documented by a certified, control-device weapons or tactics instructor.

(b) All training and proficiency for control devices will be documented in the deputy's training file.

(c) Deputies who fail to demonstrate proficiency with the control device or knowledge of this agency's Use of Force Policy will be provided remedial training. If a deputy cannot demonstrate proficiency with a control device or knowledge of this agency's Use of Force Policy after remedial training, the deputy will be restricted from carrying the control device and may be subject to discipline.

303.11 REPORTING USE OF CONTROL DEVICES AND TECHNIQUES

Any application of a control device or technique listed in this policy shall be documented in the related incident report and reported pursuant to the Use of Force Policy.

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Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW)

304.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for the issuance and use of Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEW).

304.2 POLICY

The CEW is intended to control a violent or potentially violent individual, while minimizing the risk of serious injury. The appropriate use of such a device should result in fewer serious injuries to deputies and suspects.

304.3 ISSUANCE OF AND CARRYING CONDUCTED ELECTRICAL WEAPONS

Only members who have successfully completed department-approved training may be issued and carry the Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW).

CEWs are issued for use during a member's current assignment. Those leaving a particular assignment may be required to return the device to the departments inventory.

Deputies shall only use the CEW and cartridges that have been issued by the Department. Uniformed deputies who have been issued the CEW shall wear the device in an approved holster on their person. Non-uniformed deputies may secure the CEW in the driver's compartment of their vehicle.

Members carrying the CEW should perform a spark test on the unit prior to every shift.

When carried while in uniform, deputies shall carry the CEW in a weak-side holster on the side opposite the duty weapon.

(a) All CEWs shall be clearly and distinctly marked to differentiate them from the duty weapon and any other device.

(b) Whenever practicable, deputies should carry two or more cartridges on their person when carrying the CEW.

(c) Deputies shall be responsible for ensuring that their issued CEW is properly maintained and in good working order.

(d) Deputies should not hold both a firearm and the CEW at the same time.

304.4 VERBAL AND VISUAL WARNINGS

A verbal warning of the intended use of the Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW) should precede its application, unless it would otherwise endanger the safety of deputies or when it is not practicable due to the circumstances. The purpose of the warning is to:

(a) Provide the individual with a reasonable opportunity to voluntarily comply.

(b) Provide other deputies and individuals with a warning that the CEW may be deployed.

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If, after a verbal warning, an individual is unwilling to voluntarily comply with a deputy's lawful orders and it appears both reasonable and feasible under the circumstances, the deputy may, but is not required to, display the electrical arc (provided that a cartridge has not been loaded into the device), or the laser in a further attempt to gain compliance prior to the application of the CEW. The aiming laser should never be intentionally directed into the eyes of another as it may permanently impair his/her vision.

The fact that a verbal or other warning was given or the reasons it was not given shall be documented by the deputy deploying the CEW in the related report.

304.5 USE OF THE CONDUCTED ELECTRICAL WEAPON

The Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW) has limitations and restrictions requiring consideration before its use. The CEW should only be used when its operator can safely approach the subject within the operational range of the device. Although the CEW is generally effective in controlling most individuals, deputies should be aware that the device may not achieve the intended results and be prepared with other options.

304.5.1 APPLICATION OF THE CONDUCTED ELECTRICAL WEAPON

The Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW) may be used in any of the following circumstances, when the circumstances perceived by the deputy at the time indicate that such application is reasonably necessary to control a person:

(a) The subject is violent or is physically resisting.

(b) The subject has demonstrated, by words or action, an intention to be violent or to physically resist, and reasonably appears to present the potential to harm deputies, him/herself or others.

Mere flight from a pursuing deputy, without other known circumstances or factors, is not good cause for the use of the CEW to apprehend an individual.

304.5.2 SPECIAL DEPLOYMENT CONSIDERATIONS

The use of the Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW) on certain individuals should generally be avoided unless the totality of the circumstances indicates that other available options reasonably appear ineffective or would present a greater danger to the deputy, the subject or others, and the deputy reasonably believes that the need to control the individual outweighs the risk of using the device. This includes:

(a) Individuals who are known to be pregnant.

(b) Elderly individuals or obvious juveniles.

(c) Individuals with obviously low body mass.

(d) Individuals who are handcuffed or otherwise restrained.

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(e) Individuals who have been recently sprayed with a flammable chemical agent or who are otherwise in close proximity to any known combustible vapor or flammable material, including alcohol-based oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray.

(f) Individuals whose position or activity may result in collateral injury (e.g., falls from height, operating vehicles).

Because the application of the CEW in the drive-stun mode (i.e., direct contact without probes) relies primarily on pain compliance, the use of the drive-stun mode generally should be limited to supplementing the probe-mode to complete the circuit, or as a distraction technique to gain separation between deputies and the subject, thereby giving deputies time and distance to consider other force options or actions.

The CEW shall not be used to psychologically torment, elicit statements or to punish any individual.

304.5.3 TARGETING CONSIDERATIONS

Reasonable efforts should be made to target lower center mass and avoid the head, neck, chest and groin. If the dynamics of a situation or officer safety do not permit the deputy to limit the application of the CEW probes to a precise target area, deputies should monitor the condition of the subject if one or more probes strikes the head, neck, chest or groin until the subject is examined by paramedics or other medical personnel.

304.5.4 MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS OF THE CEW

Deputies should apply the Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW) for only one standard cycle and then evaluate the situation before applying any subsequent cycles. Multiple applications of the CEW against a single individual are generally not recommended and should be avoided unless the deputy reasonably believes that the need to control the individual outweighs the potentially increased risk posed by multiple applications.

If the first application of the CEW appears to be ineffective in gaining control of an individual, the deputy should consider certain factors before additional applications of the CEW, including:

(a) Whether the probes are making proper contact.

(b) Whether the individual has the ability and has been given a reasonable opportunity to comply.

(c) Whether verbal commands, other options or tactics may be more effective.

Deputies should generally not intentionally apply more than one CEW at a time against a single subject.

304.5.5 ACTIONS FOLLOWING DEPLOYMENTS

Deputies shall notify a supervisor of all Conducted Electrical Weapon discharges. Confetti tags should be collected and the expended cartridge, along with both probes and wire, should be submitted into evidence. The cartridge serial number should be noted and documented on

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the evidence paperwork. The evidence packaging should be marked "Biohazard" if the probes penetrated the subject's skin.

304.5.6 DANGEROUS ANIMALS
The Conducted Electrical Weapon may be deployed against an animal as part of a plan to deal with a potentially dangerous animal, such as a dog, if the animal reasonably appears to pose an imminent threat to human safety and alternative methods are not reasonably available or would likely be ineffective.

304.5.7 OFF-DUTY CONSIDERATIONS
Deputies are not authorized to carry department CEWs while off-duty.

Deputies shall ensure that CEWs are secured while in their homes, vehicles or any other area under their control, in a manner that will keep the device inaccessible to others.

304.6 DOCUMENTATION
Deputies shall document all Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW) discharges in the related arrest/crime report, and a Use of Force report. . Notification shall also be made to a supervisor in compliance with the Use of Force Policy. Unintentional discharges, pointing the device at a person, laser activation and arcing the device will also be documented on the Use of Force report and on the EMDT device report form.

304.6.1 REPORTS
The deputy should include the following in the arrest/crime report:

(a) Identification of all personnel firing Conducted Electrical Weapons

(b) Identification of all witnesses

(c) Medical care provided to the subject

(d) Observations of the subject's physical and physiological actions

(e) Any known or suspected drug use, intoxication or other medical problems

304.7 MEDICAL TREATMENT
Consistent with local medical personnel protocols and absent extenuating circumstances, only appropriate medical personnel should remove Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW) probes from the sensitive areas of a person's body. Sensitive areas include head, face, neck, female breasts, groin. EMDT device probes that are not in the described sensitive areas may be removed by trained personnel. Used CEW probes shall be treated as a sharps biohazard, similar to a used hypodermic needle, and handled appropriately. Universal precautions should be taken.

All persons who have been struck by CEW probes, or who have been subjected to the electrical discharge of the device shall be medically assessed prior to booking. Medical evaluation should be completed at the jail. Additionally, any such individual who falls under any of the following

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categories should, as soon as practicable, be examined by paramedics or other qualified medical personnel:

(a) The person is suspected of being under the influence of controlled substances and/or alcohol.

(b) The person may be pregnant.

(c) The person reasonably appears to be in need of medical attention.

(d) The CEW probes are lodged in a sensitive area (e.g., groin, female breast, head, face, neck).

(e) The person requests medical treatment.

Any individual exhibiting signs of distress or who is exposed to multiple or prolonged applications (i.e., more than 15 seconds) shall be transported to a medical facility for examination or medically evaluated prior to booking. If any individual refuses medical attention, such a refusal should be witnessed by another deputy and/or medical personnel and shall be fully documented in related reports. If an audio recording is made of the contact or an interview with the individual, any refusal should be included, if possible.

The transporting deputy shall inform any person providing medical care or receiving custody that the individual has been subjected to the application of the CEW.

304.8 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

When possible, supervisors should respond to calls when they reasonably believe there is a likelihood the Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW) may be used. A supervisor should respond to all incidents where the CEW was activated.

A supervisor should review each incident where a person has been exposed to an activation of the CEW. The device’s onboard memory should be downloaded through the data port by a supervisor or EMDT Instructor and saved with the related arrest/crime report. Photographs of probe sites should be taken and witnesses interviewed.

304.9 TRAINING

Personnel who are authorized to carry the Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW) shall be permitted to do so only after successfully completing the initial department-approved training. Any personnel who have not carried the CEW as a part of their assignment for a period of six months or more shall be recertified by a department-approved CEW instructor prior to again carrying or using the device.

Proficiency training for personnel who have been issued CEWs should occur every year. A reassessment of a deputy’s knowledge and/or practical skill may be required at any time if deemed appropriate by the Undersheriff. All training and proficiency for CEWs will be documented in the deputy’s training file.

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Command staff, supervisors and investigators should receive CEW training as appropriate for the investigations they conduct and review.

Deputies who do not carry CEWs should receive training that is sufficient to familiarize them with the device and with working with deputies who use the device.

The Undersheriff is responsible for ensuring that all members who carry CEWs have received initial and annual proficiency training. Periodic audits should be used for verification.

Application of CEWs during training could result in injury to personnel and should not be mandatory for certification.

The Undersheriff should ensure that all training includes:

(a) A review of this policy.

(b) A review of the Use of Force Policy.

(c) Performing weak-hand draws or cross-draws to reduce the possibility of unintentionally drawing and firing a firearm.

(d) Target area considerations, to include techniques or options to reduce the unintentional application of probes near the head, neck, chest and groin.

(e) Handcuffing a subject during the application of the CEW and transitioning to other force options.

(f) De-escalation techniques.

(g) Restraint techniques that do not impair respiration following the application of the CEW.

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Officer-Involved Shootings and Deaths

305.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish policy and procedures for the investigation of an incident in which a person is injured or dies as the result of an officer-involved shooting or dies as a result of other action of a deputy.

In other incidents not covered by this policy, the Sheriff may decide that the investigation will follow the process provided in this policy.

305.2 INVESTIGATION RESPONSIBILITY

This department conforms to the Columbia County Deadly Physical Force Plan and the Columbia County Major Crimes Team agreement Officer-involved Shooting Protocol and any other regional OIS protocol as established by law for investigating officer involved shootings.

305.3 TYPES OF INVESTIGATIONS

Officer-involved shootings and deaths involve several separate investigations. The investigations may include:

(a) A criminal investigation of the suspect's actions.

(b) A criminal investigation of the involved officer's actions.

(c) An administrative investigation as to policy compliance by involved deputies.

(d) A civil investigation to determine potential liability.

305.4 CONTROL OF INVESTIGATIONS

Investigators from surrounding agencies may be assigned to work on the criminal investigation of officer-involved shootings and deaths. This may include at least one investigator from the agency that employs the involved officer.

Jurisdiction is determined by the location of the shooting or death and the agency employing the involved officer. The following scenarios outline the jurisdictional responsibilities for investigating officer-involved shootings and deaths.

305.4.1 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OF SUSPECT ACTIONS

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the criminal investigation of the suspect’s actions, the civil investigation and the administrative investigation. The criminal investigation of the deputy-involved shooting will be conducted by this agency or an inter-agency team as designated in the Deadly Physical Force Plan and the Major Crimes Team agreement, in conjunction with the District Attorney’s Office. The investigation team shall include at least one police officer from an outside law enforcement agency (ORS 181.789).

If multiple crimes have been committed in multiple jurisdictions, identification of the agency that will control the investigation may be reached in the same way as with any other crime. The

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investigation may be conducted by the agency in control of the criminal investigation of the involved officer, at the discretion of the Sheriff and with concurrence from the other agency.

305.4.2 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OF OFFICER ACTIONS

The control of the criminal investigation into the involved deputy's conduct during the incident will be determined by the employing agency's protocol. When a deputy from this department is involved, the criminal investigation will include at least one investigator from another law enforcement agency (ORS 181A.790).

Requests made of this department to investigate a shooting or death involving an outside agency's officer shall be referred to the Sheriff or the authorized designee for approval.

305.4.3 ADMINSTRATIVE AND CIVIL INVESTIGATION

Regardless of where the incident occurs, the administrative and civil investigation of each involved officer is controlled by the respective employing agency. The agency where the incident occurred has criminal jurisdiction and is responsible for the criminal investigation of the incident. That agency may relinquish its criminal investigation of the suspect(s) to another agency. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will conduct timely civil and/or administrative investigations.

305.5 INVESTIGATION PROCESS

The following procedures are guidelines used in the investigation of an officer-involved shooting or death.

305.5.1 UNINVOLVED DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITIES

Upon arrival at the scene of an officer-involved shooting or death, the first uninvolved CCSO deputy will be the deputy-in-charge and will assume the responsibilities of a supervisor until properly relieved. This deputy should, as appropriate:

(a) Secure the scene and identify and eliminate hazards for all those involved.

(b) Take reasonable steps to obtain emergency medical attention for injured individuals.

(c) Request additional resources from the Department or other agencies.

(d) Coordinate a perimeter or pursuit of suspects.

(e) Check for injured persons and evacuate as needed.

(f) Brief the supervisor upon arrival.

305.5.2 NOTIFICATIONS

The following person(s) shall be notified as soon as practical:

- Sheriff
- Undersheriff
- District Attorney
- Interagency OIS team

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- County Attorney
- Medical Examiner (if necessary)
- Deputy representative (if requested)

All outside inquiries about the incident shall be directed to the Enforcement Lieutenant.

305.5.3 MEDIA RELATIONS

A single press release shall be prepared with input and concurrence from the supervisor and agency representative responsible for each phase of the investigation. This release will be available to the Enforcement Lieutenant, [Investigation] [Division Commander] and Public Information Officer in the event of inquiries from the media.

It will be the policy of this department to not release the identities of involved deputies absent their consent or as required by law. Moreover, no involved deputy shall be subjected to contact from the media and no involved deputy shall make any comments to the press unless authorized by the Sheriff or a [Division Commander].

Law enforcement officials receiving inquiries regarding incidents occurring in other agency jurisdictions shall refrain from public comment and will direct those inquiries to the agency having jurisdiction and primary responsibility for the investigation.

305.5.4 NOTIFICATIONS

The following persons shall be notified as soon as practicable:

- Sheriff
- [Investigation] [Division Commander]
- Columbia County Deadly Physical Force Plan rollout team
- Outside agency investigators (if appropriate)
- Supervisor supervisor
- Civil liability response team
- Psychological/peer support personnel
- Chaplain
- Medical Examiner (if necessary)
- Involved officer’s agency representative (if requested)
- Public Information Officer

305.5.5 INVOLVED OFFICERS

The following shall be considered for the involved officer:

(a) Any request for legal representation will be accommodated.

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1. Involved CCSO deputies shall not be permitted to meet collectively or in a group with an attorney or any representative prior to providing a formal interview or report.
2. Requests from involved non-CCSO officers should be referred to their employing agency.

(b) Discussions with licensed attorneys will be considered privileged as attorney-client communications.

(c) Discussions with agency representatives/employee groups will be privileged only as to the discussion of non-criminal information.

(d) A mental health professional shall be provided by the Department to each involved CCSO deputy (ORS 181A.790). An involved deputy shall attend at least one session. A mental health professional may also be provided to any other affected CCSO members, upon request.

1. Interviews with a mental health professional will be considered privileged.
2. An interview or session with a mental health professional may take place prior to the member providing a formal interview or report. However, involved members shall not be permitted to consult or meet collectively or in a group with a mental health professional prior to providing a formal interview or report.
3. The Department shall pay the costs of at least two sessions with a mental health professional and the sessions must take place within six months after the incident.
4. A separate fitness-for-duty exam may also be required (see the Fitness for Duty Policy).

(e) Communications with peer counselors are confidential (except threats of suicide or admissions of criminal conduct) and may not be disclosed by any person participating in the peer support counseling session (ORS 181A.835). To be considered confidential communications under the statute, the peer counselor must:

1. Have been designated by CCSO or employee assistance program to act as a peer counselor, and;
2. Have received training in counseling and in providing emotional and moral support to public safety personnel or emergency services personnel who have been involved in emotionally traumatic incidents by reason of their employment.

Care should be taken to preserve the integrity of any physical evidence present on the involved officer's equipment or clothing, such as blood or fingerprints, until investigators or lab personnel can properly retrieve it.

Each involved deputy shall be given reasonable paid administrative leave following an officer-involved shooting. A deputy who uses deadly force that results in the death of a person shall not be returned to a duty assignment that might place him/her in a situation in which he/she has to use deadly force until at least 72 hours immediately following the incident (ORS 181A.790). It shall be the responsibility of the Enforcement Lieutenant to make schedule adjustments to accommodate such leave.

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305.6 THE SHOOTING INCIDENT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

305.6.1 DETECTIVE PERSONNEL

Once notified of an officer-involved shooting, it shall be the responsibility of an Enforcement Division Supervisor or Commander to assign appropriate detective personnel to handle the investigation of related crimes in compliance with the Officer Involved Shooting protocol . Detectives will be assigned to work with the District Attorney's Office and may be assigned to separately handle the investigation of any related crimes not being investigated under the direction of the District Attorney's Office.

All related departmental reports except administrative and/or privileged reports will be forwarded to the designated detective supervisor for approval. Privileged reports shall be maintained exclusively by those personnel authorized such access. Administrative reports will be forwarded to the Undersheriff .

305.6.2 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

It shall be the policy of this department to utilize the District Attorney's Office to provide guidance in a criminal investigation into the circumstances of any officer-involved shooting involving injury or death.

If available, detective personnel from this department may be assigned to "partner" with investigators from the interagency investigative team so as to not duplicate efforts in related criminal investigations.

Once public safety issues have been addressed, criminal investigators will be given the next opportunity to interview involved deputies in order to provide them with an opportunity to give a voluntary statement. The following shall be considered for the involved deputy:

(a) Supervisors and Supervisor personnel should not participate directly in any voluntary interview of deputies. This will not prohibit such personnel from monitoring such interviews or indirectly providing areas for inquiry.

(b) If requested, any involved deputy will be afforded the opportunity to consult individually with a representative of his/her choosing or an attorney, prior to speaking with criminal investigators. However, in order to maintain the integrity of each individual deputy's statement, involved deputies shall not consult or meet with a representative or attorney collectively or in groups prior to being interviewed.

(c) Any voluntary statement provided by the deputy will be made available for inclusion in the administrative or other related investigations.

(d) Absent consent from the involved deputy or as required by law, no administratively coerced statements will be provided to any criminal investigators.

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305.6.3 REPORTS BY INVOLVED CCSO PERSONNEL

In the event that suspects remain outstanding or subject to prosecution for related offenses, this department shall retain the authority to require involved deputies to provide sufficient information for related criminal reports to facilitate the apprehension and prosecution of those individuals.

While the involved deputy may write the report, it is generally recommended that such reports be completed by assigned investigators who should interview involved deputies as victims/witnesses. Since the purpose of these reports will be to facilitate criminal prosecution, statements of involved deputies should focus on evidence to establish the elements of criminal activities by involved suspects. Care should be taken not to duplicate information provided by involved deputies in other reports.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to deprive an involved deputy of the right to consult with legal counsel prior to completing any such criminal report.

Reports related to the prosecution of criminal suspects will be processed according to normal procedures, but should also be included for reference in the investigation of the officer-involved shooting.

305.7 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION

In addition to all other investigations associated with an officer-involved shooting, this department will conduct an internal administrative investigation to determine conformance with department policy. This investigation will be conducted under the supervision of the Supervisor and will be considered a confidential peace officer personnel file.

(a) Any deputy involved in a shooting may be administratively compelled to provide a blood sample for alcohol/drug screening. Absent consent from the deputy, such compelled samples and the results of any such testing shall not be disclosed to any criminal investigative agency.

(b) If any deputy has voluntarily elected to provide a statement to criminal investigators, the assigned administrative investigator should review that statement before proceeding with any further interview of that involved deputy.

    1. If a further interview of the deputy is deemed necessary to determine policy compliance, care should be taken to limit the inquiry to new areas with minimal, if any, duplication of questions addressed in the voluntary statement. The involved deputy shall be provided with a copy of his or her prior statement before proceeding with any subsequent interviews.

(c) In the event that an involved deputy has elected to not provide criminal investigators with a voluntary statement, or if there are additional issues that were not covered in the criminal investigation, the assigned administrative investigator shall conduct an administrative interview to determine all relevant information.

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1. Although this interview should not be unreasonably delayed, care should be taken to ensure that the deputy's physical and psychological needs have been addressed before commencing the interview.
2. If requested, the deputy shall have the opportunity to select an uninvolved representative to be present during the interview. However, in order to maintain the integrity of each individual deputy's statement, involved deputies shall not consult or meet with a representative or attorney collectively or in groups prior to being interviewed.
3. Administrative interviews should be recorded by the investigator (the deputy may also record the interview.
4. The deputy shall be informed of all constitutional *Miranda* rights and, assuming no voluntary waiver, will then be given an administrative order to provide full and truthful answers to all questions. The deputy shall be informed, however, that the interview will be for administrative purposes only and that the statement cannot be used criminally (The *Garrity* admonishment).
5. The administrative interview shall be considered part of the deputy's confidential personnel file.
6. The Supervisor shall compile all relevant information and reports necessary for the Department to determine compliance with applicable policies.
7. The completed administrative investigation shall be submitted to the Use of Deadly Force Review Board, which will restrict its findings as to whether there was compliance with the Department use of deadly force policy .
8. Any other indications of potential policy violations shall be determined in accordance with standard disciplinary procedures.

305.8 CIVIL LIABILITY RESPONSE

A member of this department may be assigned to work exclusively under the direction of the legal counsel for the Department to assist in the preparation of materials deemed necessary in anticipation of potential civil litigation.

All materials generated in this capacity shall be considered attorney work product and may not be used for any other purpose. The civil liability response is not intended to interfere with any other investigation but shall be given reasonable access to all other investigations.

305.9 DEBRIEFING

Following an officer-involved shooting or death, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office should conduct both a critical incident/stress debriefing and a tactical debriefing.

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305.9.1 CRITICAL INCIDENT/STRESS DEBRIEFING

A critical incident/stress debriefing should occur as soon as practicable. The Undersheriff or Enforcement lieutenant is responsible for organizing the debriefing. Notes and recorded statements should not be taken because the sole purpose of the debriefing is to help mitigate the stress-related effects of a traumatic event.

The debriefing is not part of any investigative process. Care should be taken not to release or repeat any communication made during a debriefing unless otherwise authorized by policy, law or a valid court order.

Attendance at the debriefing shall only include those members of the Department directly involved in the incident, which can include support personnel . Family or other support personnel may attend with the concurrence of those involved in the incident. The debriefing shall be closed to the public and should be closed to all other members of the Department, including supervisory personnel.

305.9.2 TACTICAL DEBRIEFING

A tactical debriefing should take place to identify any training or areas of policy that need improvement. The Sheriff should identify the appropriate participants. This debriefing should not be conducted until all involved members have provided recorded or formal statements to criminal and/or administrative investigators.

305.10 MEDIA RELATIONS

Any media release shall be prepared with input and concurrence from the supervisor and department representative responsible for each phase of the investigation. Releases will be available to the Enforcement Lieutenant, Undersheriff and Sheriff in the event of inquiries from the media.

No involved CCSO deputyshall make any comment to the media unless he/she is authorized by the Sheriff or Undersheriff.

Department members receiving inquiries regarding officer-involved shootings or deaths occurring in other jurisdictions shall refrain from public comment and will direct those inquiries to the agency having jurisdiction and primary responsibility for the investigation.

305.11 REPORTING

If the death of an individual resulted from an officer use of deadly force and occurred in the Columbia County Sheriff's Office jurisdiction, the Enforcement Lieutenant or Undersheriff will ensure that the Support Services Supervisor is provided with enough information to meet the reporting requirements to the Department of Justice (ORS 181.789).

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Firearms

306.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for issuing firearms, the safe and legal carrying of firearms, firearms maintenance and firearms training.

This policy does not apply to issues related to the use of firearms that are addressed in the Use of Force or Officer-Involved Shootings and Deaths policies.

This policy only applies to those members who are authorized to carry firearms.

306.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will equip its members with firearms to address the risks posed to the public and department members by violent and sometimes well-armed persons. The Department will ensure firearms are appropriate and in good working order and that relevant training is provided as resources allow.

306.3 AUTHORIZED FIREARMS, AMMUNITION AND OTHER WEAPONS

Members shall only use firearms that are issued or approved by the Department and have been thoroughly inspected by the Rangemaster. Except in an emergency or as directed by a supervisor, no firearm shall be carried by a member who has not qualified with that firearm at an authorized department range.

All other weapons not provided by the Department, including, but not limited to, edged weapons, chemical or electronic weapons, impact weapons or any weapon prohibited or restricted by law or that is not covered elsewhere by department policy, may not be carried by members in the performance of their official duties without the express written authorization of the member’s [Division Commander]. This exclusion does not apply to the carrying of a single folding pocketknife that is not otherwise prohibited by law.

306.3.1 SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

(a) Deputies shall not unnecessarily display or handle any firearm.

(b) Deputies shall be governed by all rules and regulations pertaining to the use of the range and shall obey all orders issued by the Rangemaster. Deputies shall not dry fire or practice quick draws except under Rangemaster supervision.

(c) Deputies shall not clean, repair, load or unload a firearm anywhere in the Department, except where clearing barrels are present.

(d) Shotguns or rifles removed from vehicles or the equipment storage room shall be loaded and unloaded in the parking lot and outside of the vehicle.

(e) Deputies shall not place or store any firearm or other weapon on Department premises except where the place of storage is locked. No one shall carry firearms into the jail section

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or any part thereof when securing or processing a prisoner, but shall place all firearms in a secured location. It shall be the responsibility of the releasing deputy to make sure that persons from outside agencies do not enter the jail section with any firearm.

(f) Deputies shall not use any automatic weapon, heavy caliber rifle, gas or other type of chemical weapon from the armory, except with approval of a supervisor.

(g) Any weapon authorized by the department to be carried on- or off-duty, that is found by the deputy to be malfunctioning or needing service, shall not be carried. It shall be promptly presented to the department Rangemaster for inspection. Any weapon determined to be in need of service or repair during an inspection by a department Rangemaster, will be immediately removed from service. If the weapon is the deputy's primary duty weapon, a replacement weapon will be issued until the duty weapon is serviceable.

306.3.2 SHOTGUNS

The authorized department-issued shotgun is of the make, model and caliber curently authorized by the agency.

When not deployed, the shotgun shall be properly secured consistent with department training in a locking weapons rack in the patrol vehicle.

306.3.3 PATROL RIFLES

The Department may issue patrol rifles to Deputies when deemed appropriate. The patrol rifle issued will be of the currently authorized make and model of Patrol Rifle.

Members may deploy the patrol rifle in any circumstance where the member can articulate a reasonable expectation that the rifle may be needed. Examples of some general guidelines for deploying the patrol rifle include, but are not limited to:

(a) Situations where the member reasonably anticipates an armed encounter.

(b) When a member is faced with a situation that may require accurate and effective fire at long range.

(c) Situations where a member reasonably expects the need to meet or exceed a suspect's firepower.

(d) When a member reasonably believes that there may be a need to fire on a barricaded person or a person with a hostage.

(e) When a member reasonably believes that a suspect may be wearing body armor.

(f) When authorized or requested by a supervisor.

(g) When needed to euthanize an animal.

When not deployed, the patrol rifle shall be properly secured in a locking weapons rack in the patrol vehicle with the chamber empty, magazine loaded and inserted into the magazine well, the bolt forward with the dust cover closed, the trigger pulled to release the hammer and the selector lever in the fire position (selector lever cannot be in the safe position with the hammer released).

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306.3.4 PERSONALLY OWNED DUTY FIREARMS

Members who are non-probationary desiring to carry an authorized but personally owned duty firearm must receive approval from the Sheriff or the authorized designee. Once approved, personally owned duty firearms are subject to the following restrictions:

(a) The firearm shall be in good working order and of any reputable manufacturer.

(b) The firearm shall be inspected by the Undersheriff Rangemaster, who will maintain a list of the information.

(c) Weapon must be chambered for .40 caliber.

306.3.5 AUTHORIZED SECONDARY HANDGUN

Members who are non-probationary desiring to carry department or personally owned secondary ("back-up") handguns are subject to the following restrictions:

(a) The handgun shall be in good working order and of any reputable manufacturer.

(b) Only one secondary handgun may be carried at a time.

(c) The purchase of the handgun and ammunition shall be the responsibility of the member unless the handgun and ammunition are provided by the Department.

(d) The handgun shall be carried concealed at all times and in such a manner as to prevent unintentional cocking, discharge or loss of physical control.

(e) The handgun shall be inspected by the Undersheriff prior to being carried and thereafter shall be subject to inspection whenever it is deemed necessaty.

(f) The weapon shall be chambered for either.38 caliber or 9 MM or larger.

(g) Prior to carrying the secondary handgun, members shall qualify under range supervision and thereafter shall qualify in accordance with the department qualification schedule. Members must demonstrate proficiency and safe handling, and that the handgun functions properly.

(h) Members shall provide written notice of the make, model, color, serial number and caliber of a secondary handgun to the Rangemaster, who will maintain a list of the information.

306.3.6 AUTHORIZED OFF-DUTY FIREARMS

The carrying of firearms by members while off-duty is permitted by the Sheriff for both probationary and non-probationary members, but may be rescinded should circumstances dictate (e.g., administrative leave). Members who choose to carry a firearm while off-duty, based on their authority as peace officers, will be required to meet the following guidelines:

(a) The purchase of the personally owned firearm and ammunition shall be the responsibility of the member.

(b) The firearm shall be carried concealed at all times and in such a manner as to prevent unintentional cocking, discharge or loss of physical control.

(c) When armed, deputies shall carry their badges and Columbia County Sheriff's Office identification cards under circumstances requiring possession of such identification.

306.4 FIREARMS QUALIFICATIONS

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All sworn personnel are required to qualify at six-month intervals with their duty weapon on an approved range course. The Rangemaster shall keep accurate records of quarterly qualifications, repairs, maintenance, training or as directed by the Undersheriff. In addition to regular qualification schedules, the Rangemaster shall be responsible for providing all sworn personnel with annual practical training designed to simulate field situations. At least annually, all personnel carrying a firearm will receive training on, and demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the department Use of Force policy.

All firearms proficiency training and qualification courses shall be conducted under the supervision of currently certified firearms instructors.

306.4.1 NON QUALIFICATION

If any deputy is unable to qualify for any reason, including injury, illness, duty status, or scheduling conflict, that deputy shall submit a memorandum to his or her immediate supervisor prior to the end of the required shooting period.

Members who repeatedly fail to qualify will be relieved from field assignment and appropriate disciplinary action may follow.

Sworn members who fail to qualify on their first shooting attempt shall be provided remedial training until proficiency is demonstrated and will be subject to the following requirements:

(a) Additional range assignments may be required until consistent weapon proficiency is demonstrated.

(b) Members shall be given credit for a range qualification after remedial training and a qualifying score is obtained.

(c) No range credit will be given for the following:

  1. Unauthorized range make-up.
  2. Failure to qualify after remedial training.

306.4.2 HOLSTERS

Only department-approved holsters—including backup weapon holsters— shall be used and worn by members when on duty. Members shall periodically inspect their holsters to make sure they are serviceable and provide the proper security and retention of the handgun.

306.4.3 TACTICAL LIGHTS

Tactical lights may only be installed on a firearm carried on- or off-duty after they have been examined and approved by the Rangemaster. Once the approved tactical lights have been properly installed on any firearm, the member shall qualify with the firearm to ensure proper functionality and sighting of the firearm prior to carrying it.

306.4.4 OPTICS OR LASER SIGHTS

Only department owned and issued optics or laser sights are authorized for use on any authorized firearm.

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Optics or laser sights may only be installed on a firearm carried on- or off-duty after they have been examined and approved by the Rangemaster. Any approved sight shall only be installed in strict accordance with manufacturer specifications. Once approved sights have been properly installed on any firearm, the member shall qualify with the firearm to ensure proper functionality and sighting of the firearm prior to carrying it.

Except in an approved training situation, a member may only sight in on a target when the member would otherwise be justified in pointing a firearm at the target.

306.5 SAFE HANDLING, INSPECTION AND STORAGE

Members shall maintain the highest level of safety when handling firearms and shall consider the following:

(a) Members shall not unnecessarily display or handle any firearm.

(b) Members shall be governed by all rules and regulations pertaining to the use of the range and shall obey all orders issued by the Rangemaster. Members shall not dry fire or practice quick draws except as instructed by the Rangemaster or other firearms training staff.

(c) Members shall not clean, repair, load or unload a firearm anywhere in the Department, except where clearing barrels are present.

(d) Shotguns or rifles removed from vehicles or the equipment storage room shall be loaded and unloaded in the parking lot and outside of the vehicle, using clearing barrels.

(e) Members shall not place or store any firearm or other weapon on department premises except where the place of storage is locked. No one shall carry firearms into the jail section or any part thereof when securing or processing an arrestee, but shall place all firearms in a secured location. Members providing access to the jail section to persons from outside agencies are responsible for ensuring firearms are not brought into the jail section.

(f) Members shall not use any automatic firearm, heavy caliber rifle, gas or other type of chemical weapon or firearm from the armory, except with approval of a supervisor.

(g) Any firearm authorized by the Department to be carried on- or off-duty that is determined by a member to be malfunctioning or in need of service or repair shall not be carried. It shall be promptly presented to the Department or a Rangemaster approved by the Department for inspection and repair. Any firearm deemed in need of repair or service by the Rangemaster will be immediately removed from service. If the firearm is the member's primary duty firearm, a replacement firearm will be issued to the member until the duty firearm is serviceable.

306.5.1 INSPECTION AND STORAGE

Handguns shall be inspected regularly and upon access or possession by another person. Shotguns and rifles shall be inspected at the beginning of the shift by the member to whom the weapon is issued. The member shall ensure that the firearm is carried in the proper condition and loaded with approved ammunition. Inspection of the shotgun and rifle shall be done while standing outside of the patrol vehicle. All firearms shall be pointed in a safe direction or into clearing barrels.

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Personally owned firearms may be safely stored in lockers at the end of the shift. Department-owned firearms shall be stored in the appropriate equipment storage room. Handguns may remain loaded if they are secured in an appropriate holster. Shotguns and rifles shall be unloaded in a safe manner outside the building and then stored in the appropriate equipment storage room.

306.5.2 ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Firearms shall not be carried by any member, either on- or off-duty, who has consumed an amount of an alcoholic beverage, taken any drugs or medication, or has taken any combination thereof that would tend to adversely affect the member's senses or judgment.

306.6 FIREARM DISCHARGE

Except during training or recreational use, any member who discharges a firearm intentionally or unintentionally, on- or off-duty, shall make a verbal report to his/her supervisor as soon as circumstances permit. If the discharge results in injury or death to another person, additional statements and reports shall be made in accordance with the Officer-Involved Shootings and Deaths Policy. If a firearm was discharged as a use of force, the involved member shall adhere to the additional reporting requirements set forth in the Use of Force Policy.

In all other cases, written reports shall be made as follows:

(a) If on-duty at the time of the incident, the member shall file a written report with his/her [Division Commander] or provide a recorded statement to investigators prior to the end of shift, unless otherwise directed.

(b) If off-duty at the time of the incident, a written report shall be submitted or recorded statement provided no later than the end of the next regularly scheduled shift, unless otherwise directed by a supervisor.

306.7 RANGEMASTER DUTIES

The range will be under the exclusive control of the Rangemaster. All members attending will follow the directions of the Rangemaster. The Rangemaster will maintain a roster of all members attending the range and will submit the roster to the Undersheriff after each range date. Failure of any member to sign in and out with the Rangemaster may result in non-participation or non-qualification.

The range shall remain operational and accessible to department members during hours established by the Department.

The Rangemaster has the responsibility of making periodic inspection, at least once a year, of all duty firearms carried by members of this department to verify proper operation. The Rangemaster has the authority to deem any department-issued or personally owned firearm unfit for service. The member will be responsible for all repairs to his/her personally owned firearm; it will not be returned to service until it has been inspected and approved by the Rangemaster.

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The Rangemaster has the responsibility for ensuring each member meets the minimum requirements during training shoots and, on at least a yearly basis, can demonstrate proficiency in the care, cleaning and safety of all firearms the member is authorized to carry.

The Rangemaster shall complete and submit to the Undersheriff documentation of the training courses provided. Documentation shall include the qualifications of each instructor who provides the training, a description of the training provided and, on a form that has been approved by the Department, a list of each member who completes the training. The Rangemaster should keep accurate records of all training shoots, qualifications, repairs, maintenance or other records as directed by the Undersheriff.

306.8 FLYING WHILE ARMED

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has imposed rules governing law enforcement officers flying armed on commercial aircraft. The following requirements apply to deputies who intend to be armed while flying on a commercial air carrier or flights where screening is conducted (49 CFR 1544.219):

(a) Deputies wishing to fly while armed must be flying in an official capacity, not for vacation or pleasure, and must have a need to have the firearm accessible, as determined by the Department based on the law and published TSA rules.

(b) Deputies must carry their Columbia County Sheriff's Office identification card, bearing the deputy’s name, a full-face photograph, identification number, the deputy’s signature and the signature of the Sheriff or the official seal of the Department and must present this identification to airline officials when requested. The deputy should also carry the standard photo identification needed for passenger screening by airline and TSA officials (e.g., driver license, passport).

(c) The Columbia County Sheriff's Office must submit a National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS) message prior to the Deputy’s travel. If approved, TSA will send the Columbia County Sheriff's Office an NLETS message containing a unique alphanumeric identifier. The deputy must present the message on the day of travel to airport personnel as authorization to travel while armed.

(d) An official letter signed by the Sheriff authorizing armed travel may also accompany the deputy. The letter should outline the deputy’s need to fly armed, detail his/her itinerary, and include that the deputy has completed the mandatory TSA training for a law enforcement officer flying while armed.

(e) Deputies must have completed the mandated TSA security training covering deputies flying while armed. The training shall be given by the department-appointed instructor.

(f) It is the deputy’s responsibility to notify the air carrier in advance of the intended armed travel. This notification should be accomplished by early check-in at the carrier’s check-in counter.

(g) Any deputy flying while armed should discreetly contact the flight crew prior to take-off and notify them of his/her assigned seat.

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(h) Discretion must be used to avoid alarming passengers or crew by displaying a firearm. The deputy must keep the firearm concealed on his/her person at all times. Firearms are not permitted in carry-on luggage and may not be stored in an overhead compartment.

(i) Deputies should try to resolve any problems associated with flying armed through the flight captain, ground security manager, TSA representative or other management representative of the air carrier.

(j) Deputies shall not consume alcoholic beverages while aboard an aircraft, or within eight hours prior to boarding an aircraft.

306.9 CARRYING FIREARMS OUT OF STATE

Qualified, active, full-time deputies of this department are authorized to carry a concealed firearm in all other states subject to the following conditions (18 USC § 926B):

(a) Thedeputy shall carry his/her Columbia County Sheriff's Office identification card whenever carrying such firearm.

(b) The deputy is not the subject of any current disciplinary action.

(c) The deputy may not be under the influence of alcohol or any other intoxicating or hallucinatory drug.

(d) The deputy will remain subject to this and all other department policies (including qualifying and training).

Deputies are cautioned that individual states may enact local regulations that permit private persons or entities to prohibit or restrict the possession of concealed firearms on their property, or that prohibit or restrict the possession of firearms on any state or local government property, installation, building, base or park. Federal authority may not shield a deputy from arrest and prosecution in such locally restricted areas.

Active law enforcement officers from other states are subject to all requirements set forth in 18 USC § 926B.

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Deputies are cautioned that individual states may enact local regulations that permit private persons or entities to prohibit or restrict the possession of concealed firearms on their property,

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or that prohibit or restrict the possession of firearms on any state or local government property, installation, building, base or park. Federal authority may not shield a deputy from arrest and prosecution in such locally restricted areas.

Active peace officers from other states are subject to all requirements set forth in 18 USC § 926B.

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Vehicle Pursuits

307.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Vehicle pursuits expose innocent citizens, law enforcement officers and fleeing violators to the risk of serious injury or death. The primary purpose of this policy is to provide deputies with guidance in balancing the safety of the public and themselves against law enforcement's duty to apprehend violators of the law. Another purpose of this policy is to minimize the potential for pursuit-related collisions. Vehicular pursuits require deputies to exhibit a high degree of common sense and sound judgment. Deputies must not forget that the immediate apprehension of a suspect is generally not more important than the safety of the public and pursuing deputies.

Deciding whether to pursue a motor vehicle is a critical decision that must be made quickly and under difficult and unpredictable circumstances. In recognizing the potential risk to public safety created by vehicular pursuits, no deputy or supervisor shall be criticized or disciplined for deciding not to engage in a vehicular pursuit because of the risk involved. This includes circumstances where Department policy would permit the initiation or continuation of the pursuit. It is recognized that vehicular pursuit situations are not always predictable and decisions made pursuant to this policy will be evaluated according to the totality of the circumstances reasonably available at the time of the pursuit.

Deputies must remember that the most important factors to the successful conclusion of a pursuit are proper self-discipline and sound professional judgment. Deputies' conduct during the course of a pursuit must be objectively reasonable; that is, what a reasonable deputy would do under the circumstances. An unreasonable individual’s desire to apprehend a fleeing suspect at all costs has no place in professional law enforcement.

307.2 DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITIES

While engaging in a vehicle pursuit Deputies must drive with due regard for the safety of all other persons. However, while engaging in a vehicle pursuit, deputies are generally not required to follow the rules of the road (ORS 820.300). This exemption only applies to emergency vehicles using emergency lights and sirens (ORS 820.300; ORS 820.320). This following policy is established to provide Deputies with guidelines for driving with due regard and caution for the safety of all persons, as required by ORS 820.300(2).

307.2.1 WHEN TO INITIATE A PURSUIT

Deputies are authorized to initiate a pursuit when it is reasonable to believe that a suspect is attempting to evade arrest or detention by fleeing in a vehicle.

The following factors individually and collectively shall be considered in deciding whether to initiate a pursuit:

(a) Seriousness of the known or reasonably suspected crime and its relationship to community safety.

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(b) The importance of protecting the public and balancing the known or reasonably suspected offense and the apparent need for immediate capture against the risks to deputies, innocent motorists and others.

(c) Apparent nature of the fleeing suspects (e.g., whether the suspects represent a serious threat to public safety).

(d) The identity of the suspects has been verified and there is comparatively minimal risk in allowing the suspects to be apprehended at a later time.

(e) Safety of the public in the area of the pursuit, including the type of area, time of day, the amount of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and the speed of the pursuit relative to these factors.

(f) Pursuing deputy's familiarity with the area of the pursuit, the quality of radio communications between the pursuing units and the dispatcher/supervisor and the driving capabilities of the pursuing deputies under the conditions of the pursuit.

(g) Weather, traffic and road conditions that substantially increase the danger of the pursuit beyond the worth of apprehending the suspect.

(h) Performance capabilities of the vehicles used in the pursuit in relation to the speeds and other conditions of the pursuit.

(i) The emergency equipment present on the vehicles used in the pursuit.

(j) Vehicle speeds.

(k) Other persons in or on the pursued vehicle (e.g., passengers, co-offenders and hostages).

(l) Availability of other resources such as helicopter assistance.

(m) The sheriff's unit is carrying passengers other than sheriff's deputies. Pursuits should not be undertaken with a prisoners in the police vehicle.

307.2.2 WHEN TO TERMINATE A PURSUIT

Pursuits should be discontinued whenever the totality of objective circumstances known or which reasonably ought to be known to the deputy or supervisor during the pursuit indicates that the present risks of continuing the pursuit reasonably appear to outweigh the risks resulting from the suspects’ escape.

The factors listed in WHEN TO INITIATE A PURSUIT are expressly included herein and will apply equally to the decision to discontinue as well as the decision to initiate a pursuit. Deputies and supervisors must objectively and continuously weigh the seriousness of the offense against the potential danger to innocent motorists and themselves when electing to continue a pursuit. In the context of this policy, the term terminate shall be construed to mean discontinue or to stop chasing the fleeing vehicles.

In addition to the factors listed in the When to Initiate a Pursuit subsection of this policy, the following factors should also be considered in deciding whether to terminate a pursuit:

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(a) Distance between the pursuing deputies and the fleeing vehicles is so great that further pursuit would be futile or require the pursuit to continue for an unreasonable time and/or distance.

(b) Pursued vehicle's location is no longer definitely known.

(c) Deputy's pursuit vehicle sustains any type of damage that renders it unsafe to drive.

(d) Extended pursuits of violators for misdemeanors not involving violence or risk of serious harm (independent of the pursuit) are discouraged.

(e) Hazards to uninvolved bystanders or motorists.

(f) If the identity of the offender is known and it does not reasonably appear that the need for immediate capture outweighs the risks associated with continuing the pursuit, deputies should strongly consider discontinuing the pursuit and apprehending the offender at a later time.

(g) Directed by a supervisor.

307.2.3 SPEED LIMITS

The speed of a pursuit is a factor that should be evaluated on a continuing basis by the deputy and supervisor. Evaluation of vehicle speeds shall take into consideration public safety, officer safety and the safety of the occupants of the fleeing vehicle.

Should high vehicle speeds be reached during a pursuit, deputies and supervisors shall also consider these factors when determining the reasonableness of the speed of the pursuit:

(a) Whether the pursuit speeds are unsafe for the surrounding conditions.

(b) Whether the speeds being reached are beyond the driving ability of the deputy.

(c) Whether the speeds are beyond the capabilities of the police vehicle thus making its operation unsafe.

307.3 PURSUIT UNITS

Pursuit units should be limited to two vehicles; however, the number of units involved will vary with the circumstances. A deputy or supervisor may request additional units to join a pursuit if, after assessing the factors outlined above, it appears that the number of deputies involved would be insufficient to safely arrest the suspects. All other deputies should stay out of the pursuit, but should remain alert to its progress and location. Any deputy who drops out of a pursuit may then, if necessary, proceed to the termination point at legal speeds, following the appropriate rules of the road.

307.3.1 MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS

A distinctively marked patrol vehicle equipped with emergency overhead lighting should replace a sheriff's motorcycle as primary and/or secondary pursuit unit as soon as practical.

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307.3.2 VEHICLES WITHOUT OVERHEAD LIGHT BARS

Absent a reasonable alternative, and then only when human life is in immediate danger, department vehicles not equipped with emergency lights and siren are prohibited from initiating or joining in any pursuit. Deputies driving units without an overhead light bar should terminate their involvement in any pursuit immediately upon arrival of a sufficient number of emergency police vehicles or any police helicopter. The exemptions provided by ORS 820.300 do not apply to deputies using vehicles which do not qualify as emergency vehicles under ORS 801.260.

307.3.3 PRIMARY UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES

The initial pursuing unit will be designated as the primary pursuit unit and will be responsible for the conduct of the pursuit unless it is unable to remain reasonably close enough to the violator's vehicle. The primary responsibility of the deputy initiating the pursuit is the apprehension of the suspects without unreasonable danger to themselves or other persons.

Notify Dispatch that a vehicle pursuit has been initiated and as soon as practical provide information including, but not limited to:

(a) Reason for the pursuit.

(b) Location and direction of travel.

(c) Speed of the fleeing vehicle.

(d) Description of the fleeing vehicle and license number, if known.

(e) Number of known occupants.

(f) The identity or description of the known occupants.

(g) Information concerning the use of firearms, threat of force, injuries, hostages or other unusual hazards.

In order to concentrate on pursuit driving the primary unit should relinquish the responsibility of broadcasting the progress of the pursuit as soon as practical to a secondary unit or aircraft joining the pursuit, unless practical circumstances indicate otherwise.

307.3.4 SECONDARY UNITS RESPONSIBILITIES

The second deputy in the pursuit is responsible for the following:

(a) The deputy in the secondary unit should immediately notify the dispatcher of entry into the pursuit

(b) Remain a safe distance behind the primary unit unless directed to assume the role of primary deputy, or if the primary unit is unable to continue the pursuit

(c) The secondary deputy should be responsible for broadcasting the progress of the pursuit unless the situation indicates otherwise

307.3.5 PURSUIT DRIVING TACTICS

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The decision to use specific driving tactics requires the same assessment of considerations outlined in the factors to be considered concerning pursuit initiation and termination. The following are tactics for units involved in the pursuit:

(a) Deputies, considering their driving skills and vehicle performance capabilities, will space themselves from other involved vehicles so they are able to see and avoid hazards or react safely to maneuvers by the fleeing vehicle.

(b) Because intersections can present increased risks, the following tactics should be considered:

1. Available units not directly involved in the pursuit may proceed safely to controlled intersections ahead of the pursuit in an effort to warn cross traffic.
2. Pursuing units should exercise due caution when proceeding through controlled intersections.

(c) As a general rule, deputies should not pursue a vehicle driving left of center (wrong way) on a freeway. In the event that the pursued vehicle does so, the following tactics should be considered:

1. Requesting assistance from an air unit.
2. Maintaining visual contact with the pursued vehicle by paralleling it on the correct side of the roadway.
3. Requesting other units to observe exits available to the suspects.
4. Notifying the Oregon State Police and/or other jurisdictional agency when it appears the pursuit may enter that jurisdiction.

(d) Deputies involved in a pursuit should not attempt to pass other units unless the situation indicates otherwise or they are requested to do so by the primary unit.

307.3.6 TACTICS/PROCEDURES FOR UNITS NOT INVOLVED IN THE PURSUIT

There should be no paralleling of the pursuit route. Deputies are authorized to use emergency equipment at intersections along the pursuit path to clear intersections of vehicular and pedestrian traffic to protect the public. Deputies should remain in their assigned area and should not become involved, during or at the termination of the pursuit, unless directed by a supervisor.

Non-pursuing personnel assigned to assist at the termination of the pursuit should respond in a non-emergency manner, observing the rules of the road, unless directed otherwise by a supervisor.

The primary and secondary units should be the only units operating under emergency conditions (emergency lights and siren) unless other units are assigned to the pursuit.

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307.3.7 PURSUIT TRAILING

In the event the initiating unit from this agency either relinquishes control of the pursuit to another unit or jurisdiction, that initiating unit may, with permission of supervisor, trail the pursuit to the termination point in order to provide necessary information and assistance for the arrest of the suspects.

The term trail means to follow the path of the pursuit at a safe speed while obeying all traffic laws and without activating emergency equipment. If the pursuit is at a slow rate of speed, the trailing unit will maintain sufficient distance from the pursuit units so as to clearly indicate an absence of participation in the pursuit.

307.3.8 AIRCRAFT ASSISTANCE

When available, aircraft assistance should be requested. Once the air unit has established visual contact with the pursued vehicle, it should assume control over the pursuit. The primary and secondary ground units should consider the participation of aircraft assistance when determining whether to continue the pursuit.

The air unit should coordinate the activities of resources on the ground, report progress of the pursuit and provide deputies and supervisors with details of upcoming traffic congestion, road hazards, or other pertinent information to evaluate whether or not to continue the pursuit. If ground units are not within visual contact and the air unit determines that it is unsafe to continue the pursuit, the air unit has the authority to terminate the pursuit.

307.4 SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND RESPONSIBILITY

It is the policy of this department that available supervisory and management control will be exercised over all vehicle pursuits involving deputies from this department.

The field supervisor of the deputy initiating the pursuit, or if unavailable, the nearest field supervisor will be responsible for the following:

(a) Upon becoming aware of a pursuit, immediately ascertaining all reasonably available information to continuously assess the situation and risk factors associated with the pursuit in order to ensure that the pursuit is conducted within established department guidelines.

(b) Engaging in the pursuit, when appropriate, to provide on-scene supervision.

(c) Exercising management and control of the pursuit even if not engaged in it.

(d) Ensuring that no more than the number of required police units needed are involved in the pursuit under the guidelines set forth in this policy.

(e) Directing that the pursuit be terminated if, in his/her judgment, it is unjustified to continue the pursuit under the guidelines of this policy.

(f) Ensuring that aircraft are requested if available.

(g) Ensuring that the proper radio channel is being used.

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(h) Ensuring the notification and/or coordination of outside agencies if the pursuit either leaves or is likely to leave the jurisdiction of this agency.

(i) Control and manage CCSO units when a pursuit enters another jurisdiction.

(j) Preparing post-pursuit critique and analysis of the pursuit for training purposes.

307.4.1 ENFORCEMENT LIEUTENANT RESPONSIBILITY

Upon becoming aware that a pursuit has been initiated, the Enforcement Lieutenant should monitor and continually assess the situation and ensure the pursuit is conducted within the guidelines and requirements of this policy. The Enforcement Lieutenant has the final responsibility for the coordination, control and termination of a vehicle pursuit and shall be in overall command.

The Enforcement Lieutenant shall review all pertinent reports for content and forward to the [Division Commander].

307.5 COMMUNICATIONS

If the pursuit is confined within the County limits, radio communications will be conducted on the primary channel unless instructed otherwise by a supervisor or communications dispatcher. If the pursuit leaves the jurisdiction of this department or such is imminent, involved units should, whenever available, switch radio communications to an emergency channel most accessible by participating agencies and units.

307.5.1 COMMUNICATION CENTER RESPONSIBILITIES

Upon notification that a pursuit has been initiated, Dispatch will:

(a) Clear the channel on which the pursuit is being broadcast.

(b) Coordinate pursuit communications of the involved units and personnel.

(c) Notify and coordinate with other involved or affected agencies as practical.

(d) Ensure that a field supervisor is notified of the pursuit.

(e) Assign an incident number and log all pursuit activities.

(f) Broadcast pursuit updates as well as other pertinent information as necessary.

(g) Notify the Enforcement Lieutenant as soon as practical.

307.5.2 LOSS OF PURSUED VEHICLE

When the pursued vehicle is lost, the primary unit should broadcast pertinent information to assist other units in locating suspects. The primary unit will be responsible for coordinating any further search for either the pursued vehicle or suspects fleeing on foot.

307.6 INTER-JURISDICTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

When a pursuit enters another agency's jurisdiction, the primary deputy or supervisor, taking into consideration distance traveled, unfamiliarity with the area, and other pertinent facts, should determine whether or not to request the other agency to assume the pursuit. Unless entry into

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another jurisdiction is expected to be brief, it is generally recommended that the primary deputy or supervisor ensure that notification is provided to each outside jurisdiction into which the pursuit is reasonably expected to enter, regardless of whether or not such jurisdiction is expected to assist.

307.6.1 ASSUMPTION OF PURSUIT BY ANOTHER AGENCY

Units originally involved will discontinue the pursuit when advised that another agency has assumed the pursuit and the assistance of this agency is no longer needed. Upon discontinuing the pursuit, the primary unit may proceed upon request, with or at the direction of a supervisor, to the termination point to assist in the investigation.

The role and responsibilities of deputies at the termination of a pursuit initiated by this agency shall be coordinated with appropriate consideration of the units from the agency assuming the pursuit.

Notification of a pursuit in progress should not be construed as a request to join the pursuit. Requests to or from another agency to assume a pursuit should be specific.

307.6.2 PURSUITS EXTENDING INTO THIS JURISDICTION

The agency that initiates a pursuit shall be responsible for conducting the pursuit. Units from this department should not join a pursuit unless specifically requested to do so by the agency whose deputies are in pursuit. The exception to this is when a single unit from the initiating agency is in pursuit. Under this circumstance, a unit from this department may join the pursuit until sufficient units from the initiating agency join the pursuit.

When a request is made for this department to assist or take over a pursuit from another agency that has entered this jurisdiction, the supervisor should consider the following additional factors:

(a) Ability to maintain the pursuit.

(b) Circumstances serious enough to continue the pursuit.

(c) Adequate staffing to continue the pursuit.

(d) The public's safety within this jurisdiction.

(e) Safety of the pursuing deputies.

As soon as practical, a supervisor or the Enforcement Lieutenant should review a request for assistance from another agency. The Enforcement Lieutenant or supervisor, after consideration of the above factors, may decline to assist in, or assume the other agency’s pursuit.

Assistance to a pursuing allied agency by deputies of this department will terminate at the County limits provided that the pursuing deputies have sufficient assistance from other sources. Ongoing participation from this department may continue only until sufficient assistance is present.

In the event that a pursuit from another agency terminates within this jurisdiction, deputies shall provide appropriate assistance to peace officers from the allied agency including, but not limited to, scene control, coordination and completion of supplemental reports and any other assistance requested or needed.

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307.7 PURSUIT INTERVENTION

Pursuit intervention is an attempt to terminate the ability of a suspect to continue to flee in a motor vehicle through tactical application of technology, road spikes, blocking, boxing, PIT (Pursuit Intervention Technique), ramming or roadblock procedures. In this context, ramming shall be construed to mean maneuvering the police unit into contact with the pursued vehicle to mechanically disable it or forcibly position it such that further flight is not possible or practical.

307.7.1 WHEN USE AUTHORIZED

Use of pursuit intervention tactics should be employed only after approval of a supervisor. In deciding whether to use intervention tactics, deputies/supervisors should balance the risks of allowing the pursuit to continue with the potential hazards arising from the use of each tactic to the public, the deputies and persons in or on the pursued vehicle. With these risks in mind, the decision to use any intervention tactic should be reasonable in light of the circumstances confronting the deputy at the time of the decision.

It is imperative that deputies act within the bounds of legality, good judgment and accepted practices.

307.7.2 DEFINITIONS

Blocking or Vehicle Intercept - A very low speed coordinated maneuver where two or more patrol vehicles simultaneously intercept and block the movement of a slow moving or stopped suspect vehicle, the driver of which may be unaware of the impending enforcement stop, with the goal of containment and preventing a pursuit. Blocking is not a moving or stationary road block.

Boxing-in - A tactic designed to stop a violator’s vehicle by surrounding it with law enforcement vehicles and then slowing all vehicles to a stop.

Ramming - The deliberate act of impacting a violator’s vehicle with another vehicle to functionally damage or otherwise force the violator’s vehicle to stop.

Roadblocks - A tactic designed to stop a violator’s vehicle by intentionally placing an emergency vehicle or other immovable object in the path of the violator’s vehicle. This tactic is also often referred to as a roadblock, barricade or blockade.

Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) - is a low speed maneuver designed to cause the suspect vehicle to spin out and terminate the pursuit

Spikes or Tack Strips - A device that extends across the roadway designed to puncture the tires of the pursued vehicle.

307.7.3 USE OF FIREARMS

The use of firearms to disable a pursued vehicle is not generally an effective tactic and involves all the dangers associated with discharging firearms. Deputies should not utilize firearms during an ongoing pursuit unless the conditions and circumstances dictate that such use reasonably appears necessary to protect life. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any deputy from using a firearm to stop a suspect from using a vehicle as a deadly weapon.

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307.7.4 INTERVENTION STANDARDS

Any pursuit intervention tactic, depending upon the conditions and circumstances under which it is used, may present dangers to the deputies, the public, or anyone in or on the vehicle being pursued. Certain applications of intervention tactics may be construed to be a use of deadly force and subject to the requirements for such use. Deputies who have not received certified departmental training in the application and use of any intervention tactic or equipment shall consider these facts and requirements prior to deciding how, when, where, and if an intervention tactic should be employed.

(a) Blocking or vehicle intercept should only be considered in cases involving felony suspects or impaired drivers who pose a threat to public safety when deputies reasonably believe that attempting a conventional enforcement stop will likely result in the driver attempting to flee in the vehicle. Because of the potential risks involved this technique should only be employed by deputies who have received training in such tactics after giving consideration to the following:

1. The need to immediately stop the suspect vehicle or prevent it from leaving substantially outweighs the risks of injury or death to occupants of the suspect vehicle, deputies, or other members of the public.
2. All other reasonable intervention techniques have failed or reasonably appear ineffective.
3. Employing the blocking maneuver does not unreasonably increase the risk to officer safety.
4. The target vehicle is stopped or traveling at a low speed.
5. At no time should civilian vehicles be used to deploy this technique.

(b) Only those deputies trained in the use of the Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) will be authorized to use this procedure and only then with approval of a supervisor upon consideration of the circumstances and conditions presented at the time, including the potential for risk of injury to deputies, the public and occupants of the pursued vehicle.

(c) Ramming a fleeing vehicle should be done only after other reasonable tactical means at the deputy's disposal have been exhausted. This tactic should be reserved for situations where there does not appear to be another reasonable alternative method. This policy is an administrative guide to direct deputies in their decision-making process before ramming another vehicle. When ramming is used as a means to stop a fleeing vehicle, the following factors should be present:

1. The suspect is an actual or suspected felon, who reasonably appears to represent a serious threat to the public if not apprehended.
2. The suspect is driving with willful or wanton disregard for the safety of other persons or is driving in a reckless and life-endangering manner.

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If there does not reasonably appear to be a present or immediately foreseeable serious threat to the public, the use of ramming is not authorized.

(d) As with all intervention tactics, pursuing deputies should obtain supervisor approval before attempting to box a suspect vehicle during a pursuit. The use of such a technique must be carefully coordinated with all involved units, taking into consideration the circumstances and conditions presented at the time as well as the potential risk of injury to deputies, the public and occupants of the pursued vehicle.

(e) The use of spike strips should be approved in advance by a supervisor and deployed only when it is reasonably certain that only the pursued vehicle will be affected by their use. Deputies should carefully consider the limitations of such devices as well as the potential risks to deputies, the public and occupants of the pursued vehicle. If the pursued vehicle is a motorcycle, a vehicle transporting hazardous materials, or a school bus transporting children deputies and supervisors should weigh the potential consequences against the need to immediately stop the vehicle.

(f) Because roadblocks involve a potential for serious injury or death to occupants of the pursued vehicle if the suspect does not stop, the intentional placement of roadblocks in the direct path of a pursued vehicle is generally discouraged and should not be deployed without prior approval of a supervisor and only then under extraordinary conditions when all other reasonable intervention techniques have failed or reasonably appear ineffective and the need to immediately stop the pursued vehicle substantially outweighs the risks of injury or death to occupants of the pursued vehicle, deputies or other members of the public. Any roadblock implemented should include reasonable line-of-sight distance permitting the suspect to recognize, react to and stop before striking the roadblock.

307.7.5 CAPTURE OF SUSPECTS

Proper self-discipline and sound professional judgment are the keys to a successful conclusion of a pursuit and apprehension of evading suspects. Deputies shall use only that amount of force, which reasonably appears necessary under the circumstances, to properly perform their lawful duties.

Unless relieved by a supervisor the primary deputy should coordinate efforts to apprehend the suspect(s) following the pursuit . Deputies should consider safety of the public and the involved officers when formulating plans to contain and capture the suspect.

307.8 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The following reports should be completed to comply with appropriate local and state regulations:

(a) The primary deputy shall complete appropriate crime/arrest reports

(b) A field supervisor shall complete a Supervisor’s Log summarizing the pursuit to his/her department manager to evaluate the pursuit in terms of Department policy. The memo shall minimally contain the following information:

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1. Date and time of pursuit.
2. Length of pursuit.
3. Involved units and deputies.
4. Initial reason for pursuit.
5. Starting and termination points.
6. Disposition: arrest, citation, etc. Arrestee information should be provided if applicable.
7. Injuries and/or property damage.
8. Medical treatment.
9. Name of supervisor at scene.
10. A preliminary determination, simply stating whether or not the pursuit appears to be in compliance with this policy.
11. Determine the need for any additional review and/or follow up.

307.8.1 REGULAR AND PERIODIC PURSUIT TRAINING

In addition to initial and supplementary training on pursuits, all sworn members of this department will participate no less than annually in regular and periodic department training addressing this policy and the importance of vehicle safety and protecting the public at all times, including a recognition of the need to balance the known offense and the need for immediate capture against the risks to deputies and others.

307.8.2 POLICY REVIEW

Each member of this department shall certify in writing that they have received, read and understand this policy initially and upon any amendments.

307.8.3 ANNUAL REVIEW

During the first calendar quarter of each year, the Undersheriff will ensure that an annual review of all vehicle pursuit incidents for the previous calendar year is conducted. The analysis will focus on the effectiveness and trends in the use of vehicle pursuits that might suggest training or equipment needs, or policy modification. Specific detail including items such as officer names, case numbers, location of occurrence are not needed for this purpose and therefore will not be part of this process.

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Deputy Response to Calls

308.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides for the safe and appropriate response to emergency and non-emergency situations whether dispatched or self-initiated.

308.2 RESPONSE TO CALLS

Deputies shall proceed immediately to calls that are of an emergency nature. A code 3 response should be considered when available information reasonably indicates that a person is threatened with injury or death, a felony property crime is in progress, or serious property damage is imminent and a more immediate law enforcement response is needed to mitigate injury, property loss, or to apprehend the suspect(s).

Deputies responding Code 3 shall operate emergency lights and siren as is reasonably necessary pursuant to ORS 820.300 and ORS 820.320. Deputies shall only use the wail and yelp function of the siren as an emergency sound. The hi-lo function of the siren is not considered an emergency sound pursuant to OAR 735-110-0000(8) and OAR 735-110-0010(1-3).

Responding with emergency light(s) and siren does not relieve the deputy of the duty to continue to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons.

ORS 820.320(2) allows deputies to omit the use of emergency lights and siren if it reasonably appears that the use of either or both would prevent or hamper the apprehension or detection of a violator. Except as stated in the previous sentence, Deputies who fail to use appropriate warning equipment, are not exempt from following the rules of the road (ORS 820.300).

Deputies responding to non-emergency calls shall observe all traffic laws and proceed without the use of emergency lights and siren.

308.3 REQUESTING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Requests for emergency assistance should be limited to those situations where the involved personnel reasonably believe that there is an immediate threat to the safety of deputies, or assistance is needed to prevent imminent serious harm to a citizen. In any event, where a situation has stabilized and emergency response is not required, the requesting deputy shall immediately notify Dispatch.

If circumstances permit, the requesting deputy should give the following information:

- The unit number
- The location
- The reason for the request and type of emergency
- The number of units required

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308.3.1 NUMBER OF UNITS ASSIGNED
Normally, only one unit should respond to an emergency call Code-3 unless, under the totality of the circumstances, additional units appear necessary.

308.4 INITIATING CODE 3 RESPONSE

If a deputy believes a Code 3 response to any call is appropriate, the deputy shall notify Dispatch if/when it is safe and practical to do so. Deputies needed for urgent cover for another deputy might also determine that a Code 3 response is justified. Should more than one deputy believe a Code 3 response is appropriate, Dispatch shall be notified. A supervisor may make a determination as to whether one or more deputies driving Code 3 is appropriate.

308.5 RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESPONDING DEPUTIES

Deputies shall exercise sound judgment and care with due regard for life and property when responding to an emergency call. Deputies shall reduce speed at all street intersections as may be necessary for safe operation and shall not proceed through any street intersection until the deputy has assured that all cross traffic has yielded to the deputy's emergency vehicle.

The decision to continue a Code-3 response is at the discretion of the deputy. If, in the deputy's judgment, the roadway conditions or traffic congestion does not permit such a response without unreasonable risk, the deputy may elect to respond to the call without the use of emergency lights and siren at the legal speed limit. In such an event, the deputy should immediately notify Dispatch. A deputy shall also discontinue the Code-3 response when directed by a supervisor.

Upon receiving authorization or determining a Code-3 response is appropriate, a deputy shall immediately give the location from which he/she is responding.

308.6 COMMUNICATIONS RESPONSIBILITIES

Dispatch is a separate entity in Columbia County. Columiba 9-1-1 sets the Code 3 Protocols for Dispatch in cooperation with local public safety entities.

308.7 SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

Upon being notified that a Code-3 response has been initiated, the Enforcement Lieutenant or the field supervisor shall verify the following:

(a) The proper response has been initiated

(b) No more than those units reasonably necessary under the circumstances are involved in the response

(c) Affected outside jurisdictions are being notified as practical

The field supervisor shall monitor the response until it has been stabilized or terminated and assert control by directing units into or out of the response if necessary. If, in the supervisor's judgment, the circumstances require additional units to be assigned a Code-3 response, the supervisor may do so.

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It is the supervisor's responsibility to terminate a Code-3 response that, in his/her judgment, is inappropriate due to the circumstances.

When making the decision to authorize a Code-3 response, the Enforcement Lieutenant or the field supervisor should consider the following:

- The type of call
- The necessity of a timely response
- Traffic and roadway conditions
- The location of the responding units

308.8 FAILURE OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

If the emergency equipment on the vehicle should fail to operate, the deputy must terminate the Code-3 response and respond accordingly. In all cases, the deputy shall notify the Enforcement Lieutenant, field supervisor, or Dispatch of the equipment failure so that another unit may be assigned to the emergency response.

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Canines

309.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes guidelines for the use of canines to augment law enforcement services to the community including, but not limited to, locating individuals and contraband and apprehending criminal offenders.

309.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office that teams of handlers and canines meet and maintain the appropriate proficiency to effectively and reasonably carry out legitimate law enforcement objectives.

309.3 ASSIGNMENT

Canine teams should be assigned to assist and supplement the Enforcement Division to function primarily in assist or cover assignments. However, they may be assigned by the Enforcement Lieutenant to other functions, such as routine calls for service, based on the current operational needs.

Canine teams should generally not be assigned to handle routine matters that will take them out of service for extended periods of time and then only with the approval of the Enforcement Lieutenant.

309.4 CANINE COORDINATOR

The canine coordinator shall be appointed by and directly responsible to the Enforcement Division [Division Commander] or the authorized designee.

The responsibilities of the coordinator include, but are not limited to:

(a) Reviewing all canine use reports to ensure compliance with policy and to identify training issues and other needs of the program.

(b) Maintaining a liaison with the vendor kennel.

(c) Maintaining a liaison with command staff and functional supervisors.

(d) Maintaining a liaison with other agency canine coordinators.

(e) Maintaining accurate records to document canine activities.

(f) Recommending and overseeing the procurement of equipment and services for the teams of handlers and canines.

(g) Scheduling all canine-related activities.

(h) Ensuring the canine teams are scheduled for regular training to maximize their capabilities.

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309.5 REQUESTS FOR CANINE TEAMS

Enforcement Division [Division] members are encouraged to request the use of a canine. Requests for a canine team from department units outside of the Enforcement Division [Division] shall be reviewed by the Enforcement Lieutenant.

309.5.1 OUTSIDE AGENCY REQUEST

All requests for canine assistance from outside agencies must be approved by the Enforcement Lieutenant and are subject to the following:

(a) Canine teams shall not be used for any assignment that is not consistent with this policy.

(b) The canine handler shall have the authority to decline a request for any specific assignment that he/she deems unsuitable.

(c) Calling out off-duty canine teams is discouraged.

(d) It shall be the responsibility of the canine handler to coordinate operations with agency personnel in order to minimize the risk of unintended injury.

(e) It shall be the responsibility of the canine handler to complete all necessary reports or as directed.

309.5.2 PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS

All public requests for a canine team shall be reviewed and, if appropriate, approved by the canine coordinator prior to making any resource commitment. The canine coordinator is responsible for obtaining resources and coordinating involvement in the demonstration to include proper safety protocols. Canine handlers shall not demonstrate any apprehension work unless authorized to do so by the canine coordinator.

309.6 APPREHENSION GUIDELINES

A canine may be used to locate and apprehend a suspect if the canine handler reasonably believes that the individual has either committed, is committing or threatening to commit any serious offense and if any of the following conditions exist:

(a) There is a reasonable belief the suspect poses an imminent threat of violence or serious harm to the public, any deputy or the handler.

(b) The suspect is physically resisting or threatening to resist arrest and the use of a canine reasonably appears to be necessary to overcome such resistance.

(c) The suspect is believed to be concealed in an area where entry by other than the canine would pose a threat to the safety of deputies or the public.

It is recognized that situations may arise that do not fall within the provisions set forth in this policy. Such events require consideration of the totality of the circumstances and the use of an objective reasonableness standard applied to the decision to use a canine.

Absent a reasonable belief that a suspect has committed, is committing or is threatening to commit a serious offense, mere flight from a pursuing deputy, without any of the above conditions, shall not serve as the basis for the use of a canine to apprehend a suspect.

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Use of a canine to locate and apprehend a suspect wanted for a lesser criminal offense than those identified above requires approval from the Enforcement Lieutenant. Absent a change in circumstances that present an imminent threat to deputies, the canine or the public, such canine use should be conducted on-leash or under conditions that minimize the likelihood the canine will bite or otherwise injure the individual.

In all applications, once the suspect has been located and no longer reasonably appears to present a threat or risk of escape, the handler should secure the canine as soon as it becomes reasonably practicable.

If the canine has apprehended the suspect with a secure bite, and the handler believes that the suspect no longer poses a threat, the handler should promptly command the canine to release the suspect.

309.6.1 PREPARATION FOR DEPLOYMENT

Prior to the use of a canine to search for or apprehend any suspect, the canine handler and/or the supervisor on-scene should carefully consider all pertinent information reasonably available at the time. The information should include, but is not limited to:

(a) The nature and seriousness of the suspected offense.

(b) Whether violence or weapons were used or are anticipated.

(c) The degree of resistance or threatened resistance, if any, the suspect has shown.

(d) The suspect’s known or perceived age.

(e) The potential for injury to deputies or the public caused by the suspect if the canine is not utilized.

(f) Any potential danger to the public and/or other deputies at the scene if the canine is released.

(g) The potential for the suspect to escape or flee if the canine is not utilized.

As circumstances permit, the canine handler should make every reasonable effort to communicate and coordinate with other involved members to minimize the risk of unintended injury.

It is the canine handler’s responsibility to evaluate each situation and determine whether the use of a canine is appropriate and reasonable. The canine handler shall have the authority to decline the use of the canine whenever he/she deems deployment is unsuitable.

A supervisor who is sufficiently apprised of the situation may prohibit deploying the canine.

Unless otherwise directed by a supervisor, assisting members should take direction from the handler in order to minimize interference with the canine.

309.6.2 WARNINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Unless it would increase the risk of injury or escape, a clearly audible warning announcing that a canine will be used if the suspect does not surrender should be made prior to releasing a canine. The handler should allow a reasonable time for a suspect to surrender and should quiet the canine momentarily to listen for any verbal response to the warning. If feasible, other members should

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be in a location opposite the warning to verify that the announcement could be heard. If available, warnings given in other languages should be used as necessary.

If a warning is not to be given, the canine handler, when practicable, should first advise the supervisor of his/her decision before releasing the canine. In the event of an apprehension, the handler shall document in any related report how the warning was given and, if none was given, the reasons why.

309.6.3 REPORTING DEPLOYMENTS, BITES AND INJURIES

Whenever a canine deployment results in a bite or causes injury to an intended suspect, a supervisor should be promptly notified and the injuries documented in a canine use report. The injured person shall be promptly treated by emergency medical services personnel and, if appropriate, transported to an appropriate medical facility for further treatment. The deployment and injuries should also be included in any related incident or arrest report.

Any unintended bite or injury caused by a canine, whether on- or off-duty, shall be promptly reported to the canine coordinator. Unintended bites or injuries caused by a canine should be documented in an administrative report, not in a canine use report.

If an individual alleges an injury, either visible or not visible, a supervisor shall be notified and both the individual's injured and uninjured areas shall be photographed as soon as practicable after first tending to the immediate needs of the injured party. Photographs shall be retained as evidence in accordance with current department evidence procedures. The photographs shall be retained until the criminal proceeding is completed and the time for any related civil proceeding has expired.

If the local public health administrator has exempted this department from the requirement to hold the canine after a bite, the canine handler shall notify the local public health administrator immediately should the canine develop any abnormal behavior within 10 days of biting a person (OAR 333-019-0024).

309.7 NON-APPREHENSION GUIDELINES

Properly trained canines may be used to track or search for non-criminals (e.g., lost children, individuals who may be disoriented or in need of medical attention). The canine handler is responsible for determining the canine's suitability for such assignments based on the conditions and the particular abilities of the canine. When the canine is deployed in a search or other non-apprehension operation, the following guidelines apply.

(a) Absent a change in circumstances that present an immediate threat to deputies, the canine or the public, such applications should be conducted on-leash or under conditions that minimize the likelihood the canine will bite or otherwise injure the individual, if located.

(b) Unless otherwise directed by a supervisor, assisting members should take direction from the handler in order to minimize interference with the canine.

(c) Throughout the deployment the handler should periodically give verbal assurances that the canine will not bite or hurt the individual and encourage the individual to make him/herself known.

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(d) Once the individual has been located, the handler should place the canine in a down-stay or otherwise secure it as soon as reasonably practicable.

309.7.1 ARTICLE DETECTION

A canine trained to find objects or property related to a person or crime may be used to locate or identify articles. A canine search should be conducted in a manner that minimizes the likelihood of unintended bites or injuries.

309.7.2 NARCOTICS DETECTION

A canine trained in narcotics detection may be used in accordance with current law and under certain circumstances, including:

(a) The search of vehicles, buildings, bags and other articles.

(b) Assisting in the search for narcotics during a search warrant service.

(c) Obtaining a search warrant by using the narcotics-detection trained canine in support of probable cause.

A narcotics-detection trained canine will not be used to search a person for narcotics unless the canine is trained to passively indicate the presence of narcotics.

309.7.3 BOMB/EXPLOSIVE DETECTION

Because of the high risk of danger to the public and deputies when a bomb or other explosive device is suspected, the use of a canine team trained in explosive detection may be considered. When available, an explosive-detection canine team may be used in accordance with current law and under certain circumstances, including:

(a) Assisting in the search of a building, structure, area, vehicle or article where an actual or suspected explosive device has been reported or located.

(b) Assisting with searches at transportation facilities and vehicles (e.g., buses, airplanes, trains).

(c) Preventive searches at special events, VIP visits, official buildings and other restricted areas. Searches of individuals should remain minimally intrusive and shall be strictly limited to the purpose of detecting explosives.

(d) Assisting in the search of scenes where an explosion has occurred and an explosive device or secondary explosive device is suspected.

At no time will an explosive-detection trained canine be used to render a suspected device safe or clear.

309.8 HANDLER RESPONSIBILITIES

The canine handler shall ultimately be responsible for the health and welfare of the canine and shall ensure that the canine receives proper nutrition, grooming, training, medical care, affection and living conditions.

The canine handler will be responsible for the following:

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(a) Except as required during appropriate deployment, the handler shall not expose the canine to any foreseeable and unreasonable risk of harm.

(b) The handler shall maintain all department equipment under his/her control in a clean and serviceable condition.

(c) When not in service, the handler shall maintain the canine vehicle in a locked garage, away from public view.

(d) When a handler is off-duty for an extended number of days, the assigned canine vehicle should be stored at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office facility.

(e) Handlers shall permit the canine coordinator to conduct spontaneous on-site inspections of affected areas of their homes as well as their canine vehicles to verify that conditions and equipment conform to this policy.

(f) Any changes in the living status of the handler that may affect the lodging or environment of the canine shall be reported to the canine coordinator as soon as possible.

(g) When off-duty, the canine shall be in a kennel provided by the County at the home of the handler. When a canine is kenneled at the handler’s home, the gate shall be secured with a lock. When off-duty, the canine may be let out of the kennel while under the direct control of the handler.

(h) The canine should be permitted to socialize in the home with the handler’s family for short periods of time and under the direct supervision of the handler.

(i) Under no circumstances will the canine be lodged at another location unless approved by the canine coordinator or Enforcement Lieutenant.

(j) When off-duty, the handler shall not involve the canine in any law enforcement activity or official conduct unless approved in advance by the canine coordinator or Enforcement Lieutenant.

(k) Whenever a canine handler is off-duty for an extended number of days, it may be necessary to temporarily relocate the canine. In those situations, the handler shall give reasonable notice to the canine coordinator so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

(l) Handlers should not tether a canine in a manner that would violate ORS 167.325(1), ORS 167.330(1) and/or ORS 167.343.

309.8.1 CANINE IN PUBLIC AREAS

The canine should be kept on a leash when in areas that allow access to the public. Exceptions to this rule would include specific law enforcement operations for which the canine is trained.

(a) A canine shall not be left unattended in any area to which the public may have access.

(b) When the canine vehicle is left unattended, all windows and doors shall be secured in such a manner as to prevent unauthorized access to the dog. The handler shall also ensure that the unattended vehicle remains inhabitable for the canine.

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309.9 CANINE INJURY AND MEDICAL CARE

In the event that a canine is injured, or there is an indication that the canine is not in good physical condition, the injury or condition will be reported to the canine coordinator or Enforcement Lieutenant as soon as practicable and appropriately documented.

All medical attention shall be rendered by the designated canine veterinarian, except during an emergency where treatment should be obtained from the nearest available veterinarian. All records of medical treatment shall be maintained in the handler's personnel file.

309.10 TRAINING

Before assignment in the field, each canine team shall be trained and certified to meet current Oregon Police Canine Association (OPCA) standards or other accredited and recognized animal handling organization standards (ORS 167.310). Cross-trained canine teams or those canine teams trained exclusively for the detection of narcotics and/or explosives also shall be trained and certified to meet current nationally recognized standards or other recognized and approved certification standards established for their particular skills.

The canine coordinator shall be responsible for scheduling periodic training for all department members in order to familiarize them with how to conduct themselves in the presence of department canines.

All canine training should be conducted while on-duty unless otherwise approved by the canine coordinator or Enforcement Lieutenant.

309.10.1 CONTINUED TRAINING

Each canine team shall thereafter be recertified to OPCA or other recognized and approved certification standards on an annual basis. Additional training considerations are as follows:

(a) Canine teams should receive training as defined in the current contract with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office canine training provider.

(b) Canine handlers are encouraged to engage in additional training with approval of the canine coordinator.

(c) To ensure that all training is consistent, no handler, trainer or outside vendor is authorized to train to a standard that is not reviewed and approved by this department.

(d) All canine training shall be conducted while on-duty unless otherwise approved by the canine coordinator or the Enforcement Lieutenant.

309.10.2 FAILURE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE TRAINING

Any canine team failing OPCA canine certification standards, or other accredited or recognized animal handling organization standards, shall not be deployed in the field for tasks the team is not certified to perform until graduation or certification is achieved. When reasonably practicable, pending successful certification, the canine handler shall be temporarily reassigned to regular patrol duties.

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309.10.3 TRAINING RECORDS
All canine training records shall be maintained in the canine handler's and the canine's training file.

309.10.4 TRAINING AIDS
Training aids are required to effectively train and maintain the skills of canines. Deputies possessing, using or transporting controlled substances or explosives for canine training purposes must comply with federal and state requirements regarding the same. Alternatively, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office may work with outside trainers with the applicable licenses or permits.

309.10.5 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PROCEDURES
Due to the responsibilities and liabilities involved with possessing readily usable amounts of controlled substances and the ever-present danger of the canine's accidental ingestion of these controlled substances, the following procedures shall be strictly followed:

Definitions: - Narcotics detection Dog and Handler comprise the Narcotics detection Dog Team

Policy: - To establish policy for supervision, deployment, care and training of the Narcotics detection Dog.

(a) Procedure:

1. OPERATION

(a) The Narcotics Detection Dog Handler(s) and K-9 will be supervised by supervisory personnel assigned to the Colum,bia County Sheriff's Office and/ or supervisory personnel assigned to the Columbia Enforcement Narcotics Team (CENT).

(b) The primary responsibility of the Narcotics Detection Dog Team will be to provide support to deputies in the detection of the odor of illegal controlled substances at search warrants, consent searches, missions, and other areas as assigned by supervisors. The K-9 handler may be assigned other duties within the County Jail or the CENT team at the direction of a supervisor. The K-9 will not be used as a tracking or patrol dog.

(c) A secondary responsibility of the Narcotics Detection Dog Team will be to provide K-9 support to other divisions of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

(d) A third responsibility of the Detection Dog Handler will be to provide K-9 support to outside law enforcement agencies.

(e) The Narcotics Detection Dog Team may be available on a call-out basis if approved by a supervisor

(f) The decision to deploy the Narcotics Detection Dog in any situation will be made by the handler. The decision not to apply the K-9 may be based on the K-9's physical condition, the physical condition of the area to be searched, relative danger to the K-9, or other factors.

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(g) Division operational needs other than K-9 deployment should generally not interfere with K-9 team training or deployment, at the discretion of a supervisor.

(h) Each K-9 team will maintain the national standard of an average 16 hours of K-9 detection training per month.

2. CARE AND MAINTENANCE

(a) The care of the Narcotics Detection K-9 will be the responsibility of the K-9 handler.

1. The K-9 handler will maintain dog licensing in the city/county of the handler's residence.

2. The K-9 handler will ensure the dog(s) maintains necessary vaccinations and receives regular veterinary care.

3. The care and maintenance of the K-9 shall be provided and compensated for as described in the labor contract presently in force. If the officer is unable to provide for the weekend or vacation kennel care needs of the K-9, an appropriate commercial kennel can be used.

(b) The K-9 handler is provided a vehicle to transport the K-9 on call outs, to and from work, to training locations, to the vet and to other locations as required. The handler will maintain the vehicle in an appropriate manner.

(c) The handler will care for and maintain the K-9 equipment to ensure maximum length of service.

3. TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

(a) The Narcotics Detection Dog Team will train regularly in all types of environments so as to ensure a high level of proficiency in the detection of narcotic odor.

(b) The Narcotics Detection Dog Handler will maintain complete documentation of all detection team training in an appropriate training log.

(c) The Narcotics Detection Dog Handler will maintain complete documentation of all field deployments in an appropriate deployment log.

(d) The Narcotics Detection Dog Team will maintain a current membership in good standing with the Oregon Police Canine Association (OPCA) which certifies Detection Dog Teams in Oregon. OPCA certification is required for the qualification of the dog as "Police animal(s)" in the Oregon Revised Statutes. Certifications are mandatory for successful prosecution in both state and federal court. Membership in, and certification through, an additional K9 association outside of Oregon is encouraged on an annual basis

(e) The Columbia County Sheriff's Office encourages and supports handlers in becoming OPCA Trainers.

(f) The Narcotics Detection Dog Team will maintain certification in Oregon by passing the OPCA Detection Dog Standards Test once (1) a year. The

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Detection Dog Team will regularly attend OPCA seminars in order to take the Standards Test and receive training.

(g) If a Detection Dog Team fails to certify, they will notify their supervisor and seek additional training prior to re-testing. Uncertified Detection Dog Teams will not be deployed.

4. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TRAINING AIDS

(a) The program uses controlled substances in the initial and on-going training of drug detection dogs. These controlled substances shall be separated into two distinct ways:

1. Small quantities of controlled substances carried with drug detection dog handlers for the purposes of frequent on-going training.

2. Larger quantities of controlled substances will be kept at the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office Evidence Control System and will be available to be checked out by Narcotics Detection K-9 handlers. These substances are available for check-out for special training functions, seminars and other necessary times that allow the drug detection dogs to be exposed to larger quantities of controlled substances.

(b) The Narcotics Detection Dog Handlers and the Columbia Enforcement Narcotics Team Lieutenant will have a shared responsibility for the care and custody of the controlled substance training aids. The following procedures will govern the security of the controlled substance training aids necessary to train and maintain the Narcotics Detection Dog.

1. Controlled substance training aids less than one (1) ounce for any one substance or five (5) ounces for all substances will be stored in a locked vault securely mounted in the cargo area of the detection dog handler’s vehicle.

2. Controlled substance training aids in excess of one (1) ounce for any one substance may be stored temporarily in a locked vault securely mounted in the cargo area of the detection dog handler’s vehicle. Controlled substance training aids in excess of one (1) ounce for any one substance will be permanently stored at the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office Evidence Control System.

3. Only the Detection Dog Handlers and designated supervisors will have access to the vehicle vaults containing the training aids. A supervisor will respond immediately and take custody of the training aids if the handler is unable to maintain custody due to accident, injury or other reason.

4. The controlled substances may be repacked as needed for training. This process will be overseen by at least one supervisor and one other sworn deputy. The Narcotics Detection Dog Handlers and supervisor will weigh the supply of controlled substance training aids carried in the vehicle vaults every six (6) months. The Narcotics Detection Dog Handler and the supervisor will sign/date a bound ledger book

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noting the exact gross weight of the training aids. A copy of this log will be provided to the division commander who will forward it to the Undersheriff semi-annually.

(c) A supervisor will conduct unannounced "spot checks" of all K-9 controlled substance training aids assigned to each K-9 handler to ensure all packages are accounted for and are in good repair. These checks shall take place at least twice a year. These “spot checks” will be in addition to the required semi-annual inspections of the training aids where the gross weight of the training aid is checked. The supervisor will sign/date a bound ledger book noting the date of the spot check as well as the disposition of the assigned drug aids.

(d) The following procedure will govern checking out training aids:

1. Drug Detection Dog handlers may access controlled substances kept in their vehicle vaults for regular or impromptu training. The handlers must immediately return the substances to the vault at the conclusion of the training.

2. Larger training aids (2 pounds marijuana, 1 pound cocaine base (crack), 1 pound cocaine (powder), 1 pound heroin, and 1 pound methamphetamine) are available to be checked out by Narcotics Detection Dog Handlers for training purposes. Larger training aids must be returned to the Evidence Control System within 24 hours of being checked out. Exceptions can only be granted, in writing, by the Undersheriff or Sheriff.

3. If larger training aids have been checked out by a Narcotics Detection Dog Handler and for an unforeseen, emergency reasons (i.e. a K-9 team is called for service during training hours and larger training aids cannot be returned within the 24 hour time period). The larger training aids will be stored in the Narcotics Detection Dog Handler’s vehicle vault. The Narcotics Detection Dog Handler will notify a supervisor. The supervisor will notify the Evidence Control System of the circumstances and arrange for the larger training aids to be stored in the CENT safe for temporary storage. The larger training aids will be returned to the Evidence Control System the next business day.

(e) The CENT Lieutenant assigned to supervise the Narcotics Detection Dog Handlers will maintain a master record book of training aids. This record will contain documentation of the receipt, verification, processing into training aids, and return for destruction of all controlled substances. The date, amount of controlled substances and signatures of all persons receiving controlled substances will be documented in the master record book.

(f) The training aids will be replaced annually with a fresh supply. The old training aids will be taken to the Portland Police Bureau Property/Evidence Division for disposal. The Narcotics Detection Dog Handler and a supervisor, prior to return for disposal, will weigh the controlled substance training aids.

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(g) If the controlled substance training aids are damaged, lost or stolen, the Narcotics Detection Dog Handler will immediately notify a supervisor and report the incident. The supervisor will immediately notify the Undersheriff. The incident will be documented and a report forwarded to the Sheriff.

309.10.6 EXPLOSIVE TRAINING AIDS

Deputies may possess, transport, store or use explosives or destructive devices in compliance with state and federal laws (18 USC § 842; 27 CFR 555.41; ORS 480.205).

Explosive training aids designed specifically for canine teams should be used whenever feasible. Due to the safety concerns in the handling and transportation of explosives, inert or non-hazardous training aids should be employed whenever feasible. The use of explosives or destructive devices for training aids by canine teams is subject to the following:

(a) All explosive training aids, when not in use, shall be properly stored in a secure facility appropriate for the type of materials.

(b) An inventory ledger shall be maintained to document the type and quantity of explosive training aids that are stored.

(c) The canine coordinator shall be responsible to verify the explosive training aids on hand against the inventory ledger once each quarter.

(d) Only members of the canine team shall have access to the explosive training aids storage facility.

(e) A primary and secondary custodian will be designated to minimize the possibility of loss of explosive training aids during and after the training. Generally, the handler will be designated as the primary custodian while the trainer or authorized second person on-scene will be designated as the secondary custodian.

(f) Any lost or damaged explosive training aids shall be promptly reported to the canine coordinator, who will determine if any further action will be necessary. Any loss of explosives will be reported to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

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Domestic Violence

310.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide the guidelines necessary to deter, prevent and reduce domestic violence through vigorous enforcement and to address domestic violence as a serious crime against society. The policy specifically addresses the commitment of this department to take enforcement action when appropriate, to provide assistance to victims and to guide deputies in the investigation of domestic violence.

310.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Court order - All forms of orders related to domestic violence, that have been issued by a court of this state or another, whether civil or criminal, regardless of whether service has been made.

310.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office's response to incidents of domestic violence and violations of related court orders shall stress enforcement of the law to protect the victim and shall communicate the philosophy that domestic violence is criminal behavior. It is also the policy of this department to facilitate victims' and offenders' access to appropriate civil remedies and community resources whenever feasible.

310.3 OFFICER SAFETY

The investigation of domestic violence cases often places deputies in emotionally charged and sometimes highly dangerous environments. No provision of this policy is intended to supersede the responsibility of all deputies to exercise due caution and reasonable care in providing for the safety of any deputies and parties involved.

310.4 INVESTIGATIONS

The following guidelines should be followed by deputies when investigating domestic violence cases:

(a) Calls of reported, threatened, imminent or ongoing domestic violence, and the violation of any court order are of extreme importance and should be considered among the highest response priorities. This includes incomplete 9-1-1 calls.

(b) When practicable, deputies should obtain and document statements from the victim, the suspect and any witnesses, including children, in or around the household or location of occurrence.

(c) Deputies should list the full name and date of birth (and school if available) of each child who was present in the household at the time of the offense. The names of other children who may not have been in the house at that particular time should also be obtained for follow-up.

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(d) When practicable and legally permitted, video or audio record all significant statements and observations.

(e) All injuries should be photographed, regardless of severity, taking care to preserve the victim's personal privacy. Where practicable, photographs should be taken by a person of the same sex. Victims whose injuries are not visible at the time of the incident should be asked to contact the Investigation Section in the event that the injuries later become visible.

(f) Deputies should request that the victim complete and sign an authorization for release of medical records related to the incident when applicable.

(g) If the suspect is no longer at the scene, deputies should make reasonable efforts to locate the suspect to further the investigation, provide the suspect with an opportunity to make a statement and make an arrest or seek an arrest warrant if appropriate.

(h) Seize any firearms or other dangerous weapons in the home, if appropriate and legally permitted, for safekeeping or as evidence.

(i) When completing an incident or arrest report for violation of a court order, deputies should include specific information that establishes that the offender has been served, including the date the offender was served, the name of the agency that served the order and the provision of the order that the subject is alleged to have violated. When reasonably available, the arresting deputy should attach a copy of the order to the incident or arrest report.

(j) Deputies should take appropriate enforcement action when there is probable cause to believe an offense has occurred. Factors that should not be used as sole justification for declining to take enforcement action include:

1. Marital status of suspect and victim.
2. Whether the suspect lives on the premises with the victim.
3. Claims by the suspect that the victim provoked or perpetuated the violence.
4. The potential financial or child custody consequences of arrest.
5. The physical or emotional state of either party.
6. Use of drugs or alcohol by either party.
7. Denial that the abuse occurred where evidence indicates otherwise.
8. A request by the victim not to arrest the suspect.
9. Location of the incident (public/private).
10. Speculation that the complainant may not follow through with the prosecution.
11. The racial, cultural, social, professional position or sexual orientation of the victim or suspect.

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310.4.1 IF A SUSPECT IS ARRESTED
If a suspect is arrested, deputies should:

(a) Advise the victim that there is no guarantee the suspect will remain in custody.

(b) Provide the victim's contact information to the jail staff to enable notification of the victim upon the suspect's release from jail.

(c) Advise the victim whether any type of court order will be in effect when the suspect is released from jail.

310.4.2 IF NO ARREST IS MADE
If no arrest is made, the deputy should:

(a) Advise the parties of any options, including but not limited to:

1. Voluntary separation of the parties.
2. Appropriate resource referrals (e.g., counselors, friends, relatives, shelter homes, victim witness unit).

(b) Document the resolution in a report.

310.5 VICTIM ASSISTANCE
Victims may be traumatized or confused. Deputies should:

(a) Recognize that a victim's behavior and actions may be affected.

(b) Provide the victim with the department's domestic violence information handout, even if the incident may not rise to the level of a crime.

(c) Alert the victim to any available victim advocates, shelters and community resources.

(d) Stand by for a reasonable amount of time when an involved person requests law enforcement assistance while removing essential items of personal property.

(e) Seek medical assistance as soon as practicable for the victim if he/she has sustained injury or complains of pain.

(f) Ask the victim whether he/she has a safe place to stay. Assist in arranging to transport the victim to an alternate shelter if the victim expresses a concern for his/her safety or if the deputy determines that a need exists.

(g) Make reasonable efforts to ensure that children or dependent adults who are under the supervision of the suspect or victim are being properly cared for.

(h) Seek or assist the victim in obtaining an emergency order if appropriate.

A deputy who has probable cause to believe there are circumstances for a mandatory arrest or that a victim is in immediate danger of abuse may apply for an emergency protective order with the consent or permission of the victim (ORS 133.035).

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310.6 DISPATCH ASSISTANCE

All calls of domestic violence, including incomplete 9-1-1 calls, should be dispatched as soon as practicable.

Dispatchers are not required to verify the validity of a court order before responding to a request for assistance. Deputies should request that dispatchers check whether any of the involved persons are subject to the terms of a court order.

310.7 FOREIGN COURT ORDERS

Various types of orders may be issued in domestic violence cases. Any foreign court order properly issued by a court of another state, Indian tribe or territory shall be enforced by deputies as if it were the order of a court in this state. An order should be considered properly issued when it reasonably appears that the issuing court has jurisdiction over the parties and reasonable notice and opportunity to respond was given to the party against whom the order was issued (18 USC § 2265). An otherwise valid out-of-state court order shall be enforced, regardless of whether the order has been properly registered with this state.

310.8 VERIFICATION OF COURT ORDERS

Determining the validity of a court order, particularly an order from another jurisdiction, can be challenging. Therefore, in determining whether there is probable cause to make an arrest for a violation of any court order, deputies should carefully review the actual order when available, and, where appropriate and practicable:

(a) Ask the subject of the order about his/her notice or receipt of the order, his/her knowledge of its terms and efforts to respond to the order.

(b) Check available records or databases that may show the status or conditions of the order.

(c) Contact the issuing court to verify the validity of the order.

(d) Contact a law enforcement official from the jurisdiction where the order was issued to verify information.

Deputies should document in an appropriate report their efforts to verify the validity of an order, regardless of whether an arrest is made. Deputies should contact a supervisor for clarification when needed.

310.8.1 SERVICE OF COURT ORDERS

Deputies should, if requested and practicable, serve any unserved restraining order when called to the scene of a disturbance. Any deputy serving such a restraining order shall ensure that a copy of proof of service is returned to the Sheriff for entry into the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) system (ORS 107.720).

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310.8.2 SERVICE OF EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDERS

A deputy who obtains an emergency protective order for a victim shall provide the victim with a certified copy and ensure that a certified copy of the order and the supporting declaration for the order is filed with the court (ORS 133.035).

The deputy who obtained the emergency protective order shall serve the respondent personally. Upon completion of the service, the deputy shall file a proof of service with the court and ensure that the order is entered into LEDS. If service cannot be completed within one day of the order's entry, the deputy shall notify the court (ORS 133.035).

If a deputy receives a termination order from the court, the deputy shall ensure that the order is promptly removed from LEDS (ORS 133.035).

310.9 STANDARDS FOR ARREST

(a) Deputies who respond to an incident of domestic disturbance and have probable cause to believe an assault has occurred between family or household members as defined in ORS 107.705, or who believe that one such person has created in the other a fear of imminent serious physical injury, shall arrest and take into custody the alleged assailant or potential assailant (ORS 133.055).

(b) Dual arrests are not required (ORS 133.055). Deputies shall make reasonable efforts to identify and arrest the primary assailant in any incident. In identifying the primary assailant, a deputy shall consider:

1. The comparative extent of the injuries inflicted or the seriousness of threats creating a fear of physical injury.
2. If reasonably ascertainable, the history of domestic violence between the persons involved.
3. Whether any alleged crime was committed in self-defense.
4. The potential for future assaults.

(c) Once a suspect has been arrested under the provisions of ORS 133.055, the suspect shall be taken to jail. Deputies have no authority to release the arrested person.

(d) Deputies shall arrest and take a suspect into custody when the deputy has probable cause to believe that a restraining order or emergency protective order has been issued, a copy of the order and proof of service on the suspect have been filed, and the suspect has violated the terms of the order (ORS 133.310).

310.10 REPORTS AND NOTIFICATIONS

Deputies should document in their report that they provided each domestic violence victim with a copy of the department's domestic violence victim information handout (ORS 133.055).

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Reporting deputies should also provide the victim with the case number of the report. The case number may be placed in the space provided on the domestic violence victim information handout. If the case number is not immediately available, an explanation should be given about how the victim can obtain the information at a later time.

310.10.1 ODARA FORM

The ODARA form should be completed anytime a domestic violence incident results in a custodial arrest for a crime of domestic violence.

310.10.2 EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDERS

The Support Services Supervisor shall ensure that a system is in place that provides deputies at the scene of an alleged violation of an emergency protective order of the terms and existence of the protective order (ORS 133.035).

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Search and Seizure

311.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Both the federal and state Constitutions provide every individual with the right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures. This policy provides general guidelines for Columbia County Sheriff's Office personnel to consider when dealing with search and seizure issues.

311.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to respect the fundamental privacy rights of individuals. Members of this department will conduct searches in strict observance of the constitutional rights of persons being searched. All seizures by this department will comply with relevant federal and state law governing the seizure of persons and property.

The Department will provide relevant and current training to deputies as guidance for the application of current law, local community standards and prosecutorial considerations regarding specific search and seizure situations, as appropriate.

311.3 SEARCHES

The U.S. Constitution generally provides that a valid warrant is required in order for a search to be valid. There are, however, several exceptions that permit a warrantless search.

Examples of law enforcement activities that are exceptions to the general warrant requirement include, but are not limited to, searches pursuant to the following:

- Valid consent
- Incident to a lawful arrest
- Legitimate community caretaking interests
- Vehicle searches under certain circumstances
- Exigent circumstances

Certain other activities are recognized by federal and state courts and by certain statutes as legitimate law enforcement activities that also do not require a warrant. Such activities may include seizure and examination of abandoned property, and observations of activities and property located on open public areas.

Because case law regarding search and seizure is constantly changing and subject to interpretation by the courts, each member of this department is expected to act in each situation according to current training and his/her familiarity with clearly established rights as determined by case law.

Whenever practicable, deputies are encouraged to contact a supervisor to resolve questions regarding search and seizure issues prior to electing a course of action.

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311.4 SEARCH PROTOCOL

Although conditions will vary and officer safety and other exigencies must be considered in every search situation; the following guidelines should be followed whenever circumstances permit:

(a) Members of this department will strive to conduct searches with dignity and courtesy.

(b) Deputies should explain to the person being searched the reason for the search and how the search will be conducted.

(c) Searches should be carried out with due regard and respect for private property interests and in a manner that minimizes damage. Property should be left in a condition as close as reasonably possible to its pre-search condition.

(d) In order to minimize the need for forcible entry, an attempt should be made to obtain keys, combinations or access codes when a search of locked property is anticipated.

(e) When the person to be searched is of the opposite sex as the searching deputy, a reasonable effort should be made to summon a deputy of the same sex as the subject to conduct the search. When it is not practicable to summon a deputy of the same sex as the subject, the following guidelines should be followed:

    1. Another deputy or a supervisor should witness the search.

    2. The deputy should not search areas of the body covered by tight-fitting clothing, sheer clothing or clothing that could not reasonably conceal a weapon.

311.5 DOCUMENTATION

Deputies are responsible to document any search and to ensure that any required reports are sufficient including, at minimum, documentation of the following:

- Reason for the search
- Any efforts used to minimize the intrusiveness of any search (e.g., asking for consent or keys)
- What, if any, injuries or damage occurred
- All steps taken to secure property
- The results of the search, including a description of any property or contraband seized
- If the person searched is the opposite sex, any efforts to summon a deputy of the same sex as the person being searched and the identification of any witness deputy

Supervisors shall review reports to ensure the reports are accurate, that actions are properly documented and that current legal requirements and department policy have been met.

311.5.1 PROPERTY SEIZURE

Any property that comes into the possession of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office through whatever means will be properly documented using the currently adopted Property Receipt

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form. No property shall be retained by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office without the proper issuance of a receipt.

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Temporary Custody of Juveniles

312.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines consistent with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act for juveniles taken into temporary custody by members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office (42 USC § 5633).

Guidance regarding contacting juveniles at schools or those who may be victims is provided in the Child Abuse Policy.

312.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Juvenile non-offender - An abused, neglected, dependent or alien juvenile who may be legally held for his/her own safety or welfare. This includes a juvenile taken into protective custody when conditions or surroundings reasonably appear to jeopardize the juvenile's welfare or when it reasonably appears that the child has run away from home (ORS 419B.150). This also includes any juvenile who may have initially been contacted for an offense that would not subject an adult to arrest (e.g., fine-only offense) but was taken into custody for his/her protection or for purposes of reuniting the juvenile with a parent, guardian or other responsible person.

Juvenile offender - A juvenile under 18 years of age who is alleged to have committed an offense that would subject an adult to arrest (a non-status offense). It also includes a juvenile who possesses a handgun in violation of ORS 166.250 (28 CFR 31.303).

Non-secure custody - When a juvenile is held in the presence of a deputy or other custody employee at all times and is not placed in a locked room, cell or behind any locked doors. Juveniles in non-secure custody may be handcuffed but not to a stationary or secure object. Personal supervision, through direct visual monitoring and audio two-way communication is maintained. Monitoring through electronic devices, such as video, does not replace direct visual observation.

Secure custody - When a juvenile offender is held in a locked room, a set of rooms or a cell. Secure custody also includes being physically secured to a stationary object.

Examples of secure custody include:

(a) A juvenile left alone in an unlocked room within the secure perimeter of the adult temporary holding area.

(b) A juvenile handcuffed to a rail.

(c) A juvenile placed in a room that contains doors with delayed egress devices that have a delay of more than 30 seconds.

(d) A juvenile being processed in a secure booking area when an unsecure booking area is available.

(e) A juvenile left alone in a secure booking area after being photographed and fingerprinted.

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(f) A juvenile placed in a cell within the adult temporary holding area, whether or not the cell door is locked.

Sight and sound separation - Located or arranged to prevent physical, visual or auditory contact.

Status offender - A juvenile suspected of committing a criminal violation of the law that would not be a criminal violation but for the age of the offender. Examples may include running away, underage possession of tobacco, curfew violation or truancy. A juvenile in custody on a court order or warrant based upon a status offense is also a status offender.

312.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office is committed to releasing juveniles from temporary custody as soon as reasonably practicable and keeping juveniles safe while they are in temporary custody at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. Juveniles should be held in temporary custody only for as long as reasonably necessary for processing, transfer or release.

312.3 JUVENILES WHO SHOULD NOT BE HELD

Juveniles who exhibit any of the following conditions should not be held at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office:

(a) Unconscious

(b) Seriously injured

(c) A known suicide risk or obviously severely emotionally disturbed

(d) Significantly intoxicated

(e) Extremely violent or continuously violent

Deputies taking custody of a juvenile who exhibits any of the above conditions should take reasonable steps to provide medical attention or mental health assistance and notify a supervisor of the situation.

These juveniles should not be held at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office unless they have been evaluated by a qualified medical and/or mental health professional.

If the deputy taking custody of the juvenile believes the juvenile may be a suicide risk, the juvenile shall be under continuous direct supervision until evaluation, release or a transfer is completed.

312.4 CUSTODY OF JUVENILES

Deputies should take custody of a juvenile and temporarily hold the juvenile at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office when there is no other lawful and practicable alternative to temporary custody. Refer to the Child Abuse Policy for additional information regarding detaining a juvenile that is suspected of being a victim.

No juvenile should be held in temporary custody at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office without authorization of the arresting deputy's supervisor or the Enforcement Lieutenant.

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Any juvenile taken into custody shall be released to the care of the juvenile's parent or other responsible adult or transferred to a juvenile custody facility or to other authority as soon as practicable and in no event shall a juvenile be held beyond five hours from the time of his/her entry into the Columbia County Sheriff's Office (ORS 419B.160; ORS 419C.130).

312.4.1 CUSTODY OF JUVENILE NON-OFFENDERS

Non-offenders taken into protective custody in compliance with the Child Abuse Policy should generally not be held at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. Custodial arrangements should be made for non-offenders as soon as reasonably possible. Juvenile non-offenders may not be held in secure custody (42 USC § 5633).

312.4.2 CUSTODY OF JUVENILE STATUS OFFENDERS

Status offenders should generally be released by citation or with a warning rather than taken into temporary custody. However, deputies may take custody of a status offender if requested to do so by a parent or legal guardian in order to facilitate reunification (e.g., transported home or to the station to await a parent). Juvenile status offenders may not be held in secure custody (42 USC § 5633).

312.4.3 CUSTODY OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS

Generally, a juvenile offender may be taken into custody:

(a) When it reasonably appears that the juvenile is a fugitive from another state (ORS 419C.145).

(b) When there is a court order endorsed as provided in ORS 419C.306 and directing that the juvenile be taken into custody (ORS 419C.080).

(c) When, if the juvenile were an adult, he/she could be arrested without a warrant (ORS 419C.080).

A deputy shall take a juvenile into custody when the deputy has probable cause to believe the juvenile, while in a public building or court facility within the last 120 days, unlawfully possessed a firearm or a destructive device (ORS 419C.080).

Generally, a deputy may issue a citation in lieu of taking the juvenile into custody if a citation may be issued for the same offense and under the same circumstances to an adult. If a citation in lieu of custody is issued, a copy of the citation shall be sent to the District Attorney (ORS 419C.085).

Juvenile offenders should be held in non-secure custody while at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office unless another form of custody is authorized by this policy or is necessary due to exigent circumstances.

312.4.4 COURT NOTIFICATIONS OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS

Whenever a juvenile offender is taken into custody, the deputy shall promptly notify the juvenile court or counselor that the juvenile was taken into custody (ORS 419C.091). The deputy shall

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also prepare a written report be routed to the juvenile court and the District Attorney that includes, at a minimum (ORS 419C.106):

(a) The juvenile’s name, age and address.

(b) The name and address of the person having legal or physical custody of the juvenile.

(c) Reasons for, and circumstances under which, the juvenile was taken into custody and, if known, the name and contact information of any victim.

(d) Efforts taken to notify and release the juvenile to his/her parent, guardian or other person having legal responsibility.

(e) The date, time, location and to whom the juvenile was released.

(f) If the juvenile was not released, the reasons why.

(g) If the juvenile is not released or taken to court, the shelter or place of detention of the juvenile and why the type of placement was chosen.

312.4.5 EXCEPTIONS TO RELEASE OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS

A juvenile offender shall be released to the custody of the juvenile's parent, guardian or other responsible person, except in any of the following circumstances (ORS 419C.100):

(a) The court has issued a warrant of arrest for the juvenile.

(b) The deputy has probable cause to believe that release of the juvenile may endanger the welfare of the juvenile, the victim or others.

(c) When the deputy has probable cause to believe that the juvenile, while in a public building or court facility within the last 120 days, unlawfully possessed a firearm or destructive device.

If a juvenile offender is not released to the parent, guardian or other responsible person, or to a person identified by the juvenile court, the deputy shall take the juvenile to the county juvenile detention facility or appropriate shelter (ORS 419C.103).

312.5 NOTIFICATION TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN

As soon as practicable after a juvenile is taken into custody, the deputy taking the juvenile into custody shall notify the juvenile's parent, guardian or other person responsible for the juvenile of the following (ORS 419B.160; ORS 419C.097):

(a) Reason the juvenile was taken into custody

(b) Location where the juvenile is being temporarily detained

(c) Intended disposition

(d) Time and place of any hearing

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312.6 NO-CONTACT REQUIREMENTS

Sight and sound separation shall be maintained between all juveniles and adults while in custody at the Department (42 USC § 5633). There should also be sight and sound separation between non-offenders and juvenile and status offenders.

In situations where brief or accidental contact may occur (e.g., during the brief time a juvenile is being fingerprinted and/or photographed in booking), a member of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office shall maintain a constant, immediate presence with the juvenile or the adult to minimize any contact. If inadvertent or accidental contact does occur, reasonable efforts shall be taken to end the contact.

312.7 TEMPORARY CUSTODY REQUIREMENTS

Members and supervisors assigned to monitor or process any juvenile at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office shall ensure the following:

(a) The Enforcement Lieutenant should be notified if it is anticipated that a juvenile may need to remain at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office more than four hours. This will enable the Enforcement Lieutenant to ensure no juvenile is held at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office more than five hours.

(b) A staff member of the same sex shall supervise personal hygiene activities and care, such as changing clothing or using the restroom, without direct observation to allow for privacy.

(c) Personal visual checks and significant incidents/activities shall be noted on the log.

(d) There shall be no viewing devices, such as peep holes or mirrors, of which the juvenile is not aware. Therefore, an employee should inform a juvenile under his/her care that the juvenile will be monitored at all times, unless he/she is using the toilet. This does not apply to surreptitious and legally obtained recorded interrogations.

(e) Juveniles shall have reasonable access to toilets and wash basins.

(f) Food should be provided if a juvenile has not eaten within the past four hours or is otherwise in need of nourishment, including any special diet required for the health of the juvenile.

(g) Juveniles shall have reasonable access to a drinking fountain or water.

(h) Juveniles shall have reasonable opportunities to stand and stretch, particularly if handcuffed or restrained in any way.

(i) Juveniles should have privacy during family, guardian and/or lawyer visits.

(j) Juveniles should be permitted to remain in their personal clothing unless the clothing is taken as evidence or is otherwise unsuitable or inadequate for continued wear while in custody.

(k) Blankets should be provided as reasonably necessary.

(l) Adequate shelter, heat, light and ventilation should be provided without compromising security or enabling escape.

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(m) Juveniles shall have adequate furnishings, including suitable chairs or benches.

(n) Juveniles shall have the right to the same number of telephone calls as an adult in custody.

(o) No discipline may be administered to any juvenile, nor may juveniles be subjected to corporal or unusual punishment, humiliation or mental abuse.

312.8 USE OF RESTRAINT DEVICES

Juvenile offenders may be handcuffed in accordance with the Handcuffing and Restraints Policy. A juvenile offender may be handcuffed at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office when the juvenile presents a heightened risk. However, non-offenders and status offenders should not be handcuffed unless they are combative or threatening.

Other restraints shall only be used after less restrictive measures have failed and with the approval of the Enforcement Lieutenant. Restraints shall only be used so long as it reasonably appears necessary for the juvenile's protection or the protection of others.

Juveniles in restraints shall be kept away from other unrestrained juveniles or monitored in such a way as to protect the juvenile from abuse.

312.9 PERSONAL PROPERTY

The deputy taking custody of a juvenile offender or status offender at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office shall ensure a thorough search of the juvenile’s property is made and all property is removed from the juvenile, especially those items that could compromise safety, such as pens, pencils and belts.

The personal property of a juvenile should be placed in a property bag. The property should be inventoried in the juvenile’s presence and sealed into the bag. The property should be kept in a monitored or secure location until the juvenile is released from the custody of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

312.10 SECURE CUSTODY

Only juvenile offenders 14 years or older may be placed in secure custody. Enforcement Lieutenant approval is required before placing a juvenile offender in secure custody.

Secure custody should only be used for juvenile offenders when there is a reasonable belief that the juvenile is a serious risk of harm to him/herself or others.

Members of this department should not use secure custody for convenience when non-secure custody is, or later becomes, a reasonable option.

When practicable, handcuffing one hand of a juvenile offender to a fixed object while otherwise maintaining the juvenile in non-secure custody should be considered as the method of secure custody, rather than the use of a locked enclosure. An employee must be present at all times to ensure the juvenile’s safety while secured to a stationary object.

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Generally, juveniles should not be secured to a stationary object for more than 60 minutes. Supervisor approval is required to secure a juvenile to a stationary object for longer than 60 minutes and every 30 minutes thereafter. Supervisor approval should be documented.

312.10.1 LOCKED ENCLOSURES

A thorough inspection of the area shall be conducted before placing a juvenile into the enclosure. A second inspection shall be conducted after removing the juvenile. Any damage noted to the room should be photographed and documented in the crime report.

The following requirements shall apply to a juvenile offender who is held inside a locked enclosure:

(a) The juvenile shall constantly be monitored by an audio/video system during the entire time in custody.

(b) Juveniles shall have constant auditory access to department members.

(c) Initial placement into and removal from a locked enclosure shall be logged.

(d) Random personal visual checks of the juvenile by staff member, no less than every 15 minutes, shall occur.

    1. All checks shall be logged.

    2. The check should involve questioning the juvenile as to his/her well-being (sleeping juveniles or apparently sleeping juveniles should be awakened).

    3. Requests or concerns of the juvenile should be logged.

(e) Males and females shall not be placed in the same locked room.

(f) Juvenile offenders should be separated according to severity of the crime (e.g., felony or misdemeanor).

(g) Restrained juveniles shall not be mixed in a cell or room with unrestrained juveniles.

312.11 SUICIDE ATTEMPT, DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY OF A JUVENILE

The Enforcement Lieutenant will ensure procedures are in place to address the suicide attempt, death or serious injury of any juvenile held at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. The procedures will address:

(a) Immediate notification of the on-duty supervisor, Sheriff and Investigation Section supervisor.

(b) Notification of the parent, guardian or person standing in loco parentis, of the juvenile.

(c) Notification of the appropriate prosecutor.

(d) Notification of the County Counsel.

(e) Evidence preservation.

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312.12 INTERVIEWING OR INTERROGATING JUVENILE SUSPECTS

No interview or interrogation of a juvenile should occur unless the juvenile has the apparent capacity to consent, and does consent to an interview or interrogation.

312.13 RESTRICTION ON FINGERPRINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHING

A juvenile taken into custody under ORS 419C.080 shall be photographed and fingerprinted (ORS 419A.250(2)).

Other juveniles taken into custody may only be fingerprinted or photographed (ORS 419A.250(1)):

(a) Pursuant to a search warrant.

(b) According to laws concerning adults if the juvenile has been transferred to criminal court for prosecution.

(c) Upon consent of both the juvenile and the juvenile's parent after being advised that they are not required to give such consent.

(d) By order of the juvenile court.

Fingerprints and photographs of juveniles must be kept separate from those of adults. Fingerprints and photographs of juvenile offenders shall be sent to the central state depository in the same manner as fingerprint and photograph files or records of adults. Fingerprints and photographs of other juveniles should not be sent to any central state or federal depository (ORS 419A.250).

312.14 RECORDS

Fingerprint and photograph files or records of juveniles must be kept separate from those of adults (ORS 419A.250).

Reports and other material relating to juveniles is generally considered privileged and may not be disclosed directly or indirectly except as provided in Records Maintenance and Release Policy.

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Adult Abuse

313.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the investigation and reporting of suspected abuse of certain adults who may be more vulnerable than others. This policy also addresses mandatory notification for Columbia County Sheriff's Office members as required by law.

313.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Adult abuse - Any offense or attempted offense involving violence or neglect of an adult victim when committed by a person responsible for the adult's care, or any other act that would mandate reporting or notification to a social service agency or law enforcement.

313.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will investigate all reported incidents of alleged adult abuse and ensure proper reporting and notification as required by law.

313.3 MANDATORY NOTIFICATION

Members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office shall notify the Department of Human Services (DHS) when there is reasonable cause to believe that an elderly adult (age 65 years or older), dependent adult or resident of a long-term care facility with whom the member comes in contact has suffered abuse, or when a person with whom the member comes in contact has abused an elderly adult, dependent adult or resident of a long-term care facility (ORS 124.060; ORS 430.743; ORS 441.640).

For purposes of notification, abuse includes physical injury, neglect, abandonment, verbal abuse, financial exploitation, sexual abuse, sexual offenses, involuntary seclusion and wrongful use of physical or chemical restraints as provided in ORS 124.050, ORS 430.735 and ORS 441.630.

Dependent adult means a person 18 years or older with (ORS 430.735):

(a) A developmental disability who is currently receiving services from a community program or facility or was previously determined eligible to receive such services as an adult.

(b) A mental illness who is receiving services from a community program or facility.

313.3.1 NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Notification should occur as follows (ORS 124.065; ORS 430.743; ORS 441.645):

(a) All notifications to DHS shall be made as soon as practicable by telephone.

(b) Information provided to DHS shall include, if known:

1. Name, age and address of the person abused
2. Present location of the adult
3. Name and address of the person responsible for the adult

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4. Identity of the perpetrator
5. Nature and extent of the abuse and any evidence of previous abuse
6. Any explanation given for the abuse
7. Date of the incident
8. Any other information that may be helpful in establishing the cause of the abuse

(c) In cases where DHS has notified the Department of a possible crime relating to elder or dependent adult abuse, confirmation of receipt of notification shall be made to DHS.

(d) DHS shall also be notified whether (ORS 124.070(3); ORS 430.745(7)):

1. There will be no criminal investigation and the explanation of why there will be no such investigation.
2. The investigative findings have been forwarded to the District Attorney for review.
3. A criminal investigation will take place.

(e) In investigations that substantiate elderly abuse or abuse of a resident in a long-term care facility, DHS shall be notified in writing (ORS 124.070(2); ORS 441.650(2)).

(f) Upon completion of investigations for dependent adult abuse, DHS shall be provided a written report of the findings and supporting evidence (ORS 430.745(4)).

313.4 QUALIFIED INVESTIGATORS

Qualified investigators should be available to investigate cases of adult abuse. These investigators should:

(a) Conduct interviews in appropriate interview facilities.

(b) Be familiar with forensic interview techniques specific to adult abuse investigations.

(c) Present all cases of alleged adult abuse to the prosecutor for review.

(d) Coordinate with other enforcement agencies, social service agencies and facility administrators as needed.

(e) Provide referrals to therapy services, victim advocates, guardians and support for the victim and family as appropriate.

(f) Participate in or coordinate with multidisciplinary investigative teams as applicable (ORS 430.739).

313.5 INVESTIGATIONS AND REPORTING

All reported or suspected cases of adult abuse require investigation and a report, even if the allegations appear unfounded or unsubstantiated. The Department must begin investigations of abuse in a long-term care facility (ORS 441.650):

- Within two hours where a resident’s health or safety is in imminent danger or the resident recently died, was hospitalized or was treated in an emergency room.

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- Prior to the end of the next working day if circumstances exist that could result in abuse and place the resident's health or safety in imminent danger.

Investigations and reports related to suspected cases of adult abuse should address, as applicable:

(a) The overall basis for the contact. This should be done by the investigating deputy in all circumstances where a suspected adult abuse victim is contacted.

(b) Any relevant statements the victim may have made and to whom he/she made the statements.

(c) If a person is taken into protective custody, the reasons, the name and title of the person making the decision, and why other alternatives were not appropriate.

(d) Documentation of any visible injuries or any injuries identified by the victim. This should include photographs of such injuries, if practicable.

(e) Whether the victim was transported for medical treatment or a medical examination.

(f) Whether the victim identified a household member as the alleged perpetrator, and a list of the names of any other potential victims or witnesses who may reside in the residence.

(g) Identification of any prior related reports or allegations of abuse, including other jurisdictions, as reasonably known.

(h) Previous addresses of the victim and suspect.

(i) Other potential witnesses who have not yet been interviewed, such as relatives or others close to the victim's environment.

All investigations into suspected cases of adult abuse shall include a personal visit to the elderly person suspected of being abused (ORS 124.070).

Any unexplained death of an adult who was in the care of a guardian or caretaker should be considered as potential adult abuse and investigated similarly.

313.6 PROTECTIVE CUSTODY

Before taking an adult abuse victim into protective custody when facts indicate the adult may not be able to care for him/herself, the deputy should make reasonable attempts to contact DHS. Generally, removal of an adult abuse victim from his/her family, guardian or other responsible adult should be left to the welfare authorities when they are present or have become involved in an investigation.

Generally, members of this department should remove an adult abuse victim from his/her family or guardian without a court order only when no other effective alternative is reasonably available and immediate action reasonably appears necessary to protect the victim. Prior to taking an adult abuse victim into protective custody, the deputy should take reasonable steps to deliver the adult to another qualified legal guardian, unless it reasonably appears that the release would endanger the victim or result in abduction. If this is not a reasonable option, the deputy shall ensure that the adult is delivered to DHS.

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Whenever practicable, the deputy should inform a supervisor of the circumstances prior to taking an adult abuse victim into protective custody. If prior notification is not practicable, deputies should contact a supervisor promptly after taking the adult into protective custody.

When adult abuse victims are under state control, have a state-appointed guardian or there are other legal holdings for guardianship, it may be necessary or reasonable to seek a court order on behalf of the adult victim to either remove the adult from a dangerous environment (protective custody) or restrain a person from contact with the adult.

313.6.1 DHS ASSISTANCE
An deputy shall cooperate with DHS when assistance is requested by written notice to gain access to an abused person and the deputy believes that there is reasonable cause that a crime has been committed and an emergency exists which requires access to the person to ensure his/her safety (ORS 124.065; ORS 430.743; OAR 411-020-0085).

313.7 INTERVIEWS

313.7.1 PRELIMINARY INTERVIEWS
Absent extenuating circumstances or impracticality, deputies should audio record the preliminary interview with a suspected adult abuse victim. Deputies should avoid multiple interviews with the victim and should attempt to gather only the information necessary to begin an investigation. When practicable, investigating deputies should defer interviews until a person who is specially trained in such interviews is available.

313.7.2 DETAINING VICTIMS FOR INTERVIEWS
A deputy should not detain an adult involuntarily who is suspected of being a victim of abuse solely for the purpose of an interview or physical exam without his/her consent or the consent of a guardian unless one of the following applies:

(a) Exigent circumstances exist, such as:

1. A reasonable belief that medical issues of the adult need to be addressed immediately.
2. A reasonable belief that the adult is or will be in danger of harm if the interview or physical exam is not immediately completed.
3. The alleged offender is a family member or guardian and there is reason to believe the adult may be in continued danger.

(b) A court order or warrant has been issued.

313.8 MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

When an adult abuse investigation requires a medical examination, the investigating deputy should obtain consent for such examination from the victim, guardian, agency or entity having legal custody of the adult. The deputy should also arrange for the adult's transportation to the appropriate medical facility.

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In cases where the alleged offender is a family member, guardian, agency or entity having legal custody and is refusing to give consent for the medical examination, deputies should notify a supervisor before proceeding. If exigent circumstances do not exist or if state law does not provide for deputies to take the adult for a medical examination, the supervisor should consider other government agencies or services that may obtain a court order for such an examination.

313.9 DRUG-ENDANGERED VICTIMS

A coordinated response by law enforcement and social services agencies is appropriate to meet the immediate and longer-term medical and safety needs of an adult abuse victim who has been exposed to the manufacturing, trafficking or use of narcotics.

313.9.1 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Investigation Section supervisor should:

(a) Work with professionals from the appropriate agencies, including DHS, other law enforcement agencies, medical service providers and local prosecutors, to develop community-specific procedures for responding to situations where there are adult abuse victims endangered by exposure to methamphetamine labs or the manufacture and trafficking of other drugs.

(b) Activate any available interagency response when a deputy notifies the Investigation Section supervisor that he/she has responded to a drug lab or other narcotics crime scene where an adult abuse victim is present or where evidence indicates that an adult abuse victim lives.

(c) Develop a report format or checklist for use when deputies respond to drug labs or other narcotics crime scenes. The checklist will help deputies document the environmental, medical, social and other conditions that may affect the adult.

313.9.2 DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITIES

Deputies responding to a drug lab or other narcotics crime scene where an adult abuse victim is present or where there is evidence that an adult abuse victim lives should:

(a) Document the environmental, medical, social and other conditions of the adult, using photography as appropriate and the checklist or form developed for this purpose.

(b) Notify the Investigation Section supervisor so an interagency response can begin.

313.10 STATE MANDATES AND OTHER RELEVANT LAWS

Oregon requires or permits the following:

313.10.1 RECORDS UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Records Unit is responsible for:

(a) Providing a copy of the adult abuse report to DHS as required by law.

(b) Retaining the original adult abuse report with the initial case file.

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313.10.2 RELEASE OF REPORTS

Information related to incidents of adult abuse or suspected adult abuse shall be confidential and may only be disclosed pursuant to state law and the Records Maintenance and Release Policy (ORS 124.090; ORS 430.763; ORS 441.671).

313.11 TRAINING

The Department should provide training on best practices in adult abuse investigations to members tasked with investigating these cases. The training should include:

(a) Participating in multidisciplinary investigations, as appropriate.

(b) Conducting interviews.

(c) Availability of therapy services for adults and families.

(d) Availability of specialized forensic medical exams.

(e) Cultural competence (including interpretive services) related to adult abuse investigations.

(f) Availability of victim advocates or other support.

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Discriminatory Harassment

314.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy is intended to prevent department members from being subjected to discrimination or sexual harassment. Nothing in this policy is intended to create a legal or employment right or duty that is not created by law.

314.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to creating and maintaining a work environment that is free of all forms of discriminatory harassment, including sexual harassment and retaliation. The Department will not tolerate discrimination against members in hiring, promotion, discharge, compensation, fringe benefits and other privileges of employment. The Department will take preventive, corrective and disciplinary action to address any behavior that violates this policy or the rights it is designed to protect.

The non-discrimination policies of the Department may be more comprehensive than state or federal law. Conduct that violates this policy may not violate state or federal law but still could subject a member to discipline.

314.3 DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED

314.3.1 DISCRIMINATION

The Department prohibits all forms of discrimination, including any employment-related action by a member that adversely affects an applicant or member and is based on race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, disability, military service, sexual orientation and other classifications protected by law.

Discriminatory harassment, including sexual harassment, is verbal or physical conduct that demeans or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual based upon that individual’s protected class. It has the effect of interfering with an individual’s work performance or creating a hostile or abusive work environment.

Conduct that may, under certain circumstances, constitute discriminatory harassment, can include making derogatory comments, crude and offensive statements or remarks, making slurs or off-color jokes, stereotyping, engaging in threatening acts, making indecent gestures, pictures, cartoons, posters or material, making inappropriate physical contact, or using written material or department equipment and/or systems to transmit or receive offensive material, statements or pictures. Such conduct is contrary to department policy and to the department commitment to a discrimination free work environment.

314.3.2 SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The Department prohibits all forms of discrimination and discriminatory harassment, including sexual harassment. It is unlawful to harass an applicant or a member because of that person’s sex.

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314.3.3 ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Discrimination and discriminatory harassment do not include actions that are in accordance with established rules, principles or standards, including:

(a) Acts or omission of acts based solely upon bona fide occupational qualifications under Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries' Civil Rights Division.

(b) Bona fide requests or demands by a supervisor that a member improve his/her work quality or output, that the member report to the job site on time, that the member comply with County or department rules or regulations, or any other appropriate work-related communication between supervisor and the member.

314.3.4 RETALIATION

Retaliation is treating a person differently or engaging in acts of reprisal or intimidation against the person because he/she has engaged in protected activity, filed a charge of discrimination, participated in an investigation or opposed a discriminatory practice. Retaliation will not be tolerated.

314.4 RESPONSIBILITIES

This policy applies to all department personnel. All members shall follow the intent of these guidelines in a manner that reflects department policy, professional law enforcement standards and the best interest of the Department and its mission.

Members are encouraged to promptly report any discriminatory, retaliatory or harassing conduct or known violations of this policy to a supervisor. Any member who is not comfortable with reporting violations of this policy to his/her immediate supervisor may bypass the chain of command and make the report to a higher ranking supervisor or manager. Complaints may also be filed with the Sheriff or the County Human Resources Director .

Any member who believes, in good faith, that he/she has been discriminated against, harassed, subjected to retaliation, or who has observed harassment or discrimination, is encouraged to promptly report such conduct in accordance with the procedures set forth in this policy.

Supervisors and managers receiving information regarding alleged violations of this policy shall determine if there is any basis for the allegation and shall proceed with resolution as stated below.

314.4.1 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY

Each supervisor and manager shall:

(a) Continually monitor the work environment and strive to ensure that it is free from all types of unlawful discrimination, including sexual harassment or retaliation.

(b) Take prompt, appropriate action within their work units to avoid and minimize the incidence of any form of discrimination, harassment or retaliation.

(c) Ensure their subordinates understand their responsibilities under this policy.

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(d) Ensure that members who make complaints or who oppose any unlawful employment practices are protected from retaliation and that such matters are kept confidential to the extent possible.

(e) Notify the Sheriff or County Human Resources Director in writing of the circumstances surrounding any reported allegations or observed acts of discrimination, harassment or retaliation no later than the next business day.

314.4.2 SUPERVISOR'S ROLE

Because of differences in individual values, supervisors and managers may find it difficult to recognize that their behavior or the behavior of others is discriminatory, harassing or retaliatory. Supervisors and managers shall be aware of the following considerations:

(a) Behavior of supervisors and managers should represent the values of our Department and professional law enforcement standards

(b) False or mistaken accusations of discrimination, harassment or retaliation can have negative effects on the careers of innocent members.

(c) Supervisors and managers must act promptly and responsibly in the resolution of such situations.

(d) Supervisors and managers shall make a timely determination regarding the substance of any allegations based upon all available facts.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent supervisors or managers from discharging supervisory or management responsibilities, such as determining duty assignments, evaluating or counseling members or issuing discipline, in a manner that is consistent with established procedures.

314.5 INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS

Various methods of resolution exist. During the pendency of any such investigation, the supervisor of the involved members should take prompt and reasonable steps to mitigate or eliminate any continuing abusive or hostile work environment. It is the policy of the Department that all complaints of discrimination or harassment shall be fully documented and promptly and thoroughly investigated. The participating or opposing member should be protected against retaliation, and the complaint and related investigation should be kept confidential to the extent possible.

314.5.1 SUPERVISORY RESOLUTION

Members who believe they are experiencing discrimination, harassment or retaliation should be encouraged to inform the individual that his/her behavior is unwelcome, offensive, unprofessional or inappropriate. However, if the member feels uncomfortable, threatened or has difficulty expressing his/her concern, or if this does not solve the concern, assistance should be sought from a supervisor or manager who is a rank higher than the alleged transgressor.

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314.5.2 FORMAL INVESTIGATION

If the complaint cannot be satisfactorily resolved through the process described above, a formal investigation will be conducted.

The person assigned to investigate the complaint will have full authority to investigate all aspects of the complaint. Investigative authority includes access to records and the cooperation of any members involved. No influence will be used to suppress any complaint and no member will be subject to retaliation or reprisal for filing a complaint, encouraging others to file a complaint or for offering testimony or evidence in any investigation (ORS 659A.199).

Formal investigation of the complaint will be confidential to the extent possible and will include, but not be limited to, details of the specific incident, frequency and dates of occurrences and names of any witnesses. Witnesses will be advised regarding the prohibition against retaliation, and that a disciplinary process, up to and including termination, may result if retaliation occurs.

Members who believe they have been discriminated against, harassed or retaliated against because of their protected status are encouraged to follow the chain of command but may also file a complaint directly with the Sheriff, County Human Resources Director or the County Commissioners' Office.

314.5.3 ALTERNATIVE COMPLAINT PROCESS

No provision of this policy shall be construed to prevent any member from seeking legal redress outside the Department. Members who believe that they have been harassed or discriminated or retaliated against are entitled to bring complaints of employment discrimination to federal, state and/or local agencies responsible for investigating such allegations. Specific time limitations apply to the filing of such charges. Members are advised that proceeding with complaints under the provisions of this policy does not in any way affect those filing requirements.

314.6 NOTIFICATION OF DISPOSITION

The complainant and/or victim will be notified in writing of the disposition of the investigation and the action taken to remedy or address the circumstances giving rise to the complaint.

314.7 DOCUMENTATION OF COMPLAINTS

All complaints or allegations shall be thoroughly documented on forms and in a manner designated by the Sheriff. The outcome of all reports shall be:

- Approved by the Sheriff or County Human Resources Director if more appropriate.
- Maintained for the period established in the department’s records retention schedule.

314.8 TRAINING

All new members shall be provided with a copy of this policy as part of their orientation. The policy shall be reviewed with each new member.

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By acknowledging this policy online, the employee certifies that he/she has been advised of this policy, is aware of and understands its contents and agrees to abide by its provisions during his/her term of employment.

All members shall receive annual training on the requirements of this policy .

314.8.1 QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATION

Members with questions regarding what constitutes discrimination, sexual harassment or retaliation are encouraged to contact a supervisor, manager, the Sheriff, County Human Resources Director or the The People for further information, direction or clarification.

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Child Abuse

315.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the investigation of suspected child abuse. This policy also addresses when Columbia County Sheriff's Office members are required to notify the Department of Human Services (DHS) of suspected child abuse.

315.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Child - Unless otherwise specified by a cited statute, a child is any person under the age of 18 years.

Child abuse - Any offense or attempted offense involving violence or neglect with a child victim when committed by a person responsible for the child's care or any other act that would mandate notification to a social service agency (ORS 419B.010).

315.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will investigate all reported incidents of alleged criminal child abuse and ensure that DHS is notified as required by law.

315.3 MANDATORY NOTIFICATION

Members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office shall notify DHS when a report of child abuse is received or when there is reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered abuse (ORS 419B.010).

For purposes of notification, a child is an unmarried person under 18 years of age (ORS 419B.005(2)).

For purposes of notification, abuse of a child includes, but is not limited to, assault or physical injury of a non-accidental nature, rape, sexual abuse or sexual exploitation including contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor, threatened harm, negligent treatment or maltreatment, buying or selling a child, unlawful exposure to a controlled substance, permitting a child to enter or remain in or upon premises where methamphetamines are manufactured, or any other act described in ORS 419B.005(1)(a).

315.3.1 NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Notification should occur as follows (OAR 413-015-0305):

(a) Verbal notification to DHS shall be made immediately when the deputy determines that the report of alleged abuse or neglect requires an immediate joint response.

(b) Verbal, electronic transmission or hand-delivered notification to DHS of all other reports of child abuse or neglect shall be made by the end of the next business day.

(c) Notification, when possible, should include:

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1. The name and contact information of the confidential reporter.
2. The name, address and age of the child.
3. The name and address of the child's parents or other person who is responsible for care of the child.
4. The nature and extent of the abuse or neglect, including any evidence of previous abuse or neglect.
5. The explanation given for the abuse or neglect.
6. Where the abuse or neglect occurred.
7. Identity and whereabouts of the alleged perpetrator.
8. Any other information that the person making the report believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of the abuse or neglect and the identity and whereabouts of the perpetrator.
9. The name and contact information for the assigned DHS worker and deputy.

When the abuse occurs at a facility or by a person from a facility that requires a state license from the Oregon Employment Department, Child Care Division (e.g., child care facility), notification shall also be made to that agency (ORS 419B.020).

315.4 QUALIFIED INVESTIGATORS

Qualified investigators should be available for child abuse investigations. These investigators should:

(a) Conduct interviews in child appropriate interview facilities.

(b) Be familiar with forensic interview techniques specific to child abuse investigations.

(c) Present all cases of alleged child abuse to the prosecutor for review.

(d) Coordinate with other enforcement agencies, social service agencies and school administrators as needed.

(e) Provide referrals to therapy services, victim advocates, guardians and support for the child and family as appropriate.

(f) Participate in or coordinate with multidisciplinary investigative teams as applicable (ORS 418.747).

315.5 INVESTIGATIONS AND REPORTING

In all reported or suspected cases of child abuse, a report will be written. Deputies shall write a report even if the allegations appear unfounded or unsubstantiated.

Investigations and reports related to suspected cases of child abuse should address, as applicable:

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(a) The overall basis for the contact. This should be done by the investigating deputy in all circumstances where a suspected child abuse victim was contacted.

(b) The exigent circumstances that existed if deputies interviewed the child victim without the presence of a parent or guardian.

(c) Any relevant statements the child may have made and to whom he/she made the statements.

(d) If a child was taken into protective custody, the reasons, the name and title of the person making the decision, and why other alternatives were not appropriate.

(e) Documentation of any visible injuries or any injuries identified by the child. This should include photographs of such injuries, if practicable.

(f) Whether the child victim was transported for medical treatment or a medical examination.

(g) Whether the victim identified a household member as the alleged perpetrator, and a list of the names of any other children who may reside in the residence.

(h) Identification of any prior related reports or allegations of child abuse, including other jurisdictions, as reasonably known.

(i) Previous addresses of the victim and suspect.

(j) Other potential witnesses who have not yet been interviewed, such as relatives or others close to the victim’s environment.

All cases of the unexplained death of a child should be investigated as thoroughly as if it had been a case of suspected child abuse (e.g., a sudden or unexplained death of an infant).

315.5.1 KARLY’S LAW

In all cases of suspicious physical injury to a child, the investigating deputy shall, in accordance with any relevant county multidisciplinary team protocols, (ORS 419B.023):

(a) Immediately photograph or caused to be photographed any visible injuries or any injuries identified by the child if practicable, and in the manner described in ORS 419B.028.

(b) Ensure that photographs of the injuries are distributed to the designated medical professional and placed in any relevant files by the end of the next regular business day or within 48 hours, whichever occurs later (ORS 419B.028(2)).

(c) Ensure that a designated medical professional conducts a medical assessment of the child within 48 hours or sooner, according to the child's medical needs. If a designated medical professional is unavailable for the assessment, the investigating deputy must ensure that the child is evaluated by an available physician.

315.5.2 INVESTIGATIONS ON PUBLIC SCHOOL PREMISES

When an investigation of child abuse is conducted on public school premises, the investigating deputy shall first notify the school administrator of the investigation, unless the school administrator

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is a subject of the investigation. At the investigator's discretion, the school administrator or a school staff member designated by the school administrator may be present to facilitate the investigation. Prior to any interview with the affected child, the investigating deputy shall be advised of the child's disabling conditions, if any (ORS 419B.045).

315.6 PROTECTIVE CUSTODY

Before taking any child into protective custody, the deputy should make reasonable attempts to contact DHS. Generally, removal of a child from his/her family, guardian or other responsible adult should be left to the child welfare authorities when they are present or have become involved in an investigation.

Generally, members of this department should remove a child from his/her parent or guardian without a court order only when no other effective alternative is reasonably available and immediate action reasonably appears necessary to protect the child. Prior to taking a child into protective custody, the deputy should take reasonable steps to deliver the child to another qualified parent or legal guardian, unless it reasonably appears that the release would endanger the child or result in abduction. If this is not a reasonable option, the deputy shall ensure that the child is delivered to DHS.

Whenever practicable, the deputy should inform a supervisor of the circumstances prior to taking a child into protective custody. If prior notification is not practicable, deputies should contact a supervisor promptly after taking a child into protective custody.

Children may only be removed from a parent or guardian in the following situations (ORS 419B.150):

(a) When the child's condition or surroundings reasonably appear to jeopardize the child's welfare.

(b) When the juvenile court has issued a valid order that the child is to be taken into protective custody.

(c) When it reasonably appears that the child has run away from home.

315.6.1 NOTICE TO PARENTS

When a deputy takes a child into protective custody, if possible, the deputy shall:

(a) Make reasonable efforts to immediately notify the child's parents or guardian, regardless of the time of day.

(b) Advise the reason the child has been taken into custody.

(c) Provide general information about the child's placement and the telephone number of the local DHS office, including any after-hours telephone numbers (ORS 419B.020).

315.6.2 SAFE HAVEN PROVISION

A parent may leave an infant who is not more than 30 days old at an authorized facility, including this department, as long as the child has no evidence of abuse (ORS 418.017).

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When an infant is surrendered to this department, members of Columbia County Sheriff's Office shall follow the provisions set forth in ORS 418.017.

315.7 INTERVIEWS

315.7.1 PRELIMINARY INTERVIEWS

Absent extenuating circumstances or impracticality, deputies should record the preliminary interview with suspected child abuse victims. Deputies should avoid multiple interviews with a child victim and should attempt to gather only the information necessary to begin an investigation. When practicable, investigating deputies should defer interviews until a person who is specially trained in such interviews is available. Generally, child victims should not be interviewed in the home or location where the alleged abuse occurred.

315.7.2 DETAINING SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE VICTIMS FOR AN INTERVIEW

A deputy should not detain a child involuntarily who is suspected of being a victim of child abuse solely for the purpose of an interview or physical exam without the consent of a parent or guardian unless one of the following applies:

(a) Exigent circumstances exist, such as:

1. A reasonable belief that medical issues of the child need to be addressed immediately.
2. A reasonable belief that the child is or will be in danger of harm if the interview or physical exam is not immediately completed.
3. The alleged offender is the custodial parent or guardian and there is reason to believe the child may be in continued danger.

(b) A court order or warrant has been issued.

315.8 MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

If the child has been the victim of abuse that requires a medical examination, the investigating deputy should obtain consent for such examination from the appropriate parent, guardian or agency having legal custody of the child. The deputy should also arrange for the child’s transportation to the appropriate medical facility.

In cases where the alleged offender is the custodial parent or guardian and is refusing consent for the medical examination, deputies should notify a supervisor before proceeding. If exigent circumstances do not exist or if state law does not provide for deputies to take the child for a medical examination, the notified supervisor should consider obtaining a court order for such an examination.

315.8.1 COURT ORDERS FOR PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE

When a deputy is taking a child into protective custody and has reasonable cause to believe that the child has been affected by sexual abuse and rape, and that physical evidence of the abuse

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exists and is likely to disappear, the court may authorize a physical examination for the purpose of preserving evidence, if such examination is in the best interest of the child (ORS 419B.020).

315.9 DRUG-ENDANGERED CHILDREN

A coordinated response by law enforcement and social services agencies is appropriate to meet the immediate and longer-term medical and safety needs of children exposed to the manufacturing, trafficking or use of narcotics.

315.9.1 MDT DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITIES

The The Deputy Assigned to MDT should:

(a) Work with professionals from the appropriate agencies, including DHS, other law enforcement agencies, medical service providers and local prosecutors to develop community specific procedures for responding to situations where there are children endangered by exposure to methamphetamine labs or the manufacture and trafficking of other drugs.

(b) Request that a supervisor activate any available interagency response when a deputy has responded to a drug lab or other narcotics crime scene where a child is present or where evidence indicates that a child lives there.

315.9.2 DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITIES

Deputies responding to a drug lab or other narcotics crime scene where a child is present or where there is evidence that a child lives should:

(a) Document the environmental, medical, social and other conditions of the child using photography as appropriate and the checklist or form developed for this purpose.

(b) Notify the Investigation Section Supervisor so an interagency response can begin.

315.10 STATE MANDATES AND OTHER RELEVANT LAWS

Oregon requires or permits the following:

315.10.1 RELEASE OF REPORTS

Information related to incidents of child abuse or suspected child abuse shall be confidential and may only be disclosed pursuant to state law and the Records Maintenance and Release Policy (ORS 419B.035).

315.10.2 COUNTY MULTIDISCIPLINARY CHILD ABUSE TEAM AND PROTOCOL

The Enforcement Supervisor over detectives should ensure that current written protocols and procedures for child abuse investigations developed by the multidisciplinary child abuse team are available to all department members (ORS 418.747).

315.10.3 CHILD FATALITY REVIEW TEAMS

This department should cooperate with any child fatality review team and investigation (ORS 418.785).

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315.11 TRAINING

The Department should provide training on best practices in child abuse investigations to members tasked with investigating these cases. The training should include:

(a) Participating in multidisciplinary investigations, as appropriate.

(b) Conducting forensic interviews.

(c) Availability of therapy services for children and families.

(d) Availability of specialized forensic medical exams.

(e) Cultural competence (including interpretive services) related to child abuse investigations.

(f) Availability of victim advocate or guardian ad litem support.

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Missing Persons

316.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidance for handling missing person investigations.

316.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

At risk - This includes persons who:

(a) Are 13 years of age or younger.

(b) Regardless of age, are believed or determined to be experiencing one or more of the following circumstances:

1. Out of the zone of safety for his/her chronological age and developmental stage.
2. Mentally or behaviorally disabled.
3. Drug dependent, including prescribed medication and/or illegal substances, and the dependency is potentially life-threatening.
4. Absent from home for more than 24 hours before being reported to law enforcement as missing.
5. In a life-threatening situation.
6. In the company of others who could endanger his/her welfare.
7. Absent in a way that is inconsistent with established patterns of behavior and cannot be readily explained. Most children have an established and reasonably predictable routine.
8. Involved in a situation that would cause a reasonable person to conclude the person should be considered at risk.
9. Intellectual or developmental disability, or an impaired mental condition such as dementia or brain injury (ORS 181A.320).
10. A victim of first- or second-degree custodial interference or kidnapping (ORS 181A.310).

Missing person - Any person who is reported missing to law enforcement when that person’s location is unknown.

Missing person networks - Databases or computer networks that are available to law enforcement and are suitable for obtaining information related to missing person investigations. This includes the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), the Oregon Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) and the Oregon State Police Missing Children Clearinghouse.

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316.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office does not consider any report of a missing person to be routine and assumes that the missing person is in need of immediate assistance until an investigation reveals otherwise. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office gives missing person cases priority over property-related cases and does not require a specific amount of time to have passed before beginning a missing person investigation.

316.3 REQUIRED FORMS AND BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE COLLECTION KITS

The Investigation Section Supervisor shall ensure the following forms and kits are developed and available:

- Missing person report form
- Missing person investigation checklist that provides investigation guidelines and resources that could be helpful in the early hours of a missing person investigation
- Missing person school notification form
- Medical records release form
- Biological sample collection kits

316.4 ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

Any member encountering a person who wishes to report a missing person or runaway shall render assistance without delay. This can be accomplished by accepting the report via telephone or in-person and initiating the investigation. Those members who do not take such reports or who are unable to give immediate assistance shall promptly dispatch or alert a member who can take the report.

A report shall be accepted in all cases and regardless of where the person was last seen, where the person resides or any question of jurisdiction.

316.5 INITIAL INVESTIGATION

Deputies or other members conducting the initial investigation of a missing person should take the following investigative actions, as applicable:

(a) Respond to a dispatched call as soon as practicable.

(b) Interview the reporting party and any witnesses to determine whether the person qualifies as a missing person and, if so, whether the person may be at risk.

(c) Notify a supervisor immediately if there is evidence that a missing person is either at risk or may qualify for a public alert, or both (see the Public Alerts Policy).

(d) Broadcast a “Be on the Look-Out” (BOLO) bulletin if the person is under 16 years of age or there is evidence that the missing person is at risk. The BOLO should be broadcast as soon

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as practicable but in no event more than one hour after determining the missing person is under 16 years of age or may be at risk.

(e) Ensure that entries are made into the appropriate missing person networks, as follows:

1. Immediately, when the missing person is at risk.
2. In all other cases, as soon as practicable, but not later than two hours from the time of the initial report.

(f) Complete the appropriate report forms accurately and completely and initiate a search as applicable under the facts.

(g) Collect and/or review:

1. A photograph and fingerprint card of the missing person, if available.
2. A voluntarily provided biological sample of the missing person, if available (e.g., toothbrush, hairbrush).
3. Any documents that may assist in the investigation, such as court orders regarding custody.
4. Any other evidence that may assist in the investigation, including personal electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, computers).

(h) When circumstances permit and if appropriate, attempt to determine the missing person's location through his/her telecommunications carrier.

(i) Contact the appropriate agency if the report relates to a missing person report previously made to another agency and that agency is actively investigating the report. When this is not practicable, the information should be documented in an appropriate report for transmission to the appropriate agency. If the information relates to an at-risk missing person, the member should notify a supervisor and proceed with reasonable steps to locate the missing person.

316.6 REPORT PROCEDURES AND ROUTING

Members should complete all missing person reports and forms promptly and advise the appropriate supervisor as soon as a missing person report is ready for review.

316.6.1 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of the supervisor shall include, but are not limited to:

(a) Reviewing and approving missing person reports upon receipt.

1. The reports should be promptly sent to the Records Unit.

(b) Ensuring resources are deployed as appropriate.

(c) Initiating a command post as needed.

(d) Ensuring applicable notifications and public alerts are made and documented.

(e) Ensuring that records have been entered into the appropriate missing persons networks.

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(f) Taking reasonable steps to identify and address any jurisdictional issues to ensure cooperation among agencies.

1. If the case falls within the jurisdiction of another agency, the supervisor should facilitate transfer of the case to the agency of jurisdiction.

316.6.2 RECORDS UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of the Records Unit receiving member shall include, but are not limited to:

(a) As soon as reasonable under the circumstances, notifying and forwarding a copy of the report to the agency of jurisdiction for the missing person's residence in cases where the missing person is a resident of another jurisdiction.

(b) Notifying and forwarding a copy of the report to the agency of jurisdiction where the missing person was last seen.

(c) Notifying and forwarding a copy of the report to the agency of jurisdiction for the missing person's intended or possible destination, if known.

(d) Forwarding a copy of the report to the Investigation Section.

(e) Coordinating with the NCIC Terminal Contractor for Oregon to have the missing person record in the NCIC computer networks updated with additional information obtained from missing person investigations (42 USC § 5780).

316.7 INVESTIGATION SECTION FOLLOW-UP

In addition to completing or continuing any actions listed above, the investigator assigned to a missing person investigation:

(a) Should ensure that the missing person's school is notified within 10 days if the missing person is a juvenile.

1. The notice shall be in writing and should also include a photograph.

2. The investigator should meet with school officials as appropriate to stress the importance of including the notice in the juvenile's student file, along with the investigator's contact information, if the school receives a call requesting the transfer of the missing child's files to another school.

(b) Should re-contact the reporting person and/or other witnesses within 30 days of the initial report and within 30 days thereafter to determine if any additional information has become available.

(c) Shall, if the person has not been located within 30 days, ensure that a biological sample, if available, is forwarded to the Oregon State Police (ORS 146.187).

(d) Should consider contacting other agencies involved in the case to determine if any additional information is available.

(e) Shall verify and update the Oregon LEDS, the Oregon State Police Missing Children Clearinghouse, NCIC and any other applicable missing person networks within 30 days of

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the original entry into the networks and every 30 days thereafter until the missing person is located (42 USC § 5780).

(f) Should continue to make reasonable efforts to locate the missing person and document these efforts at least every 30 days.

(g) Shall maintain a close liaison with state and local child welfare systems and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) if the missing person is under the age of 21 and shall promptly notify NCMEC when the person is missing from a foster care family home or childcare institution (42 USC § 5780).

(h) Should make appropriate inquiry with the Medical Examiner.

(i) Should obtain and forward medical and dental records, photos, X-rays and biological samples, as applicable.

(j) Shall attempt to obtain the most recent photograph for persons under 18 years of age if it has not been obtained previously and forward the photograph to Oregon State Police and enter the photograph into applicable missing person networks (42 USC § 5780).

(k) Should consider making appropriate entries and searches in the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs).

(l) In the case of an at-risk missing person or a person who has been missing for an extended time, should consult with a supervisor regarding seeking federal assistance from the FBI and the U.S. Marshals Service (28 USC § 566).

316.8 WHEN A MISSING PERSON IS FOUND

When any person reported missing is found, the assigned investigator shall document the location of the missing person in the appropriate report, notify the relatives and/or reporting party and other involved agencies and refer the case for additional investigation if warranted.

The Support Services Supervisor shall ensure that, upon receipt of information that a missing person has been located, the following occurs:

(a) Notification is made to the Oregon State Police.

(b) A missing child’s school is notified.

(c) Entries are made in the applicable missing person networks.

(d) When a person is at risk, the fact that the person has been found should be reported within 24 hours to the Oregon State Police.

(e) Notification shall be made to any other law enforcement agency that took the initial report or participated in the investigation.

(f) All information and materials obtained for the purpose of identifying the missing person are destroyed if the person is found, or sealed if the person is found to be no longer living (ORS 146.189(2)).

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316.8.1 UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS

Department members investigating a case of an unidentified person who is deceased or a living person who cannot assist in identifying him/herself should:

(a) Obtain a complete description of the person.

(b) Enter the unidentified person's description into the NCIC Unidentified Person File.

(c) Use available resources, such as those related to missing persons, to identify the person.

316.9 CASE CLOSURE

The Investigation Section Supervisor may authorize the closure of a missing person case after considering the following:

(a) Closure is appropriate when the missing person is confirmed returned or evidence matches an unidentified person or body.

(b) If the missing person is a resident of Columbia County or this department is the lead agency, the case should be kept under active investigation for as long as the person may still be alive. Exhaustion of leads in the investigation should not be a reason for closing a case.

(c) If this department is not the lead agency, the case can be made inactive if all investigative leads have been exhausted, the lead agency has been notified and entries are made in the applicable missing person networks, as appropriate.

(d) A missing person case should not be closed or reclassified because the person would have reached a certain age or adulthood or because the person is now the subject of a criminal or civil warrant.

316.10 TRAINING

Subject to available resources, the Undersheriff should ensure that members of this department whose duties include missing person investigations and reports receive training that includes:

(a) The initial investigation:

1. Assessments and interviews
2. Use of current resources, such as Mobile Audio Video (MAV)
3. Confirming missing status and custody status of minors
4. Evaluating the need for a heightened response
5. Identifying the zone of safety based on chronological age and developmental stage

(b) Briefing of department members at the scene.

(c) Identifying NCIC Missing Person File categories (e.g., disability, endangered, involuntary, juvenile and catastrophe).

(d) Verifying the accuracy of all descriptive information.

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(e) Initiating a neighborhood investigation.

(f) Investigating any relevant recent family dynamics.

(g) Addressing conflicting information.

(h) Key investigative and coordination steps.

(i) Managing a missing person case.

(j) Additional resources and specialized services.

(k) Update procedures for case information and descriptions.

(l) Preserving scenes.

(m) Internet and technology issues (e.g., Internet use, cell phone use).

(n) Media relations.

(o) Interacting with individuals with cognitive impairment, including dementia, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and brain injuries (ORS 181A.320).

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Public Alerts

317.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for alerting the public to important information and soliciting public aid when appropriate.

317.2 POLICY

Public alerts may be employed using the Emergency Alert System (EAS), local radio, television and press organizations and other groups to notify the public of incidents, or enlist the aid of the public, when the exchange of information may enhance the safety of the community. Various types of alerts may be available based upon each situation and the alert system's individual criteria.

317.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

317.3.1 EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Employees of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office should notify their supervisor, Enforcement Lieutenant or the Undersheriff or Sheriff as soon as practicable upon learning of a situation where public notification, a warning or enlisting the help of the media and public could assist in locating a missing person, apprehending a dangerous person or gathering information.

317.3.2 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

A supervisor apprised of the need for a public alert is responsible to make the appropriate notifications based upon the circumstances of each situation. The supervisor shall promptly notify the Undersheriff and/or the Sheriff when any public alert is generated.

The supervisor in charge of the investigation to which the alert relates is responsible for the following:

(a) Updating alerts

(b) Cancelling alerts

(c) Ensuring all appropriate reports are completed

(d) Preparing an after-action evaluation of the investigation to be forwarded to the Undersheriff.

317.4 AMBER ALERTS

The Oregon AMBER Alert is a voluntary partnership between law enforcement agencies and local broadcasters to rapidly disseminate an emergency alert to the public when a child is abducted under emergency circumstances and the child may be in danger of serious bodily harm or death.

317.4.1 CRITERIA

All of the following criteria must exist before an AMBER Alert will be issued:

(a) There is confirmation that a child abduction has occurred.

(b) The child is under 18 years of age.

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(c) The child may be in danger of serious bodily harm or death.

(d) There is sufficient descriptive information about the child, abductor and/or the suspect's vehicle to believe that an immediate broadcast alert will help.

(e) The child's name and other critical data elements, including the child abduction (CA) and AMBER Alert (AA) flags, either have been or will be entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) system.

An AMBER Alert should not be used if the child is a runaway or has been abducted as a result of a child custody situation, unless the child may be in danger of serious bodily harm or death.

317.4.2 PROCEDURE

The AMBER Alert Web Portal is used to post the appropriate alert information.

Prior to posting the AMBER Alert message, consideration should be given to ensuring adequate staffing for the tip line, 9-1-1 lines and any media line. AMBER Alerts generate significant public and media interest. It is likely that a high volume of calls from the public and media will be received. Reassigning personnel from other units or requesting mutual aid from other agencies should be considered.

(a) The Public Information Officer, or the Enforcement Lieutenant should consider whether to prepare a press release that includes all available information that might aid in locating the child, such as:

1. The child's identity, age, physical and clothing description, including any distinguishing characteristics.
2. Photograph, if available.
3. The location where the abduction occurred or where the child was last seen.
4. The suspect's identity, age, physical and clothing description, if known.
5. Pertinent vehicle license number and description, if known.
6. Detail regarding direction of travel and potential destinations, if known.
7. Contact information for the Public Information Officer or other authorized individual to handle media liaison.
8. A telephone number for the public to call with leads or information.

(b) Information on the abducted child, suspect vehicle and suspect should be entered into the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) and NCIC as soon as feasible. The suspect's name, if known, should be entered in the "AKA" moniker field. The child's name and other critical data elements, including the child abduction (CA) and AMBER Alert (AA) flags, must be entered into the NCIC system in order to trigger the resources of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and the FBI.

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(c) The Records Unit will send a statewide Administrative Message (AM) via LEDS with the information. The text of the message will begin with the words, “Oregon AMBER Alert.”

(d) The information in the press release should also be forwarded to the dispatch center so that general broadcasts can be made to local law enforcement agencies.

(e) Consideration should be given to whether to utilize the following resources:

1. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI Local Office)
2. National Center for Missing and Exploited Children 800-843-5678

The FBI and NCMEC will have received notification of the AMBER Alert via the NCIC computer entries. If needed, the Oregon State Police Missing Children Clearinghouse is available to assist agencies with any additional notifications or to serve as the liaison with NCMEC.

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Victim and Witness Assistance

318.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that crime victims and witnesses receive appropriate assistance, that they are provided with information from government and private resources, and that the agency meets all related legal mandates.

318.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing guidance and assistance to the victims and witnesses of crime. The employees of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office will show compassion and understanding for victims and witnesses and will make reasonable efforts to provide the support and information identified in this policy.

318.3 CRIME VICTIM LIAISON

The Sheriff may appoint a member of the Department to serve as the crime victim liaison. The crime victim liaison will be the point of contact for individuals requiring further assistance or information from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office regarding benefits from crime victim resources. This person shall also be responsible for maintaining compliance with all legal mandates related to crime victims and/or witnesses.

318.4 CRIME VICTIMS

Deputies should provide all victims with the applicable victim information handouts.

Deputies should never guarantee a victim’s safety from future harm but may make practical safety suggestions to victims who express fear of future harm or retaliation. Deputies should never guarantee that a person qualifies as a victim for the purpose of compensation or restitution but may direct him/her to the proper written department material or available victim resources.

318.5 VICTIM INFORMATION

The Enforcement Lieutenant shall ensure that victim information handouts are available and current. These should include as appropriate:

(a) Shelters and other community resources for victims of domestic violence.

(b) Community resources for victims of sexual assault.

(c) Assurance that sexual assault victims will not incur out-of-pocket expenses for forensic medical exams (42 USC § 3796gg).

(d) An advisement that a person who was arrested may be released on bond or some other form of release and that the victim should not rely upon an arrest as a guarantee of safety.

(e) A clear explanation of relevant court orders and how they can be obtained.

(f) Information regarding available compensation for qualifying victims of crime.

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(g) VINE® information (Victim Information and Notification Everyday), including the telephone number and whether this free service is available to allow victims to check on an offender's custody status and to register for automatic notification when a person is released from jail.

(h) Notice regarding U-Visa and T-Visa application processes.

(i) Resources available for victims of identity theft.

(j) A place for the deputy's name, badge number and any applicable case or incident number.

(k) A statement of legal rights and remedies available to victims of abuse, as required by ORS 133.055.

(l) Information about the Address Confidentiality Program. This program is from the Oregon Department of Justice, Crime Victims' Services Division for victims of domestic violence, sexual offenses, stalking or human trafficking (ORS 192.826).

(m) Oregon Crime Victim Bill of Rights (ORS 147.417)

(n) Information for victims of sexual assault that includes, but is not limited to:

1. Contact informatio for the County Crime Victim's Advocate through the District Attorney's Office
2. Notice that victims may request and receive informatioin concerning sexual assault kits if providing the information would not inerfere with the investigation.

318.6 WITNESSES

Deputies should never guarantee a witness' safety from future harm or that his/her identity will always remain confidential. Deputies may make practical safety suggestions to witnesses who express fear of future harm or retaliation.

Deputies should investigate allegations of witness intimidation and take enforcement action when lawful and reasonable.

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Hate Crimes

319.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This department recognizes and places a high priority on the rights of all individuals guaranteed under the Constitution and the laws of this state. When such rights are infringed upon by violence, threats or other harassment, this department will utilize all available resources to see that justice is served under the law. This policy provides members of this department with guidelines for identifying and investigating incidents and crimes that may be motivated by hatred or other bias.

319.2 DEFINITIONS

Hate Crimes - consist of any act of intimidation, harassment, physical force or threat of physical force directed against any person, group, family, community organization or property motivated in whole or in part by hostility toward real or perceived race, ethnic background, national origin, religious belief, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation or political affiliation with the intent of causing fear, injury, intimidation or to deter the free exercise and enjoyment of any right secured by the Constitution or the law.

319.3 CRIMINAL STATUTES

(a) Harassment (ORS 166.065)

(b) Intimidation in the Second Degree (ORS 166.155)

(c) Intimidation in the First Degree (ORS 166.165)

(d) Menacing (ORS 163.190)

(e) Any degree of Assault (ORS 163.160 to ORS 163.185)

(f) Recklessly Endangering (ORS 163.195)

(g) Hazing (ORS 163.197)

(h) Unlawful use of a stun gun, tear gas or mace (ORS 163.212 and ORS 163.213)

(i) Kidnapping (ORS 163.215 to ORS 163.235)

(j) Coercion (ORS 163.275)

(k) Any sex offense (ORS 163.355 to ORS 163.427)

(l) Stalking (ORS 163.732)

(m) Any degree of Robbery (ORS 164.395 to ORS 164.415)

Federal law also prohibits discrimination-based acts and may be considered in addition to or in lieu of state law, depending on circumstances (18 USC § 245).

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319.4 PREVENTING AND PREPARING FOR LIKELY HATE CRIMES

While it is recognized that not all crime can be prevented, this department is committed to taking a proactive approach to preventing and preparing for likely hate crimes by among other things:

(a) Deputies should make an affirmative effort to establish contact with persons and groups within the community who are likely targets of hate crimes to form and cooperate with prevention and response networks

(b) Providing victim assistance and follow-up as outlined below, including community follow-up

319.5 PROCEDURE FOR INVESTIGATING HATE CRIMES

Whenever any member of this department receives a report of a suspected hate crime or other activity that reasonably appears to involve a potential hate crime, the following should occur:

(a) Deputy(s) will be promptly assigned to contact the victim, witness, or reporting party to investigate the matter further as circumstances may dictate

(b) A supervisor should be notified of the circumstances as soon as practical

(c) Once “in progress” aspects of any such situation have been stabilized (e.g., treatment of victims, apprehension of present suspects, etc.), the assigned deputy(s) will take all reasonable steps to preserve available evidence that may tend to establish that a hate crime was involved

(d) The assigned deputy(s) will interview available witnesses, victims and others to determine what circumstances, if any, indicate that the situation may involve a hate crime

(e) Depending on the situation, the assigned deputy(s) or supervisor may request additional assistance from detectives or other resources to further the investigation

(f) The assigned deputy(s) will include all available evidence indicating the likelihood of a hate crime in the relevant report(s). All related reports will be clearly marked as “Hate Crimes” and, absent prior approval of a supervisor, will be completed and submitted by the assigned deputy(s) before the end of the shift

(g) The assigned deputy(s) and supervisor should take reasonable steps to ensure that any such situation does not escalate further

319.5.1 INVESTIGATIONS UNIT RESPONSIBILITY

If a case is assigned to the Investigations Unit, the assigned detective will be responsible for following up on the reported hate crime as follows:

(a) Coordinate further investigation with the District Attorney and other law enforcement agencies, as appropriate

(b) Maintain contact with the victim(s) and other involved individuals as needed

(c) Maintain statistical data on suspected hate crimes and tracking as indicated

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319.6 TRAINING

All members of this Department will receive periodic Department of Public Safety Standards and Training approved training on hate crime recognition and investigation.

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Standards of Conduct

320.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes standards of conduct that are consistent with the values and mission of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and are expected of all department members. The standards contained in this policy are not intended to be an exhaustive list of requirements and prohibitions but they do identify many of the important matters concerning conduct. In addition to the provisions of this policy, members are subject to all other provisions contained in this manual, as well as any additional guidance on conduct that may be disseminated by this department or a member's supervisors.

320.2 POLICY

The continued employment or appointment of every member of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office shall be based on conduct that reasonably conforms to the guidelines set forth herein. Failure to meet the guidelines set forth in this policy, whether on- or off-duty, may be cause for disciplinary action.

320.3 DIRECTIVES AND ORDERS

Members shall comply with lawful directives and orders from any department supervisor or person in a position of authority, absent a reasonable and bona fide justification.

320.3.1 UNLAWFUL OR CONFLICTING ORDERS

Supervisors shall not knowingly issue orders or directives that, if carried out, would result in a violation of any law or department policy. Supervisors should not issue orders that conflict with any previous order without making reasonable clarification that the new order is intended to countermand the earlier order.

No member is required to obey any order that appears to be in direct conflict with any federal law, state law or local ordinance. Following a known unlawful order is not a defense and does not relieve the member from criminal or civil prosecution or administrative discipline. If the legality of an order is in doubt, the affected member shall ask the issuing supervisor to clarify the order or shall confer with a higher authority. The responsibility for refusal to obey rests with the member, who shall subsequently be required to justify the refusal.

Unless it would jeopardize the safety of any individual, members who are presented with a lawful order that is in conflict with a previous lawful order, department policy or other directive shall respectfully inform the issuing supervisor of the conflict. The issuing supervisor is responsible for either resolving the conflict or clarifying that the lawful order is intended to countermand the previous lawful order or directive, in which case the member is obliged to comply. Members who are compelled to follow a conflicting lawful order after having given the issuing supervisor the opportunity to correct the conflict, will not be held accountable for disobedience of the lawful order or directive that was initially issued.

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The person countermanding the original order shall notify, in writing, the person issuing the original order, indicating the action taken and the reason.

320.3.2 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Supervisors and managers are required to follow all policies and procedures and may be subject to discipline for:

(a) Failure to be reasonably aware of the performance of their subordinates or to provide appropriate guidance and control.

(b) Failure to promptly and fully report any known misconduct of a member to his/her immediate supervisor or to document such misconduct appropriately or as required by policy.

(c) Directing a subordinate to violate a policy or directive, acquiesce to such a violation, or are indifferent to any such violation by a subordinate.

(d) The unequal or disparate exercise of authority on the part of a supervisor toward any member for malicious or other improper purpose.

320.4 GENERAL STANDARDS

Members shall conduct themselves, whether on- or off-duty, in accordance with the United States and Oregon Constitutions and all applicable laws, ordinances and rules enacted or established pursuant to legal authority.

Members shall familiarize themselves with policies and procedures and are responsible for compliance with each. Members should seek clarification and guidance from supervisors in the event of any perceived ambiguity or uncertainty.

Discipline may be initiated for any good cause. It is not mandatory that a specific policy or rule violation be cited to sustain discipline. This policy is not intended to cover every possible type of misconduct.

320.5 CAUSES FOR DISCIPLINE

The following are illustrative of causes for disciplinary action. This list is not intended to cover every possible type of misconduct and does not preclude the recommendation of disciplinary action for violation of other rules, standards, ethics and specific action or inaction that is detrimental to efficient department service.

320.5.1 LAWS, RULES AND ORDERS

(a) Violation of, or ordering or instructing a subordinate to violate any policy, procedure, rule, order, directive, requirement or failure to follow instructions contained in department or County manuals.

(b) Disobedience of any legal directive or order issued by any department member of a higher rank.

(c) Violation of federal, state, local or administrative laws, rules or regulations.

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320.5.2 ETHICS

(a) Using or disclosing one’s status as a member of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office in any way that could reasonably be perceived as an attempt to gain influence or authority for non-department business or activity.

(b) The wrongful or unlawful exercise of authority on the part of any member for malicious purpose, personal gain, willful deceit or any other improper purpose.

(c) The receipt or acceptance of a reward, fee or gift from any person for service incident to the performance of the member's duties (lawful subpoena fees and authorized work permits excepted).

(d) Acceptance of fees, gifts or money contrary to the rules of this department and/or laws of the state.

(e) Offer or acceptance of a bribe or gratuity.

(f) Misappropriation or misuse of public funds, property, personnel or services.

(g) Any other failure to abide by the standards of ethical conduct.

320.5.3 DISCRIMINATION, OPPRESSION OR FAVORITISM

Discriminating against, oppressing or providing favoritism to any person because of age, race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, ancestry, marital status, physical or mental disability, medical condition or other classification protected by law, or intentionally denying or impeding another in the exercise or enjoyment of any right, privilege, power or immunity, knowing the conduct is unlawful.

320.5.4 RELATIONSHIPS

(a) Unwelcome solicitation of a personal or sexual relationship while on-duty or through the use of one’s official capacity.

(b) Engaging in on-duty sexual activity including, but not limited to, sexual intercourse, excessive displays of public affection or other sexual contact.

(c) Establishing or maintaining an inappropriate personal or financial relationship, as a result of an investigation, with a known victim, witness, suspect or defendant while a case is being investigated or prosecuted, or as a direct result of any official contact.

(d) Associating with or joining a criminal gang, organized crime and/or criminal syndicate when the member knows or reasonably should know of the criminal nature of the organization. This includes any organization involved in a definable criminal activity or enterprise, except as specifically directed and authorized by this department.

(e) Associating on a personal, rather than official basis with persons who demonstrate recurring involvement in serious violations of state or federal laws after the member knows, or reasonably should know of such criminal activities, except as specifically directed and authorized by this department.

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320.5.5 ATTENDANCE

(a) Leaving the job to which the member is assigned during duty hours without reasonable excuse and proper permission and approval.

(b) Unexcused or unauthorized absence or tardiness.

(c) Excessive absenteeism or abuse of leave privileges.

(d) Failure to report to work or to place of assignment at time specified and fully prepared to perform duties without reasonable excuse.

320.5.6 UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS, DISCLOSURE OR USE

(a) Unauthorized and inappropriate intentional release of confidential or protected information, materials, data, forms or reports obtained as a result of the member's position with this department.

(b) Disclosing to any unauthorized person any active investigation information.

(c) The use of any information, photograph, video or other recording obtained or accessed as a result of employment or appointment to this department for personal or financial gain or without the express authorization of the Sheriff or the authorized designee.

(d) Loaning, selling, allowing unauthorized use, giving away or appropriating any Columbia County Sheriff's Office badge, uniform, identification card or department property for personal use, personal gain or any other improper or unauthorized use or purpose.

(e) Using department resources in association with any portion of an independent civil action. These resources include, but are not limited to, personnel, vehicles, equipment and non-subpoenaed records.

320.5.7 EFFICIENCY

(a) Neglect of duty.

(b) Unsatisfactory work performance including, but not limited to, failure, incompetence, inefficiency or delay in performing and/or carrying out proper orders, work assignments or the instructions of supervisors without a reasonable and bona fide excuse.

(c) Concealing, attempting to conceal, removing or destroying defective or incompetent work.

(d) Unauthorized sleeping during on-duty time or assignments.

(e) Failure to notify the Department within 24 hours of any change in residence address, contact telephone numbers or marital status.

320.5.8 PERFORMANCE

(a) Failure to disclose or misrepresenting material facts, or making any false or misleading statement on any application, examination form, or other official document, report or form, or during the course of any work-related investigation.

(b) The falsification of any work-related records, making misleading entries or statements with the intent to deceive or the willful and unauthorized removal, alteration, destruction and/or mutilation of any department record, public record, book, paper or document.

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(c) Failure to participate in, or giving false or misleading statements, or misrepresenting or omitting material information to a supervisor or other person in a position of authority, in connection with any investigation or in the reporting of any department-related business.

(d) Being untruthful or knowingly making false, misleading or malicious statements that are reasonably calculated to harm the reputation, authority or official standing of this department or its members.

(e) Disparaging remarks or conduct concerning duly constituted authority to the extent that such conduct disrupts the efficiency of this department or subverts the good order, efficiency and discipline of this department or that would tend to discredit any of its members.

(f) Unlawful gambling or unlawful betting at any time or any place. Legal gambling or betting under any of the following conditions:

1. While on department premises.
2. At any work site, while on-duty or while in uniform, or while using any department equipment or system.
3. Gambling activity undertaken as part of a deputy's official duties and with the express knowledge and permission of a direct supervisor is exempt from this prohibition.

(g) Improper political activity including:

1. Unauthorized attendance while on-duty at official legislative or political sessions.
2. Solicitations, speeches or distribution of campaign literature for or against any political candidate or position while on-duty or on department property except as expressly authorized by County policy, the collective bargaining agreement, or the Sheriff.

(h) Engaging in political activities during assigned working hours except as expressly authorized by County policy, the collective bargaining agreement, or the Sheriff.

(i) Any act on- or off-duty that brings discredit to this department.

320.5.9 CONDUCT

(a) Failure of any member to promptly and fully report activities on his/her part or the part of any other member where such activities resulted in contact with any other law enforcement agency or that may result in criminal prosecution or discipline under this policy.

(b) Unreasonable and unwarranted force to a person encountered or a person under arrest.

(c) Exceeding lawful peace officer powers by unreasonable, unlawful or excessive conduct.

(d) Unauthorized or unlawful fighting, threatening or attempting to inflict unlawful bodily harm on another.

(e) Engaging in horseplay that reasonably could result in injury or property damage.

(f) Discourteous, disrespectful or discriminatory treatment of any member of the public or any member of this department or the County.

(g) Use of obscene, indecent, profane or derogatory language while on--duty or in uniform.

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(h) Criminal, dishonest, or disgraceful conduct, whether on- or off-duty, that adversely affects the member's relationship with this department.

(i) Unauthorized possession of, loss of, or damage to department property or the property of others, or endangering it through carelessness or maliciousness.

(j) Attempted or actual theft of department property; misappropriation or misuse of public funds, property, personnel or the services or property of others; unauthorized removal or possession of department property or the property of another person.

(k) Activity that is incompatible with a member's conditions of employment or appointment as established by law or that violates a provision of any collective bargaining agreement or contract to include fraud in securing the appointment or hire.

(l) Initiating any civil action for recovery of any damages or injuries incurred in the course and scope of employment or appointment without first notifying the Sheriff of such action.

(m) Any other on-- or off--duty conduct which any member knows or reasonably should know is unbecoming a member of this department, is contrary to good order, efficiency or morale, or tends to reflect unfavorably upon this department or its members.

320.5.10 SAFETY

(a) Failure to observe or violating department safety standards or safe working practices.

(b) Failure to maintain current licenses or certifications required for the assignment or position (e.g., driver's license, first aid).

(c) Failure to maintain good physical condition sufficient to adequately and safely perform law enforcement duties.

(d) Unsafe firearm or other dangerous weapon handling to include loading or unloading firearms in an unsafe manner, either on- or off-duty.

(e) Carrying, while on the premises of the work place, any firearm or other lethal weapon that is not authorized by the member's appointing authority.

(f) Unsafe or improper driving habits or actions in the course of employment or appointment.

(g) Any personal action contributing to a preventable traffic collision.

(h) Concealing or knowingly failing to report any on-the-job or work-related accident or injury as soon as practicable but within 24 hours.

320.5.11 INTOXICANTS

(a) Reporting for work or being at work while intoxicated or when the member's ability to perform assigned duties is impaired due to the use of alcohol, medication or drugs, whether legal, prescribed or illegal.

(b) Possession or use of alcohol at any work site or while on-duty, except as authorized in the performance of an official assignment. A member who is authorized to consume alcohol is not permitted to do so to such a degree that it may impair on-duty performance.

(c) Unauthorized possession, use of, or attempting to bring a controlled substance, illegal drug or non-prescribed medication to any work site.

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Information Technology Use

321.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the proper use of department information technology resources, including computers, electronic devices, hardware, software and systems.

321.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Computer system - All computers (on-site and portable), electronic devices, hardware, software, and resources owned, leased, rented or licensed by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office that are provided for official use by its members. This includes all access to, and use of, Internet Service Providers (ISP) or other service providers provided by or through the Department or department funding.

Hardware - Includes, but is not limited to, computers, computer terminals, network equipment, electronic devices, telephones, including cellular and satellite, pagers, modems or any other tangible computer device generally understood to comprise hardware.

Software - Includes, but is not limited to, all computer programs, systems and applications, including shareware. This does not include files created by the individual user.

Temporary file, permanent file or file - Any electronic document, information or data residing or located, in whole or in part, on the system including, but not limited to, spreadsheets, calendar entries, appointments, tasks, notes, letters, reports, messages, photographs or videos.

321.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office that members shall use information technology resources, including computers, software and systems, that are issued or maintained by the Department in a professional manner and in accordance with this policy.

321.3 PRIVACY EXPECTATION

Members forfeit any expectation of privacy with regard to emails, texts or anything published, shared, transmitted or maintained through file-sharing software or any Internet site that is accessed, transmitted, received or reviewed on any department computer system.

The Department reserves the right to access, audit and disclose, for whatever reason, any message, including attachments, and any information accessed, transmitted, received or reviewed over any technology that is issued or maintained by the Department, including the department email system, computer network and/or any information placed into storage on any department system or device. This includes records of all keystrokes or Web-browsing history made at any department computer or over any department network. The fact that access to a database, service or website requires a username or password will not create an expectation of privacy if it is accessed through department computers, electronic devices or networks.

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Employees may not be asked for or required to provide their username, password or other means of authentication that provides access to their personal social media accounts unless otherwise allowed under ORS 659A.330.

321.4 RESTRICTED USE

Members shall not access computers, devices, software or systems for which they have not received prior authorization or the required training. Members shall immediately report unauthorized access or use of computers, devices, software or systems by another member to their supervisors or Enforcement Lieutenants.

Members shall not use another person's access passwords, logon information and other individual security data, protocols and procedures unless directed to do so by a supervisor.

321.4.1 SOFTWARE

Members shall not copy or duplicate any copyrighted or licensed software except for a single copy for backup purposes in accordance with the software company's copyright and license agreement.

To reduce the risk of a computer virus or malicious software, members shall not install any unlicensed or unauthorized software on any department computer. Members shall not install personal copies of any software onto any department computer.

When related to criminal investigations, software program files may be downloaded only with the approval of the information systems technology (IT) staff and with the authorization of the Sheriff or the authorized designee.

No member shall knowingly make, acquire or use unauthorized copies of computer software that is not licensed to the Department while on department premises, computer systems or electronic devices. Such unauthorized use of software exposes the Department and involved members to severe civil and criminal penalties.

Introduction of software by members should only occur as part of the automated maintenance or update process of department- or County-approved or installed programs by the original manufacturer, producer or developer of the software.

Any other introduction of software requires prior authorization from IT staff and a full scan for malicious attachments.

321.4.2 HARDWARE

Access to technology resources provided by or through the Department shall be strictly limited to department-related activities. Data stored on or available through department computer systems shall only be accessed by authorized members who are engaged in an active investigation or assisting in an active investigation or who otherwise have a legitimate law enforcement or department-related purpose to access such data. Any exceptions to this policy must be approved by a supervisor.

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321.4.3 INTERNET USE

Internet access provided by or through the Department shall be strictly limited to department-related activities. Internet sites containing information that is not appropriate or applicable to department use and which shall not be intentionally accessed include, but are not limited to, adult forums, pornography, gambling, chat rooms and similar or related Internet sites. Certain exceptions may be permitted with the express approval of a supervisor as a function of a member's assignment.

Downloaded information shall be limited to messages, mail and data files.

321.4.4 OFF-DUTY USE

Members shall only use technology resources provided by the Department while on-duty or in conjunction with specific on-call assignments unless specifically authorized by a supervisor. This includes the use of telephones, cell phones, texting, email or any other "off the clock" work-related activities. This also applies to personally owned devices that are used to access department resources.

Refer to the Personal Communication Devices Policy for guidelines regarding off-duty use of personally owned technology.

321.5 PROTECTION OF AGENCY SYSTEMS AND FILES

All members have a duty to protect the computer system and related systems and devices from physical and environmental damage and are responsible for the correct use, operation, care and maintenance of the computer system.

Members shall ensure department computers and access terminals are not viewable by persons who are not authorized users. Computers and terminals should be secured, users logged off and password protections enabled whenever the user is not present. Access passwords, logon information and other individual security data, protocols and procedures are confidential information and are not to be shared. Password length, format, structure and content shall meet the prescribed standards required by the computer system or as directed by a supervisor and shall be changed at intervals as directed by IT staff or a supervisor.

It is prohibited for a member to allow an unauthorized user to access the computer system at any time or for any reason. Members shall promptly report any unauthorized access to the computer system or suspected intrusion from outside sources (including the Internet) to a supervisor.

321.6 INSPECTION OR REVIEW

A supervisor or the authorized designee has the express authority to inspect or review the computer system, all temporary or permanent files, related electronic systems or devices, and any contents thereof, whether such inspection or review is in the ordinary course of his/her supervisory duties or based on cause.

Reasons for inspection or review may include, but are not limited to, computer system malfunctions, problems or general computer system failure, a lawsuit against the Department

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involving one of its members or a member's duties, an alleged or suspected violation of any department policy, a request for disclosure of data, or a need to perform or provide a service.

The IT staff may extract, download or otherwise obtain any and all temporary or permanent files residing or located in or on the department computer system when requested by a supervisor or during the course of regular duties that require such information.

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Report Preparation

322.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Report preparation is a major part of each deputy's job. The purpose of reports is to document sufficient information to refresh the deputy's memory and to provide sufficient information for follow-up investigation and successful prosecution. Report writing is the subject of substantial formalized training and on-the-job training.

322.1.1 REPORT PREPARATION

Employees should ensure that reports are sufficiently detailed for their purpose and free from errors prior to submission. It is the responsibility of the assigned employee to complete and submit all reports taken during the shift before going off-duty unless permission to hold the report has been approved by a supervisor. Generally, reports requiring prompt follow-up action on active leads, or arrest reports where the suspect remains in custody should not be held.

Any handwritten documents must be prepared legibly. If the report is not legible, the submitting employee will be required by the reviewing supervisor to promptly make corrections and resubmit the report. Employees who dictate reports shall use appropriate grammar, as content is not the responsibility of the typist. Employees who generate reports on computers are subject to all requirements of this policy.

All reports shall accurately reflect the identity of the persons involved, all pertinent information seen, heard or assimilated by any other sense, and any actions taken. Employees shall not suppress, conceal or distort the facts of any reported incident, nor shall any employee make a false report orally or in writing. Generally, the reporting employee's opinions should not be included in reports unless specifically identified as such.

322.2 REQUIRED REPORTING

Written reports are required in all of the following situations on the appropriate department approved form unless otherwise approved by a supervisor.

322.2.1 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY REPORTING

When a member responds to a call for service, or as a result of self-initiated activity becomes aware of any activity where a crime has occurred, the member shall document the incident regardless of whether a victim desires prosecution.

Activity to be documented in a written report includes:

(a) All arrests

(b) All felony crimes

(c) Non-felony incidents involving threats or stalking behavior

(d) Situations covered by separate policy. These include:

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2. Domestic Violence Policy
3. Child Abuse Policy
4. Adult Abuse Policy
5. Hate Crimes Policy
6. Suspicious Activity Reporting Policy

(e) All misdemeanor crimes where the victim desires a report

Misdemeanor crimes where the victim does not desire a report shall be documented using the department-approved alternative reporting method (e.g., a dispatch log).

322.2.2 NON-CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

The following incidents shall be documented using the appropriate approved report:

(a) Any time a deputy points a firearm at any person

(b) Any use of force against any person by a member of this department (see the Use of Force Policy)

(c) Any firearm discharge (see the Firearms Policy)

(d) Any time a person is reported missing, regardless of jurisdiction (see the Missing Persons Policy)

(e) Any found property or found evidence

(f) Any traffic collisions above the minimum reporting level (see the Traffic Collision Reporting Policy)

(g) Suspicious incidents that may indicate a potential for crimes against children or that a child's safety is in jeopardy

(h) All protective custody detentions

(i) Suspicious incidents that may place the public or others at risk

(j) Whenever the employee believes the circumstances should be documented or at the direction of a supervisor

322.2.3 DEATH CASES

Death investigations require specific investigation methods depending on circumstances and should be handled in accordance with Death Investigations Policy. A deputy handling a death investigation should notify and apprise a supervisor of the circumstances surrounding the incident and a determination will be made on how to proceed. The following cases shall be appropriately investigated and documented using the approved report:

(a) Sudden or accidental deaths

(b) Suicides

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(c) Homicide or suspected homicide

(d) Unattended deaths (No physician or qualified hospice care during the period immediately preceding death)

(e) Found dead bodies or body parts

322.2.4 INJURY OR DAMAGE BY COUNTY PERSONNEL
Reports shall be taken if an injury occurs that is a result of an act of a County employee. Additionally, reports shall be taken involving damage to County property or County equipment.

322.2.5 MISCELLANEOUS INJURIES
Any injury that is reported to this department shall require a report when:

(a) The injury is a result of drug overdose.

(b) Attempted suicide.

(c) The injury is major/serious, whereas death could result.

(d) The circumstances surrounding the incident are suspicious in nature and it is desirable to record the event.

The above reporting requirements are not intended to be all-inclusive. A supervisor may direct an employee to document any incident he/she deems necessary.

322.3 GENERAL POLICY OF EXPEDITIOUS REPORTING

In general, all deputies and supervisors shall act with promptness and efficiency in the preparation and processing of all reports. An incomplete report, unorganized reports or reports delayed without supervisory approval are not acceptable. Reports shall be processed according to established priorities or according to special priority necessary under exceptional circumstances.

322.3.1 GENERAL POLICY OF HANDWRITTEN REPORTS
Some incidents and report forms lend themselves to block print rather than typing. In general, the narrative portion of those reports where an arrest is made or when there is a long narrative should be typed or dictated.

Supervisors may require, with the foregoing general policy in mind, block printing or typing of reports of any nature for departmental consistency.

322.3.2 GENERAL USE OF OTHER HANDWRITTEN FORMS
Forms may be block printed as appropriate. In general, the form itself may make the requirement for typing apparent.

322.4 REPORT CORRECTIONS

Supervisors shall review reports for content and accuracy. If a correction is necessary, the reviewing supervisor should note the deficiencies a the reasons for rejection. The original reportshould be returned to the reporting employee for correction as soon as practical. It shall

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be the responsibility of the originating deputy to ensure that any report returned for correction is processed in a timely manner.

322.5 REPORT CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS

Reports that have been approved by a supervisor and submitted to the Records Unit for filing and distribution shall not be modified or altered except by way of a supplemental report. Reviewed reports that have not yet been submitted to the Records Unit may be corrected or modified by the authoring employee only with the knowledge and authorization of the reviewing supervisor.

322.6 ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

No electronic signature procedure is established for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office at this time.

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Media Relations

323.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for media releases and media access to scenes of disasters, criminal investigations, emergencies and other law enforcement activities.

323.2 RESPONSIBILITIES

The ultimate authority and responsibility for the release of information to the media shall remain with the Sheriff, however, in situations not warranting immediate notice to the Sheriff and in situations where the Sheriff has given prior approval, [Division Commander]s, Enforcement Lieutenants and designated Public Information Officer(s) may prepare and release information to the media in accordance with this policy and the applicable law.

323.2.1 MEDIA REQUEST

Any media request for information or access to a law enforcement situation shall be referred to the designated department media representative, or if unavailable, to the first available supervisor. Prior to releasing any information to the media, employees shall consider the following:

(a) At no time shall any employee of this department make any comment or release any official information to the media without prior approval from a supervisor or the designated department media representative.

(b) In situations involving multiple law enforcement agencies, every reasonable effort should be made to coordinate media releases with the authorized representative of each involved agency prior to the release of any information by this department.

(c) Under no circumstance should any member of this department make any comment(s) to the media regarding any law enforcement incident not involving this department without prior approval of the Sheriff.

323.3 MEDIA ACCESS

Authorized members of the media should be provided access to scenes of disasters, criminal investigations, emergencies and other law enforcement activities subject to the following conditions:

(a) The media representative shall produce valid press credentials that shall be prominently displayed at all times while in areas otherwise closed to the public.

(b) Media representatives may be prevented from interfering with emergency operations and criminal investigations.

1. Reasonable effort should be made to provide a safe staging area for the media that is near the incident and that will not interfere with emergency or criminal investigation

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operations. All information released to the media should be coordinated through the department Public Information Officer or other designated spokesperson.

2. Whenever the presence of media or other aircraft poses a threat to public or officer safety or significantly hampers incident operations, the field supervisor should consider requesting a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR). All requests for TFRs should be routed through the Enforcement Lieutenant. The TFR should include specific information regarding the perimeter and altitude necessary for the incident and should be requested through the appropriate control tower. If the control tower is not known, the Federal Aviation Administration should be contacted (14 CFR 91.137).

(c) No member of this department who is under investigation should be subjected to media visits or interviews without the consent of the involved employee.

(d) Media interviews with individuals who are in custody shall not be permitted without the approval of the Sheriff and the express consent of the person in custody.

(e) Media representatives will not be allowed to enter the inner perimeter of a tactical situation or a crime scene while an incident or investigation is in progress.

A tactical operation should be handled in the same manner as a crime scene, except that the news media should be permitted within the outer perimeter of the scene, subject to any restrictions as set forth by the supervisor in charge. Department members shall not jeopardize a tactical operation in order to accommodate the news media. All comments to the media shall be coordinated through a supervisor or the Public Information Officer.

323.3.1 PROVIDING ADVANCE INFORMATION

To protect the safety and rights of deputies and other persons, advance information about planned actions by law enforcement personnel, such as movement of persons in custody or the execution of an arrest or search warrant, should not be disclosed to the news media, nor should media representatives be invited to be present at such actions except with the prior approval of the Sheriff.

Any exceptions to the above should only be considered for the furtherance of legitimate law enforcement purposes. Prior to approving any exception the Sheriff will consider, at minimum, whether the release of information or presence of the media would unreasonably endanger any individual, prejudice the rights of any person or is otherwise prohibited by law.

323.3.2 TEMPORARY FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS

Whenever the presence of media or other aircraft pose a threat to public or officer safety or significantly hampers incident operations, the field supervisor should consider requesting a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR). All requests for a TFR should be routed through the Enforcement Lieutenant. The TFR request should include specific information regarding the perimeter and altitude necessary for the incident. It should be requested through the appropriate control tower. If the control tower is not known, the Federal Aviation Administration should be

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contacted (14 CFR 91.137). All requests for TFR should be routed through the Enforcement Lieutenant.

323.4 INFORMATION SUBJECT TO RELEASE

The Department will maintain a weekly information log of significant law enforcement activities that shall be made available, upon request, to media representatives through the public information officer. This log will generally contain the following information:

(a) The date, time, location, case number,and type of event, occurring within this jurisdiction unless the release of such information would endanger the safety of any individual or jeopardize the successful completion of any ongoing investigation.

(b) The date,, name, age, and charges for each person arrested by this department unless the release of such information would endanger the safety of any individual or jeopardize the successful completion of any ongoing investigation.

(c) The time and location of other significant law enforcement activities or requests for service .

Information pertaining to a juvenile arrestee, victim, or witness shall only be released as articulated in Policy Manual § 805.4.3.

Identifying information concerning victims of sex crimes shall not be included in the log.

Identifying information concerning deceased individuals shall not be released to the media until notification of next of kin or otherwise cleared through the Medical Examiner's Office.

Any requests for copies of related reports or additional information not contained in this log shall be referred to the designated department media representative, the custodian of records, or if unavailable, to the Enforcement Lieutenant. Such requests will generally be processed in accordance with the provisions of this policy.

323.4.1 RESTRICTED INFORMATION

It shall be the responsibility of the authorized employee dealing with media requests to ensure that restricted information is not inappropriately released to the media by this department. When in doubt, authorized and available legal counsel should be obtained. Examples of such restricted information include, but are not limited to:

(a) Restricted information is outlined in detail in the Records Maintenance and Release and the Protected Information policies.

(b) Any specific operational or contingency plans in connection with an anticipated threat to individual or public safety for deployment and use of personnel and equipment prepared or used by a public body, if public disclosure of the plans would endanger an individual’s life or physical safety or jeopardize a law enforcement activity (ORS 192.501(18)).

(c) Criminal history information.

(d) Information pertaining to pending litigation involving this department.

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(e) Information obtained in confidence.

(f) Any information that is otherwise privileged or restricted under state or federal law.

(g) Confidential peace officer personnel information (see the Personnel Records Policy).

1. The identities of deputies involved in shootings or other major incidents may only be released to the media pursuant to consent of the involved deputy or upon a formal request filed and processed in accordance with the Public Records Act (ORS 192.502).

(h) Information that would tend to endanger the safety of any individual or jeopardize the successful completion of any ongoing investigation.

(i) Investigative information other than as listed above, without the expressed authorization of the Detective Supervisor in charge of an investigation.

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Court Appearance and Subpoenas

324.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This procedure has been established in compliance with Oregon Revised Statutes 136.595 to provide for the acceptance of subpoenas and to ensure that employees appear when subpoenaed, or are available to appear in court when requested and present a professional appearance.

324.1.1 DEFINITIONS

On-Call - When an employee has appeared in court, or is at the time on-duty, and has been told by a member of the court that he/she is free to leave the court or return to duty, subject to being available by phone or pager if called back.

Standby - When an employee receives a subpoena of a type which allows him or her to not appear in court, but remain available by phone or pager so that he or she may be directed to appear in court within a reasonable amount of time.

Trailing Status - When an employee remains on standby status for additional court sessions until notified otherwise.

Mandatory Appearance - Subpoenas marked as mandatory appearance require an employee's physical appearance in the specified court. Failure to timely appear in the specified court, either intentionally or by negligence, may result in disciplinary action.

Notice of Hearing - A notice of hearing is not considered a subpoena for purposes of this policy. Deputies receiving a notice of hearing in a court of law must make every effort to appear in said court when the court is hearing evidence on a case in which the deputy initiated or contributed to the investigation thereof. A hearing before an administrative law judge is not considered a hearing in a court of law.

324.2 POLICY

Columbia County Sheriff's Office members will respond appropriately to all subpoenas and any other court-ordered appearances.

324.2.1 SERVICE OF SUBPOENA

Generally, a subpoena is served by delivering a copy to the witness personally. Proof of service is made in the same manner as in the service of a summons.

(a) In accordance with ORS 136.595(2) and ORCP 55, this department shall accept subpoenas on behalf of currently employed peace officers who are within the state at the time of service, provided the following conditions are met:

1. The peace officer's attendance at trial is related to work he/she performed in the course of employment as a peace officer.
2. The subpoena is delivered to the Support Services Supervisor or to the Enforcement Lieutenant at least 10 days prior to the appearance date shown on the subpoena.

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(b) The Civil Clerk shall make a good faith effort to notify the subpoenaed employee of the date, time and location of the court appearance. If the employee cannot be notified, the subpoena clerk will contact the court and advise them of the inability to contact the employee.

324.2.2 VALID SUBPOENAS

No subpoena shall be accepted for an employee of this department unless it has been properly served and verified to have originated from a recognized legal authority.

324.2.3 ACCEPTANCE OF SUBPOENA

(a) Only the employee named in a subpoena, his/her immediate supervisor or the department civil clerk or civil deputy shall be authorized to accept service of a subpoena. Any authorized employee accepting a subpoena shall immediately deliver the subpoena to the department civil deputy. The civil deputy shall maintain a chronological log of all department subpoenas and provide a copy of the subpoena to each involved employee.

(b) Any supervisor or other authorized individual accepting a subpoena on behalf of another employee shall immediately check available schedules to determine the availability of the named employee for the date listed on the subpoena.

324.2.4 COURT STANDBY

To facilitate court standby agreements with the courts, employees are required to provide and maintain current information on their address and phone number with the Department. Employees are required to notify the Department within 24-hours of any change in residence address or home phone number, and to provide accurate and reasonably reliable means or methods for contact.

If an employee on standby is not at their residence, is unable to answer the documented phone number, or changes his/her location during the day, the employee shall notify the Sheriff's Office of how he/she can be reached by telephone. Employees are required to remain on standby each day the case is trailing. In a criminal case the Deputy District Attorney handling the case is the only person authorized to excuse an employee from standby status.

324.2.5 OFF-DUTY RELATED SUBPOENAS

Employees receiving valid subpoenas for actions taken off-duty not related to their employment with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office shall comply with the requirements of the subpoena. Employees receiving these subpoenas are not compensated for their appearance and arrangements for time off shall be coordinated through their immediate supervisor.

324.2.6 FAILURE TO APPEAR OR REFUSAL

Any employee who fails to accept or comply with the terms of any valid and properly served subpoena may be subject to discipline as well as court imposed civil and/or criminal sanctions.

324.3 SUBPOENAS

Only department members authorized to receive a subpoena on behalf of this department or any of its members may do so.

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A subpoena may be served upon a member by one of the following (ORS 136.595; ORCP 55):

(a) Personal service.

(b) Accepted by an authorized member on behalf of a currently employed deputy who is within the state at the time of service and is delivered at least 10 days prior to the hearing date specified on the subpoena.

1. Attendance at trial is related to the deputy's work performed in the course of employment as a peace officer.
2. The subpoena clerk shall make a good faith effort to notify the subpoenaed deputy of the date, time and location of the court appearance. If the deputy cannot be notified, the subpoena clerk will promptly notify the court of the inability to contact the deputy.

(c) By mail (civil subpoena only), if the service conditions of ORCP 55(D)(3) are met.

A civil subpoena being served upon a member as an expert witness may be personally served upon the member or member's immediate supervisor (ORS 44.552).

Subpoenas shall not be accepted unless accompanied by the appropriate witness fees as allowed by law (ORS 44.415; ORS 44.554; ORCP 55 (D)(1)).

324.3.1 SPECIAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Any member who is subpoenaed to testify, agrees to testify or provides information on behalf of or at the request of any party other than the County Counsel or the prosecutor shall notify his/her immediate supervisor without delay regarding:

(a) Any civil case where the County or one of its members, as a result of his/her official capacity, is a party.

(b) Any civil case where any other city, county, state or federal unit of government or a member of any such unit of government, as a result of his/her official capacity, is a party.

(c) Any criminal proceeding where the member is called to testify or provide information on behalf of the defense.

(d) Any civil action stemming from the member's on-duty activity or because of his/her association with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

(e) Any personnel or disciplinary matter when called to testify or to provide information by a government entity other than the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

The supervisor will then notify the Sheriff and the appropriate prosecuting attorney as may be indicated by the case. The Sheriff should determine if additional legal support is necessary.

No member shall be retaliated against for testifying in any matter.

324.3.2 CIVIL SUBPOENA

The Department will compensate members who appear in their official capacities on civil matters arising out of their official duties, as directed by the current memorandum of understanding or collective bargaining agreement.

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The Department should seek reimbursement for the member's compensation through the civil attorney of record who subpoenaed the member.

324.3.3 OFF-DUTY RELATED SUBPOENAS
Members receiving valid subpoenas for off-duty actions not related to their employment or appointment will not be compensated for their appearance. Arrangements for time off shall be coordinated through their immediate supervisors.

324.4 FAILURE TO APPEAR

Any member who fails to comply with the terms of any properly served subpoena or court-ordered appearance may be subject to discipline. This includes properly served orders to appear that were issued by a state administrative agency.

324.5 STANDBY

To facilitate standby agreements, members are required to provide and maintain current information on their addresses and contact telephone numbers with the Department.

If a member on standby changes his/her location during the day, the member shall notify the designated department member of how he/she can be reached. Members are required to remain on standby until released by the court or the party that issued the subpoena.

324.5.1 PREPARATION FOR TESTIMONY
Before the date of testifying, the subpoenaed deputy shall request a copy of relevant reports and become familiar with their content in order to be prepared for court.

324.5.2 COURTROOM ATTIRE
Employees shall dress in uniform or business attire. Suitable business attire for men would consist of a coat, tie, and dress pants. Suitable business attire for female employees would consist of a dress jacket, dress blouse, and skirt or slacks.

324.6 COURTROOM PROTOCOL

When appearing in court, members shall:

(a) Be punctual and prepared to proceed immediately with the case for which they are scheduled to appear.

(b) Dress in the department uniform or business attire.

(c) Observe all rules of the court in which they are appearing and remain alert to changes in the assigned courtroom where their matter is to be heard.

324.6.1 TESTIMONY
Before the date of testifying, the subpoenaed member shall request a copy of relevant reports and become familiar with the content in order to be prepared for court.

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324.7 OVERTIME APPEARANCES

When a member appears in court on his/her off-duty time, he/she will be compensated in accordance with the current memorandum of understanding or collective bargaining agreement.

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Reserve Deputies

325.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit was established to supplement and assist regular sworn sheriff's deputies in their duties. This unit provides professional, sworn volunteer reserve deputies who can augment regular staffing levels.

325.2 SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF SHERIFF RESERVE DEPUTIES

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office shall endeavor to recruit and appoint to the Reserve Unit only those applicants who meet the high ethical, moral and professional standards set forth by this department. The minimum criteria for selection and appointment of reserve deputies shall be the same as is required of regular full-time deputies.

325.2.1 PROCEDURE

All applicants shall be required to meet and pass the same pre-employment procedures as regular sheriff's deputies before appointment.

Upon appointment to the Sheriff Reserve Unit, an applicant must have completed, or be in the process of completing, a basic reserve academy within 18 months of the date of appointment.

325.2.2 APPOINTMENT

Applicants who are selected for appointment to the Sheriff Reserve Unit shall, on the recommendation of the Sheriff, be sworn in by the Sheriff and take an oath to observe and obey all of the laws of the land and to carry out their duties to the best of their ability.

325.2.3 RESERVE DEPUTY UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT PROVISION

All reserve deputy appointees are required to purchase their own uniforms, equipment, ballistic vests and duty weapons. The Division Commander may authorize the issuance of used/turned-in equipment to Reserve Deputies on a case-by-case basis. All property issued to the reserve deputy shall be returned to the Department upon termination or resignation. Reserves may also have funding for required equipment available through the reserve deputy fund within the Columbia County Sheriff's Volunteers, Inc. non-profit organization.

325.3 DUTIES OF RESERVE DEPUTIES

Reserve deputies assist regular deputies in the enforcement of laws and in conserving the peace within the county. Assignments of reserve deputies will usually be to augment the Enforcement and/or Corrections Divisions. Reserve deputies may be assigned to other areas within the Department as needed. Reserve deputies are required to work a minimum of 20 hours per month.

325.3.1 POLICY COMPLIANCE

Sheriff reserve deputies shall be required to adhere to all departmental policies and procedures. A copy of the policies and procedures will be made available to each reserve deputy upon appointment and he/she shall become thoroughly familiar with these policies.

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Whenever a rule, regulation, or guideline in this manual refers to a sworn regular full-time deputy, it shall also apply to a sworn reserve deputy unless by its nature it is inapplicable.

325.3.2 RESERVE DEPUTY ASSIGNMENTS
All reserve deputies will be assigned to duties by the Reserve Coordinator or his/her designee.

325.3.3 RESERVE COORDINATOR
The Sheriff shall delegate the responsibility for administering the Reserve Deputy Program to a Reserve Coordinator.

The Reserve Coordinator shall have the responsibility of, but not be limited to the following:

(a) Assignment of reserve personnel.

(b) Conducting reserve meetings.

(c) Establishing and maintaining a reserve call-out roster.

(d) Maintaining and ensuring performance evaluations are completed.

(e) Monitoring individual reserve deputy performance.

(f) Monitoring overall Reserve Program.

(g) Maintaining liaison with other agency Reserve Coordinators.

325.4 FIELD TRAINING
The field training program shall consist of the completion of three training phases to be completed under the supervision of a Primary Training Officer, with the assistance of other training officers, as assigned by the department. During the field training period the reserve deputy must complete the standard DPSST Field Training Manual as described in the Field Training Manual section of this policy.

325.4.1 TRAINING OFFICERS
Deputies of this department, who demonstrate a desire and ability to train reserve deputies, may train the reserves during Phase II, subject to Enforcement Lieutenant approval.

325.4.2 PRIMARY TRAINING OFFICER
Upon completion of the Academy, reserve deputies will be assigned to a primary training officer. The primary training officer will be selected by a Division Lieutenant. The reserve deputy will be assigned to work with his/her primary training officer during the first 60 hours of training. This time shall be known as the Primary Training Phase. This does not exclude the reserve deputy from working with another deputy with approval from a Division Lieutenant.

325.4.3 FIELD TRAINING MANUAL
Each new reserve deputy will be issued a Field Training Manual at the beginning of his/her Primary Training Phase. This manual is an outline of the subject matter and/or skills necessary to properly function as a deputy with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. Each section of the manual must be

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signed-off by both the Primary Training Officer and any other deputy observing the performance. The completed manual will be submitted to the department Undersheriff and it shall become part of the reserve deputy's training file. The reserve deputy shall become knowledgeable of the subject matter as outlined and proficient with those skills as set forth in the manual.

325.4.4 COMPLETION OF THE PRIMARY TRAINING PHASE

At the completion of the Primary Training Phase, (Phase I) the primary training officer will meet with the Reserve Coordinator. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the progress of the reserve deputy in training.

If the reserve deputy has progressed satisfactorily, he/she will then proceed to Phase II of the training. If he/she has not progressed satisfactorily, the Reserve Coordinator will determine the appropriate action to be taken.

325.4.5 SECONDARY TRAINING PHASE

The Secondary Training Phase (Phase II) shall consist of 150 hours of additional on-duty training. The reserve deputy will no longer be required to ride with his/her primary training officer. The reserve deputy may now ride with any deputy designated by the Enforcement Lieutenant.

During Phase II of training, as with Phase I, the reserve deputy's performance will be closely monitored. In addition, rapid progress should continue towards the completion of the Deputy's Field Training Manual. At the completion of Phase II of training, the reserve deputy will return to his/her primary training officer for Phase III of the training.

325.4.6 THIRD TRAINING PHASE

Phase III of training shall consist of 40 hours of additional on-duty training. For this training phase, the reserve deputy will return to his/her original primary training officer. During this phase, the training officer will evaluate the reserve deputy for suitability to graduate from the formal training program.

At the completion of Phase III training, the primary training officer will meet with the Reserve Coordinator. Based upon the reserve deputy's evaluations, plus input from the primary training officer, the Reserve Coordinator shall decide if the reserve deputy has satisfactorily completed his/her formal training. If the reserve deputy has progressed satisfactorily, he/she will then graduate from the formal training process. If his/her progress is not satisfactory, the Reserve Coordinator will decide upon the appropriate action to be taken, with consultation with a Division Lieuteant.

325.4.7 COMPLETION OF THE FORMAL TRAINING PROCESS

When a reserve deputy has satisfactorily completed all three phases of formal training, he/she will have had a minimum of 250 hours of on-duty training. He/she will no longer be required to ride with a reserve training officer. The reserve deputy may now be assigned to ride with any deputy for the remaining 250-hour requirement for a total of 500 hours before being considered for relief of immediate supervision.

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325.5 SUPERVISION OF RESERVE DEPUTIES

Level II reserve deputy should be under the immediate supervision of a regular sworn deputy. Although a reserve deputy may have attained the status of a Level II reserve deputy, these provisions shall continue to apply unless special authorization is received which relieves the immediate supervision requirement.

325.5.1 SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Reserve deputies certified as Level II may, with prior authorization of the Reserve Coordinator and on approval of the Undersheriff, be relieved of the "immediate supervision" requirement. Level II reserve deputies may function under this authorization only for the duration of the assignment or purpose for which the authorization was granted.

In the absence of the Reserve Coordinator and the, the Enforcement Lieutenant may assign a certified Level II reserve deputy to function as above for specific purposes and duration.

325.5.2 RESERVE DEPUTY MEETINGS

All reserve deputy meetings will be scheduled and conducted by the Reserve Coordinator. All reserve deputies are required to attend scheduled meetings. Any absences must be satisfactorily explained to the Reserve Coordinator.

325.5.3 IDENTIFICATION OF RESERVE DEPUTIES

All reserve deputies will be issued a uniform badge and a Department identification card. The uniform badge shall be the same as that worn by a regular full-time deputy. The identification card will be the standard identification card with the exception that "Reserve" will be indicated on the card.

325.5.4 UNIFORM

Reserve deputies shall conform to all uniform regulation and appearance standards of this department.

325.5.5 INVESTIGATIONS AND COMPLAINTS

If a reserve deputy has a complaint made against him/her or becomes involved in an internal investigation, that complaint or internal investigation may be investigated by the Reserve Coordinator, at the discretion of the Undersheriff.

Reserve deputies are considered at-will employees.

Any disciplinary action that may have to be administered to a reserve deputy shall be accomplished as outlined in the Policy Manual.

325.5.6 RESERVE DEPUTY EVALUATIONS

While in training reserve deputies will be continuously evaluated using standardized daily and weekly observation reports. The reserve will be considered a trainee until all of the training phases have been completed. Reserves having completed their field training will be evaluated annually

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using performance dimensions applicable to the duties and authorities granted to that reserve deputy.

325.6 FIREARMS REQUIREMENTS

Reserve deputy have peace officer powers during his/her assigned tour of duty.

325.6.1 IN-SERVICE TRAINING

Reserve deputies are encouraged to attend all in-service training offered to regular deputies. Reserve deputies are required to attend classes designated as mandatory either at one of the regular in-service sessions or one scheduled specifically for reserves.

325.6.2 CONCEALED FIREARMS

The Sheriff may authorize Level II and Level III reserve deputies in good standing with the authority to carry concealed firearms while off duty. Level I reserve deputies will not carry firearms concealed without a valid concealed handgun license

325.6.3 RESERVE DEPUTY FIREARM TRAINING

All reserve deputies are required to maintain proficiency with firearms used in the course of their assignments. Reserve deputies shall comply with all areas of the firearms training section of the Policy Manual, with the following exceptions:

(a) All reserve deputies are required to qualify twice every year.

(b) Reserve deputies may fire at the department approved firearms training.

(c) Should a reserve deputy fail to qualify, that reserve deputy will not be allowed to carry a firearm until he/she has reestablished his/her proficiency

325.7 EMERGENCY CALL-OUT FOR RESERVE PERSONNEL

The Reserve Coordinator shall develop a plan outlining an emergency call-out procedure for reserve personnel.

325.8 RESERVE LEVELS

Reserve deputies become eligible to perform at different levels in the organization based on their training and experience. All reserve deputies begin at Level I. The training and experience required for each level and the types of duties each is eligible to perform are listed below:

(a) Level I - Recruit Reserve Deputy. Level I Reserves are newly appointed and are beginning their training. They do not wear a police uniform and are not permitted to carry weapons. Level I Reserves may ride with regular deputies on patrol wearing civilian clothes. They perform no law enforcement functions

(b) Level II - Reserve Deputy. Level II Reserves have successfully completed the Reserve Academy including qualification with duty weapons, defensive tactics, use of force, criminal law and traffic code. Level II reserves may perform their duties in uniform, carry weapons and perform law enforcement functions under the direct supervision of a Training Officer.

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(c) Level III - Reserve Deputy. Level III Reserves have successfully completed the Reserve Academy, all three phases of the Reserve Field Training Program for a total of 500 hours of Field Training. Once all training is completed, the Undersheriff (with consultation with a Division Lieutenant and the Reserve Coordinator) may appoing a reserve deputy to Level III. Level III Reserves are authorized to perform law enforcement functions without direct supervision and to operate in a solo patrol assignment.

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Outside Agency Assistance

326.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to members when requesting or responding to a request for mutual aid or when assisting another law enforcement agency.

326.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to promptly respond to requests for assistance by other law enforcement agencies, subject to available resources and consistent with the applicable laws and policies of this department.

326.3 ASSISTING OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Generally, requests for any type of assistance from another agency should be routed to the Enforcement Lieutenant’s office for approval. In some instances, a memorandum of understanding or other established protocol may exist that eliminates the need for approval of individual requests.

When another law enforcement agency requests assistance from this department, the Enforcement Lieutenant may authorize, if available, an appropriate number of personnel to assist. Members are reminded that their actions when rendering assistance must conform with applicable laws and be consistent with the policies of this department.

Deputies may respond to a request for emergency assistance, however, they shall notify a supervisor of their activity as soon as practicable.

Arrestees may be temporarily detained by this department until arrangements for transportation are made by the outside agency. Probation violators who are temporarily detained by this department will not ordinarily be booked at this department. Only in exceptional circumstances, and subject to supervisor approval, will this department provide transportation of arrestees to other facilities on behalf of another agency.

When transportation assistance is rendered, a report shall be prepared and submitted by the handling member unless otherwise directed by a supervisor.

326.3.1 INITIATED ACTIVITY

Any on-duty deputy who engages in law enforcement activities of any type that are not part of a mutual aid request and take place outside the jurisdiction of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office shall notify his/her supervisor or the Enforcement Lieutenant and Dispatch as soon as practicable. This requirement does not apply to special enforcement details or multi-agency units that regularly work in multiple jurisdictions.

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326.4 REQUESTING OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

If assistance is needed from another agency, the member requesting assistance should, if practicable, first notify a supervisor. The handling member or supervisor should direct assisting personnel to where they are needed and to whom they should report when they arrive.

The requesting member should arrange for appropriate radio communication capabilities, if necessary and available, so that communication can be coordinated between assisting personnel.

326.5 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Incidents of outside assistance or law enforcement activities that are not documented in a crime report shall be documented in a general case report or as directed by the Enforcement Lieutenant.

326.6 MANDATORY SHARING

Equipment and supplies purchased with federal funds or grants that require such equipment and supplies be shared with other agencies should be documented and updated as necessary by the Administration [Division Commander] or the authorized designee.

The documentation should include:

(a) The conditions relative to sharing.

(b) The training requirements for:

  1. The use of the supplies and equipment.
  2. The members trained in the use of the supplies and equipment.

(c) Any other requirements for use of the equipment and supplies.

Copies of the documentation should be provided to Dispatch and the Enforcement Lieutenant to ensure use of the equipment and supplies is in compliance with the applicable sharing agreements.

The Undersheriff should maintain documentation that the appropriate members have received the required training.

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Registered Offender Information

327.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes guidelines by which the Columbia County Sheriff's Office will address issues associated with certain offenders who are residing in the jurisdiction and how the Department will disseminate information and respond to public inquiries for information about registered sex offenders.

327.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to identify and monitor registered offenders living within this jurisdiction and to take reasonable steps to address the risks those persons may pose.

327.3 REGISTRATION

The Investigation Section Supervisor shall establish a process to reasonably accommodate registration of certain offenders. The process should rebut any allegation on the part of the offender that the registration process was too confusing, burdensome or difficult for compliance. If it is reasonable to do so, an investigator assigned to related investigations should conduct the registration in order to best evaluate any threat the person may pose to the community. Employees assigned to register offenders should receive appropriate training regarding the registration process (OAR 257-070-0100).

Upon conclusion of the registration process, the investigator shall ensure that the registration information is provided to the Oregon State Police in accordance with ORS 163A.035 and OAR 257-070-0100.

The refusal of a registrant to provide any of the required information or complete the process should initiate a criminal investigation for failure to report.

327.3.1 CONTENTS OF REGISTRATION

Registrants shall (ORS 163A.010; OAR 257-070-0110):

(a) Provide the information to complete the sex offender registration form and sign it.

(b) Submit to photographs, including photographs of scars, marks or tattoos, when initially reporting and each time the registrant reports annually.

(c) Submit to fingerprinting, if required.

327.4 DISSEMINATION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

Employees will not unilaterally make a public notification advising the community of a particular registrant’s presence in the community. Employees who identify a significant risk or other public safety issue associated with a registrant should promptly advise their supervisor. The supervisor should evaluate the request and forward the information to the Sheriff if warranted. A determination

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will be made by the Sheriff, with the assistance of legal counsel as necessary, whether such a public alert should be made.

Members of the public requesting information on registrants should be provided the Sex Offender Inquiry System (http://sexoffenders.oregon.gov/), or the Columbia County Sheriff's Office's website.

The Support Services Supervisor shall release local registered offender information to residents in accordance with state law and in compliance with Oregon Public Records Law requests (ORS 163A.215; ORS 163A.225; ORS 192.410 to ORS 192.505).

327.4.1 RELEASE NOTIFICATIONS

Registrant information that is released should include notification that:

(a) The offender registry includes only those persons who have been required by law to register, who are in compliance with the offender registration laws and who the law permits to be included.

(b) The information is provided as a public service and may not be current or accurate.

(c) Persons should not rely solely on the offender registry as a safeguard against offenses in their communities.

(d) The information on this website may not reflect the entire criminal history of a registered offender.

(e) Anyone who uses information contained in the registry to harass or discriminate against registrants or commit any crime may be subject to criminal prosecution and/or civil action.

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Major Incident Notification

328.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to members of this department in determining when, how and to whom notification of major incidents should be made.

328.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office recognizes that certain incidents should be brought to the attention of supervisors or other specified personnel of this department to facilitate the coordination of activities and ensure that inquiries from the media and the public may be properly addressed.

328.3 MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR NOTIFICATION

Most situations where the media show a strong interest are also of interest to the Sheriff and Command Staff. The following list of incident types is provided as a guide for notification and is not intended to be all-inclusive:

- Homicides
- Traffic accidents with fatalities
- Officer-involved shooting on- or off-duty (see the Officer-Involved Shootings and Deaths Policy for special notifications)
- Significant injury or death to an employee on- or off-duty
- Death of a prominent official
- Arrest of department employee or prominent official
- Aircraft crash with major damage and/or injury or death
- In-custody deaths
- Any other event likely to attract media attention

328.4 ENFORCEMENT LIEUTENANT RESPONSIBILITY

The Enforcement Lieutenant is responsible for making the appropriate notifications. The Enforcement Lieutenant shall make reasonable attempts to obtain as much information on the incident as possible before notification. The Enforcement Lieutenant shall attempt to make the notifications as soon as practicable.

328.4.1 STAFF NOTIFICATION

In the event an incident occurs as described in the Policy section of this policy, the Sheriff shall be notified along with the affected Division Commander and the Detective Lieutenant if the Enforcement Division is involved .

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328.4.2 TRAFFIC DIVISION NOTIFICATION

In the event of a traffic fatality or major injury, the Enforcement Lieutenant should be notified.

328.4.3 PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER (PIO)

The Public Information Officer shall be called after members of staff have been notified that it appears the media may have a significant interest in the incident.

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Death Investigation

329.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The investigations of cases involving death include those ranging from natural cause to homicide. Some causes of death may not be readily apparent and some cases differ substantially from what they appeared to be initially. The thoroughness of death investigations cannot be emphasized enough.

329.2 INVESTIGATION CONSIDERATIONS

Death investigation cases require certain actions be taken. Paramedics shall be called in all suspected death cases unless the death is obvious (decapitated, decomposed, etc.). Only those Deputies who are certified deputy medical examiners are authorized to pronounce death.

329.2.1 MEDICAL EXAMINER NOTIFICATION

Oregon Revised Statutes 146.090 requires that a medical examiner must be notified in the following circumstances. Any death:

(a) Apparently homicidal, suicidal or occurring under suspicious or unknown circumstances

(b) Resulting from the unlawful use of controlled substances or the use or abuse of chemicals or toxic agents

(c) Occurring while incarcerated in any jail, correction facility, or in police custody

(d) Apparently accidental or following an injury

(e) By disease, injury or toxic agent during or arising from employment

(f) While not under the care of a physician during the period immediately previous to death

(g) Related to disease which might constitute a threat to the public health

(h) In which a human body apparently has been disposed of in a manner that is offensive to the generally accepted standards of the community

The body, effects of the deceased, and any instruments or weapons related to the death shall not be disturbed or moved from the position or place of death without permission of the Medical Examiner or Deputy Medical Examiner, and the District Attorney.

A Medical Examiner, Deputy Medical Examiner, or District Attorney, in conjunction with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and/or the county Major Crime Team, shall take custody of, or exercise control over the body, the effects of the deceased and any weapons, instruments, vehicles, buildings or premises which the medical examiner has reason to believe were involved in the death, in order to preserve evidence related to the cause and manner of death.

The members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office will work cooperatively with both the Medical Examiner’s Office and the District Attorney in all death investigations.

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329.2.2 SEARCHING DEAD BODIES

Whenever possible, a witness, preferably a relative to the deceased or a member of the household, should be requested to remain at the scene with the deputy pending the arrival of the Medical Examiner. The name and address of this person shall be included in the narrative of the death report. Whenever personal effects are removed from the body of the deceased, a receipt shall be obtained. This receipt shall be attached to the death report.

Deputies must make a reasonable search of an individual who reasonably appears to be dead or near death for a document of gift or other information identifying the individual as a donor or as an individual who made a donor refusal. If a document of gift or a refusal to make an anatomical gift is located and the individual or deceased individual is taken to a hospital, the deputy must alert the hospital staff to the documentation and forward it to the hospital (ORS 97.970). Deputies must consider the integrity of the scene and evidence collection issues when deciding whether a search is reasonable.

329.2.3 DEATH NOTIFICATION

When practical, and if not handled by the Medical Examiner’s Office, notification to the next-of-kin of the deceased person shall be made, in person, by the deputy assigned to the incident. If the next-of-kin lives in another jurisdiction, a law enforcement official from that jurisdiction shall be requested to make the personal notification. If the relatives live outside this county, the Medical Examiner may be requested to make the notification. The Medical Examiner needs to know if notification has been made. Assigned detectives may need to talk to the next-of-kin.

Upon identifying the body, investigators shall attempt to locate the next of kin or responsible friends to obtain the designation of a funeral home to which the deceased is to be taken.

329.2.4 UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODIES

If the identity of a dead body cannot be established after the Medical Examiner arrives, the Medical Examiner’s office will issue a “John Doe" or "Jane Doe” number for the report.

329.2.5 DEATH INVESTIGATION REPORTING

All incidents involving a death shall be documented on the appropriate form.

329.2.6 SUSPECTED HOMICIDE

If the initially assigned deputy suspects that the death involves a homicide or other suspicious circumstances, a detective will be called to the scene.

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Identity Theft

330.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Identity theft is a growing trend that frequently involves related crimes in multiple jurisdictions. A person commits the crime of identity theft if the person, with the intent to deceive or to defraud, obtains, possesses, transfers, creates, utters or converts to the person own use the personal identification of another person (Oregon Revised Statutes 165.800). This policy is intended to provide guidelines for the reporting and investigation of such crimes.

330.2 REPORTING

(a) In an effort to maintain uniformity in reporting, deputies presented with the crime of "identity theft" shall initiate a report for victims residing within the jurisdiction of this department. For incidents of identity theft occurring outside this jurisdiction, deputies should observe the following:

1. For any victim not residing within this jurisdiction, the deputy may either take a courtesy report to be forwarded to the victim’s residence agency or the victim should be encouraged to promptly report the identity theft to the law enforcement agency where he or she resides.

(b) While the crime of identity theft should be reported to the law enforcement agency where the victim resides, deputies of this department should investigate and report crimes occurring within this jurisdiction which have resulted from the original identity theft (e.g., the identity theft occurred elsewhere, but the credit card fraud occurred and is reported in this jurisdiction).

(c) Deputies should include all known incidents of fraudulent activity (e.g., credit card number applied for in victim’s name when the victim has never made such an application).

(d) Deputies should also cross-reference all known reports made by the victim (e.g., U.S. Secret Service, credit reporting bureaus, U.S. Postal Service and DMV) with all known report numbers.

(e) Following supervisory review and departmental processing, the initial report should be forwarded to the appropriate detective for follow up investigation, coordination with other agencies and prosecution as circumstances dictate.

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Private Persons Arrests

331.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for the handling of private person's arrests made pursuant to ORS 133.220(5).

331.2 ADVISING PRIVATE PERSONS OF THE ARREST PROCESS

Deputies should use sound discretion in determining whether or not to advise an individual of the arrest process.

(a) When advising any individual regarding the right to make a private person's arrest, deputies should refrain from encouraging or dissuading any individual from making such an arrest and should instead limit advice to the legal requirements for such an arrest as listed below.

(b) Private individuals should be discouraged from using force to effect a private person's arrest, and absent immediate threat to their own safety or the safety of others, private individuals should be encouraged to refer matters to law enforcement officials for further investigation or arrest.

331.3 ARRESTS BY PRIVATE PERSONS

A private person may arrest another person for any crime committed in the presence of the private person if the private person has probable cause to believe the arrested person committed the crime. A person making such an arrest shall, without unnecessary delay, take the arrested person before a magistrate or deliver the arrested person to a peace officer (ORS 133.225).

In making an arrest, a private person may use the amount of force they reasonable believe is necessary to make the arrest or to prevent the arrested person's escape.

331.4 DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITIES

Any deputy presented with a private person wishing to make an arrest must determine whether or not there is probable cause to believe that such an arrest would be lawful.

(a) Should any deputy determine that there is no probable cause to believe that a private person's arrest is lawful, the deputy should take no action to further detain or restrain the individual beyond that which reasonably appears necessary to investigate the matter, determine the lawfulness of the arrest and protect the public safety.

    1. Any deputy who determines that a private person's arrest appears to be unlawful should promptly release the arrested individual. The deputy must include the basis of such a determination in a related report.

    2. Absent probable cause to support a private person's arrest or other lawful grounds to support an independent arrest by the deputy, the deputy should advise the parties that no arrest will be made and that the circumstances will be documented in a related report.

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(b) Whenever a deputy determines that there is probable cause to believe that a private person's arrest is lawful, the deputy may exercise any of the following options:

1. Take the individual into physical custody for booking.
2. Release the individual subsequent to the issuance of a citation for the individual to appear in the appropriate court.

331.5 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Deputies shall complete a narrative report regarding the circumstances and disposition of the incident.

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Limited English Proficiency Services

332.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidance to members when communicating with individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP) (42 USC § 2000d).

332.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Authorized interpreter - A person who has been screened and authorized by the Department to act as an interpreter and/or translator for others.

Interpret or interpretation - The act of listening to a communication in one language (source language) and orally converting it to another language (target language), while retaining the same meaning.

Limited English proficient (LEP) - Any individual whose primary language is not English and who has a limited ability to read, write, speak or understand English. These individuals may be competent in certain types of communication (e.g., speaking or understanding) but still be LEP for other purposes (e.g., reading or writing). Similarly, LEP designations are context-specific; an individual may possess sufficient English language skills to function in one setting but these skills may be insufficient in other situations.

Qualified bilingual member - A member of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, designated by the Department, who has the ability to communicate fluently, directly and accurately in both English and another language. Bilingual members may be fluent enough to communicate in a non-English language but may not be sufficiently fluent to interpret or translate from one language into another.

Translate or translation - The replacement of written text from one language (source language) into an equivalent written text (target language).

332.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to reasonably ensure that LEP individuals have meaningful access to law enforcement services, programs and activities, while not imposing undue burdens on its members.

The Department will not discriminate against or deny any individual access to services, rights or programs based upon national origin or any other protected interest or right.

332.3 LEP COORDINATOR

The Sheriff shall delegate certain responsibilities to an LEP Coordinator. The LEP Coordinator shall be appointed by, and directly responsible to the Undersheriff, or the authorized designee.

The responsibilities of the LEP Coordinator include, but are not limited to:

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(a) Coordinating and implementing all aspects of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office's LEP services to LEP individuals.

(b) Developing procedures that will enable members to access LEP services, including telephonic interpreters, and ensuring the procedures are available to all members.

(c) Ensuring that a list of all qualified bilingual members and authorized interpreters is maintained and available to each employee. The list should include information regarding the following:

1. Languages spoken
2. Contact information
3. Availability

(d) Reviewing existing and newly developed documents to determine which are vital documents and should be translated, and into which languages the documents should be translated.

(e) Annually assessing demographic data and other resources, including contracted language services utilization data and community-based organizations, to determine if there are additional documents or languages that are appropriate for translation.

(f) Identifying standards and assessments to be used by the Department to qualify individuals as qualified bilingual members or authorized interpreters.

(g) Periodically reviewing efforts of the Department in providing meaningful access to LEP individuals, and, as appropriate, developing reports, new procedures, or recommending modifications to this policy.

(h) Receiving and responding to complaints regarding department LEP services.

(i) Ensuring appropriate processes are in place to provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints and inquiries regarding discrimination in access to department services, programs and activities.

332.4 FOUR-FACTOR ANALYSIS

Since there are many different languages that members could encounter, the Department will utilize the four-factor analysis outlined in the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients, available at the DOJ website, to determine which measures will provide meaningful access to its services and programs. It is recognized that law enforcement contacts and circumstances will vary considerably. This analysis, therefore, must remain flexible and will require an ongoing balance of four factors, which are:

(a) The number or proportion of LEP individuals eligible to be served or likely to be encountered by department members, or who may benefit from programs or services within the jurisdiction of the Department or a particular geographic area.

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(b) The frequency with which LEP individuals are likely to come in contact with department members, programs or services.

(c) The nature and importance of the contact, program, information or service provided.

(d) The cost of providing LEP assistance and the resources available.

332.5 TYPES OF LEP ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Columbia County Sheriff's Office members should never refuse service to an LEP individual who is requesting assistance, nor should they require an LEP individual to furnish an interpreter as a condition for receiving assistance. The Department will make every reasonable effort to provide meaningful and timely assistance to LEP individuals through a variety of services.

The Department will utilize all reasonably available tools, such as language identification cards, when attempting to determine an LEP individual's primary language.

LEP individuals may choose to accept department-provided LEP services at no cost or they may choose to provide their own.

Department-provided LEP services may include, but are not limited to, the assistance methods described in this policy.

332.6 WRITTEN FORMS AND GUIDELINES

Vital documents or those that are frequently used should be translated into languages most likely to be encountered. The LEP Coordinator will arrange to make these translated documents available to members and other appropriate individuals, as necessary.

332.7 AUTHORIZED INTERPRETERS

Any person designated by the Department to act as an authorized interpreter and/or translator must have demonstrated competence in both English and the involved non-English language, must have an understanding of the functions of an interpreter that allows for correct and effective translation, and should not be a person with an interest in the department case or investigation involving the LEP individual. A person providing interpretation or translation services may be required to establish the accuracy and trustworthiness of the interpretation or translation in a court proceeding.

Authorized interpreters must pass a screening process established by the LEP Coordinator which demonstrates that their skills and abilities include:

(a) The competence and ability to communicate information accurately in both English and in the target language.

(b) Knowledge, in both languages, of any specialized terms or concepts peculiar to this department and of any particularized vocabulary or phraseology used by the LEP individual.

(c) The ability to understand and adhere to the interpreter role without deviating into other roles, such as counselor or legal adviser.

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(d) Knowledge of the ethical issues involved when acting as a language conduit.

332.7.1 SOURCES OF AUTHORIZED INTERPRETERS
The Department may contract with authorized interpreters who are available over the telephone. Members may use these services with the approval of a supervisor and in compliance with established procedures.

Other sources may include:

- Qualified bilingual members of this department or personnel from other County departments.
- Individuals employed exclusively to perform interpretation services.
- Contracted in-person interpreters, such as state or federal court interpreters, among others.
- Interpreters from other agencies who have been qualified as interpreters by this department, and with whom the Department has a resource-sharing or other arrangement that they will interpret according to department guidelines.

332.7.2 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS AND OTHER SOURCES OF LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE
Language assistance may be available from community volunteers who have demonstrated competence in either monolingual (direct) communication and/or in interpretation or translation (as noted in above), and have been approved by the Department to communicate with LEP individuals.

Where qualified bilingual members or other authorized interpreters are unavailable to assist, approved community volunteers who have demonstrated competence may be called upon when appropriate. However, department members must carefully consider the nature of the contact and the relationship between the LEP individual and the volunteer to ensure that the volunteer can provide neutral and unbiased assistance.

While family or friends of an LEP individual may offer to assist with communication or interpretation, members should carefully consider the circumstances before relying on such individuals. For example, children should not be relied upon except in exigent or very informal and non-confrontational situations.

332.8 CONTACT AND REPORTING
While all law enforcement contacts, services and individual rights are important, this department will utilize the four-factor analysis to prioritize service to LEP individuals so that such services may be targeted where they are most needed, according to the nature and importance of the particular law enforcement activity involved.

Whenever any member of this department is required to complete a report or other documentation and interpretation services are provided to any involved LEP individual, such services should be noted in the related report. Members should document the type of interpretation services utilized and whether the individual elected to use services provided by the Department or some other identified source.

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332.9 RECEIVING AND RESPONDING TO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will take reasonable steps and will work with the Department of Human Resources to develop in-house language capacity by giving preference points in the hiring or appointing process for qualified members proficient in languages representative of the community being served as well as providing language development skills training for current members.

332.10 FIELD ENFORCEMENT

Field enforcement will generally include such contacts as traffic stops, pedestrian stops, serving warrants and restraining orders, crowd/traffic control and other routine field contacts that may involve LEP individuals. The scope and nature of these activities and contacts will inevitably vary. Members and/or supervisors must assess each situation to determine the need and availability of language assistance to all involved LEP individuals and utilize the methods outlined in this policy to provide such assistance.

Although not every situation can be addressed in this policy, it is important that members are able to effectively communicate the reason for a contact, the need for information and the meaning or consequences of any enforcement action. For example, it would be meaningless to request consent to search if the deputy is unable to effectively communicate with an LEP individual.

If available, deputies should obtain the assistance of a qualified bilingual member or an authorized interpreter before placing an LEP individual under arrest.

332.11 INVESTIGATIVE FIELD INTERVIEWS

In any situation where an interview may reveal information that could be used as the basis for arrest or prosecution of an LEP individual and a qualified bilingual member is unavailable or lacks the skills to directly communicate with the LEP individual, an authorized interpreter should be used. This includes interviews conducted during an investigation with victims, witnesses and suspects. In such situations, audio recordings of the interviews should be made when reasonably possible. Identification and contact information for the interpreter (e.g., name, address) should be documented so that the person can be subpoenaed for trial if necessary.

If an authorized interpreter is needed, deputies should consider calling for an authorized interpreter in the following order:

- An authorized department member or allied agency interpreter
- An authorized telephone interpreter
- Any other authorized interpreter

Any *Miranda* warnings shall be provided to suspects in their primary language by an authorized interpreter or, if the suspect is literate, by providing a translated *Miranda* warning card.

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The use of an LEP individual's bilingual friends, family members, children, neighbors or bystanders may be used only when a qualified bilingual member or authorized interpreter is unavailable and there is an immediate need to interview an LEP individual.

332.12 CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS

Miscommunication during custodial interrogations may have a substantial impact on the evidence presented in a criminal prosecution. Only qualified bilingual members or, if none is available or appropriate, authorized interpreters shall be used during custodial interrogations. *Miranda* warnings shall be provided to suspects in their primary language by the qualified bilingual member or an authorized interpreter.

In order to ensure that translations during custodial interrogations are accurately documented and are admissible as evidence, interrogations should be recorded whenever reasonably possible. See guidance on recording custodial interrogations in the Investigation and Prosecution Policy.

332.12.1 INTERPRETER REQUIRED IN ARRESTS

A deputy who arrests a person who cannot readily understand or communicate the English language shall, prior to any interrogation or the taking of a statement, make available a qualified interpreter to assist throughout the interrogation or taking of the statement. Fees and expenses of the interpreter will be paid as specified by Oregon law (ORS 133.515).

332.13 BOOKINGS

When gathering information during the booking process, members should remain alert to the impediments that language barriers can create. In the interest of the arrestee's health and welfare, the safety and security of the facility, and to protect individual rights, it is important that accurate medical screening and booking information be obtained. Members should seek the assistance of a qualified bilingual member whenever there is concern that accurate information cannot be obtained or that booking instructions may not be properly understood by an LEP individual.

332.14 COMPLAINTS

The Department shall ensure that LEP individuals who wish to file a complaint regarding members of this department are able to do so. The Department may provide an authorized interpreter or translated forms, as appropriate. Complaints LEP individuals will first be referred to the LEP Coordinator prior to assignment to an investigator. The LEP Coordinator will assure that that the complainant is provided with the proper resources to file his/her complaint.

Investigations into such complaints shall be handled in accordance with the Personnel Complaints Policy. Authorized interpreters used for any interview with an LEP individual during an investigation should not be members of this department.

Any notice required to be sent to an LEP individual as a complaining party pursuant to the Personnel Complaints Policy should be translated or otherwise communicated in a language-accessible manner.

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332.15 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community outreach programs and other such services offered by this department are important to the ultimate success of more traditional law enforcement duties. This department will continue to work with community groups, local businesses and neighborhoods to provide equal access to such programs and services.

332.16 TRAINING

To ensure that all members who may have contact with LEP individuals are properly trained, the Department will provide periodic training on this policy and related procedures; including how to access department-authorized telephonic and in-person interpreters and other available resources.

The LEP Coordinator shall be responsible for ensuring new members receive LEP training. Those who may have contact with LEP individuals should receive refresher training at least once every two years thereafter. The LEP Coordinator shall maintain records of all LEP training provided, and will retain a copy in each member’s training file in accordance with established records retention schedules.

332.16.1 TRAINING FOR AUTHORIZED INTERPRETERS

All members on the authorized interpreter list must successfully complete prescribed interpreter training. To complete interpreter training successfully, an interpreter must demonstrate proficiency in and ability to communicate information accurately in both English and in the target language, demonstrate knowledge in both languages of any specialized terms or phraseology, and understand and adhere to the interpreter role without deviating into other roles, such as counselor or legal adviser.

Members on the authorized interpreter list must receive refresher training annually or they will be removed from the authorized interpreter list. This annual training should include language skills competency (including specialized terminology) and ethical considerations.

The LEP Coordinator shall be responsible for coordinating the annual refresher training and will maintain a record of all training the interpreters have received.

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Communications with Persons with Disabilities

333.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidance to members when communicating with individuals with disabilities, including those who are deaf or hard of hearing, have impaired speech or vision, or are blind.

333.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Auxiliary aids - Tools used to communicate with people who have a disability or impairment. They include, but are not limited to, the use of gestures or visual aids to supplement oral communication; a notepad and pen or pencil to exchange written notes; a computer or typewriter; an assistive listening system or device to amplify sound; a teletypewriter (TTY) or videophones (video relay service or VRS); taped text; qualified readers or a qualified interpreter.

Disability or impairment - A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity, including hearing or seeing, regardless of whether the disabled person uses assistive or adaptive devices or auxiliary aids. Individuals who wear ordinary eyeglasses or contact lenses are not considered to have a disability (42 USC § 12102).

Qualified interpreter - A person who is able to interpret effectively, accurately and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary. Qualified interpreters include oral interpreters, transliterators, sign language interpreters and intermediary interpreters.

333.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to reasonably ensure that people with disabilities, including victims, witnesses, suspects and arrestees have equal access to law enforcement services, programs and activities. Members must make efforts to communicate effectively with individuals with disabilities.

The Department will not discriminate against or deny any individual access to services, rights or programs based upon disabilities.

333.3 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) COORDINATOR

The Sheriff shall delegate certain responsibilities to an ADA Coordinator (28 CFR 35.107). The ADA Coordinator shall be appointed by, and directly responsible to the Sheriff or the authorized designee.

The responsibilities of the ADA Coordinator shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Working with the County ADA coordinator regarding the Columbia County Sheriff's Office's efforts to ensure equal access to services, programs and activities.

(b) Developing reports, new procedures, or recommending modifications to this policy.

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(c) Acting as a liaison with local disability advocacy groups or other disability groups regarding access to department services, programs and activities.

(d) Ensuring that a list of qualified interpreter services is maintained and available. . The list should include information regarding the following:

1. Contact information
2. Availability

(e) Developing procedures that will enable members to access auxiliary aids or services, including qualified interpreters, and ensure the procedures are available to all members.

(f) Ensuring signage is posted in appropriate areas, indicating that auxiliary aids are available free of charge to people with disabilities.

(g) Ensuring appropriate processes are in place to provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints and inquiries regarding discrimination in access to department services, programs and activities.

333.4 FACTORS TO CONSIDER

Because the nature of any law enforcement contact may vary substantially from one situation to the next, members of this department should consider all information reasonably available to them when determining how to communicate with an individual with a disability. Members should carefully balance all known factors in an effort to reasonably ensure people who are disabled have equal access to services, programs and activities. These factors may include, but are not limited to:

(a) Members should not always assume that effective communication is being achieved. The fact that an individual appears to be nodding in agreement does not always mean he/she completely understands the message. When there is any doubt, members should ask the individual to communicate back or otherwise demonstrate their understanding.

(b) The nature of the disability (e.g., deafness or blindness vs. hard of hearing or low vision).

(c) The nature of the law enforcement contact (e.g., emergency vs. non-emergency, custodial vs. consensual contact).

(d) The availability of auxiliary aids. The fact that a particular aid is not available does not eliminate the obligation to reasonably ensure access. However, in an emergency, availability may factor into the type of aid used.

333.5 INITIAL AND IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS

Recognizing that various law enforcement encounters may be potentially volatile and/or emotionally charged, members should remain alert to the possibility of communication problems.

Members should exercise special care in the use of all gestures, and verbal and written communication to minimize initial confusion and misunderstanding when dealing with any individual with known or suspected disabilities.

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In a non-emergency situation, when a member knows or suspects an individual requires assistance to effectively communicate, the member shall identify the individual's choice of auxiliary aid or service.

The individual's preferred communication method must be honored unless another effective method of communication exists under the circumstances (28 CFR 35.160).

Factors to consider when determining whether an alternative method is effective include:

(a) The methods of communication usually used by the individual.

(b) The nature, length and complexity of the communication involved.

(c) The context of the communication.

In emergency situations involving an imminent threat to the safety or welfare of any person, members may use whatever auxiliary aids and services that reasonably appear effective under the circumstances. This may include, for example, exchanging written notes or using the services of a person who knows sign language but is not a qualified interpreter, even if the person who is deaf or hard of hearing would prefer a qualified sign language interpreter or another appropriate auxiliary aid or service. Once the emergency has ended, the continued method of communication should be reconsidered. The member should inquire as to the individual's preference and give primary consideration to that preference.

If an individual who is deaf, hard of hearing or has impaired speech must be handcuffed while in the custody of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, consideration should be given, safety permitting, to placing the handcuffs in the front of the body to facilitate communication using sign language or writing.

333.6 TYPES OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Columbia County Sheriff's Office members shall never refuse to assist an individual with disabilities who is requesting assistance. The Department will not charge anyone to receive auxiliary aids, nor shall they require anyone to furnish their own auxiliary aid or service as a condition for receiving assistance. The Department will make every reasonable effort to provide equal access and timely assistance to individuals who are disabled through a variety of services.

A person who is disabled may choose to accept department-provided auxiliary aids or services or they may choose to provide their own.

Department-provided auxiliary aids or services may include, but are not limited to, the assistance methods described in this policy.

333.7 AUDIO RECORDINGS AND ENLARGED PRINT

The Department may develop audio recordings to assist people who are blind or have a visual impairment with accessing important information. If such a recording is not available, members may read aloud from the appropriate form, for example a personnel complaint form, or provide forms with enlarged print.

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333.8 QUALIFIED INTERPRETERS

A qualified interpreter may be needed in lengthy or complex transactions (e.g., interviewing a victim, witness, suspect or arrestee), if the individual to be interviewed normally relies on sign language or speechreading (lip-reading) to understand what others are saying. The qualified interpreter should not be a person with an interest in the case or the investigation. A person providing interpretation services may be required to establish the accuracy and trustworthiness of the interpretation in a court proceeding.

Qualified interpreters should be:

(a) Available within a reasonable amount of time but in no event longer than one hour if requested.

(b) Experienced in providing interpretation services related to law enforcement matters.

(c) Familiar with the use of VRS and/or video remote interpreting services.

(d) Certified in either American Sign Language (ASL) or Signed English (SE).

(e) Able to understand and adhere to the interpreter role without deviating into other roles, such as counselor or legal adviser.

(f) Knowledgeable of the ethical issues involved when providing interpreter services.

Members should use department-approved procedures to request a qualified interpreter at the earliest reasonable opportunity, and generally not more than 15 minutes after a request for an interpreter has been made or it is reasonably apparent that an interpreter is needed. No individual who is disabled shall be required to provide his/her own interpreter (28 CFR 35.160).

333.9 TTY AND RELAY SERVICES

In situations where an individual without a disability would have access to a telephone (e.g., booking or attorney contacts), members must also provide those who are deaf, hard of hearing or have impaired speech the opportunity to place calls using an available TTY (also known as a telecommunications device for deaf people, or TDD). Members shall provide additional time, as needed, for effective communication due to the slower nature of TTY and TDD communications.

The Department will accept all TTY or TDD calls placed by those who are deaf or hard of hearing and received via a telecommunications relay service (28 CFR 35.162).

Note that relay services translate verbatim, so the conversation must be conducted as if speaking directly to the caller.

333.10 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Interpreter services may be available from community volunteers who have demonstrated competence in communication services, such as ASL or SE, and have been approved by the Department to provide interpreter services.

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Where qualified interpreters are unavailable to assist, approved community volunteers who have demonstrated competence may be called upon when appropriate. However, department members must carefully consider the nature of the contact and the relationship between the individual with the disability and the volunteer to ensure that the volunteer can provide neutral and unbiased assistance.

333.11 FAMILY AND FRIENDS

While family or friends may offer to assist with interpretation, members should carefully consider the circumstances before relying on such individuals. The nature of the contact and relationship between the individual with the disability and the person offering services must be carefully considered (e.g., victim/suspect).

Children shall not be relied upon except in emergency or critical situations when there is no qualified interpreter reasonably available.

Adults may be relied upon when (28 CFR 35.160):

(a) There is an emergency or critical situation and there is no qualified interpreter reasonably available.

(b) The person with the disability requests that the adult interpret or facilitate communication and the adult agrees to provide such assistance, and reliance on that adult for such assistance is reasonable under the circumstances.

333.12 REPORTING

Whenever any member of this department is required to complete a report or other documentation, and communication assistance has been provided, such services should be noted in the related report. Members should document the type of communication services utilized and whether the individual elected to use services provided by the Department or some other identified source. If the individual’s express preference is not honored, the member must document why another method of communication was used.

All written communications exchanged in a criminal case shall be attached to the report or placed into evidence.

333.13 FIELD ENFORCEMENT

Field enforcement will generally include such contacts as traffic stops, pedestrian stops, serving warrants and restraining orders, crowd/traffic control and other routine field contacts that may involve individuals with disabilities. The scope and nature of these activities and contacts will inevitably vary.

The Department recognizes that it would be virtually impossible to provide immediate access to complete communication services to every member of this department. Members and/or supervisors must assess each situation and consider the length, complexity and importance of the

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communication, as well as the individual's preferred method of communication, when determining the type of resources to use and whether a qualified interpreter is needed.

Although not every situation can be addressed in this policy, it is important that members are able to effectively communicate the reason for a contact, the need for information and the meaning or consequences of any enforcement action. For example, it would be meaningless to verbally request consent to search if the deputy is unable to effectively communicate with an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing and requires communications assistance.

If available, deputies should obtain the assistance of a qualified interpreter before placing an individual with a disability under arrest. Individuals who are arrested and are assisted by service animals should be permitted to make arrangements for the care of such animals prior to transport.

333.13.1 FIELD RESOURCES

Examples of methods that may be sufficient for transactions, such as checking a license or giving directions to a location or for urgent situations such as responding to a violent crime in progress, may, depending on the circumstances, include such simple things as:

(a) Hand gestures or visual aids with an individual who is deaf, hard of hearing or has impaired speech.

(b) Exchange of written notes or communications.

(c) Verbal communication with an individual who can speechread by facing the individual and speaking slowly and clearly.

(d) Use of computer, word processing, personal communication device or similar device to exchange texts or notes.

(e) Slowly and clearly speaking or reading simple terms to individuals who have a visual or mental impairment.

Members should be aware that these techniques may not provide effective communication as required by law and this policy depending on the circumstances.

333.14 CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS

In an effort to ensure that the rights of individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech impairment are protected during a custodial interrogation, this department will provide interpreter services before beginning an interrogation, unless exigent circumstances exist or the individual has made a clear indication that he/she understands the process and desires to proceed without an interpreter. The use of a video remote interpreting service should be considered, where appropriate, if a live interpreter is not available. *Miranda* warnings shall be provided to suspects who are deaf or hard of hearing by a qualified interpreter or by providing a written *Miranda* warning card.

In order to ensure that communications during custodial investigations are accurately documented and are admissible as evidence, interrogations should be recorded whenever reasonably possible. See guidance on recording custodial interrogations in the Investigation and Prosecution Policy.

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333.14.1 INTERPRETER REQUIRED IN ARRESTS

A deputy who arrests a person who is deaf, has a physical hearing impairment or physical speaking impairment shall, prior to any interrogation or the taking of a statement, make available a qualified interpreter to assist throughout the interrogation or taking of the statement. Fees and expenses of the interpreter will be paid as specified by Oregon law (ORS 133.515).

333.15 ARRESTS AND BOOKINGS

If an individual with speech or hearing disabilities is arrested, the arresting deputy shall use department-approved procedures to provide a qualified interpreter at the place of arrest or booking as soon as reasonably practicable, unless the individual indicates that he/she prefers a different auxiliary aid or service or the deputy reasonably determines another effective method of communication exists under the circumstances.

When gathering information during the booking process, members should remain alert to the impediments that often exist when communicating with those who are deaf, hard of hearing, who have impaired speech or vision, are blind, or have other disabilities. In the interest of the arrestee's health and welfare, the safety and security of the facility and to protect individual rights, it is important that accurate medical screening and booking information be obtained. If necessary, members should seek the assistance of a qualified interpreter whenever there is concern that accurate information cannot be obtained or that booking instructions may not be properly understood by the individual.

Individuals who require and possess personally owned communication aids (e.g., hearing aids, cochlear processors) should be permitted to retain them while in custody.

333.16 COMPLAINTS

The Department shall ensure that individuals with disabilities who wish to file a complaint regarding members of this department are able to do so. The Department may provide a qualified interpreter or forms in enlarged print, as appropriate. Complaints will be referred to the department ADA Coordinator.

Investigations into such complaints shall be handled in accordance with the Personnel Complaints Policy. Qualified interpreters used during the investigation of a complaint should not be members of this Department.

333.17 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community outreach programs and other such services offered by this department are important to the ultimate success of more traditional law enforcement duties. This department will continue to work with community groups, local businesses and neighborhoods to provide equal access to such programs and services.

333.18 TRAINING

To ensure that all members who may have contact with individuals who are disabled are properly trained, the Department will provide periodic training that should include:

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(a) Awareness and understanding of this policy and related procedures, related forms and available resources.

(b) Procedures for accessing qualified interpreters and other available resources.

(c) Working with in-person and telephone interpreters and related equipment.

The Undersheriff shall be responsible for ensuring new members receive training related to interacting with individuals who have disabilities, including individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, who have impaired speech or vision, or are blind. Those who may have contact with such individuals should receive refresher training at least once every two years thereafter. The Undersheriff shall maintain records of all training provided, and will retain a copy in each member's training file in accordance with established records retention schedules.

333.18.1 CALL-TAKER TRAINING

Emergency call-takers shall be trained in the use of TTY equipment protocols for communicating with individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or who have speech impairments. Such training and information should include:

(a) The requirements of the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act for telephone emergency service providers.

(b) ASL syntax and accepted abbreviations.

(c) Practical instruction on identifying and processing TTY or TDD calls, including the importance of recognizing silent TTY or TDD calls, using proper syntax, abbreviations and protocol when responding to TTY or TDD calls.

(d) Hands-on experience in TTY and TDD communications, including identification of TTY or TDD tones.

Training should be mandatory for all Dispatch members who may have contact with individuals from the public who are deaf, hard of hearing or have impaired speech. Refresher training should occur every six months.

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Stalking & Restraining Orders

334.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes procedures for the investigation and enforcement of stalking complaints (Oregon Revised Statutes 163.730 to 163.755).

334.1.1 POLICY

Stalking behavior frequently results in serious injury and emotional trauma to victims and it is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to ensure that complaints of stalking will be given high priority and that every formal stalking complaint will be thoroughly investigated and forwarded to the District Attorney's Office.

334.2 UNIFORM STALKING COMPLAINT

The Department will make available an Oregon Uniform Stalking Complaint form to any person desiring to file a stalking complaint regardless of where the violation is alleged to have occurred. Deputies will provide reasonable assistance as necessary to petitioners to properly complete and sign the form.

Upon receipt of a Uniform Stalking Complaint, deputies will review and sign the form and complete a thorough investigation. All stalking incident reports shall be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office, regardless of whether any civil or criminal action was taken, within three days (ORS 163.738(7)).

334.3 UNIFORM STALKING CITATION

The bottom half of the Uniform Stalking Complaint is a Uniform Stalking Citation. The citation is a civil summons for the respondent to appear at a hearing to determine if a Stalking Protective Order will be issued against the respondent. Deputies will complete and attempt to serve a Uniform Stalking Citation, with a court date set for three judicial days (business days excluding holidays) from the date the citation was served, on the respondent in every case where:

(a) The deputy has received a completed Uniform Stalking Complaint, and

(b) The deputy has probable cause to believe that the elements of Oregon Revised Statutes 163.732(1), (Stalking) have occurred.

334.3.1 SERVICE OF STALKING CITATIONS

(a) If the citation is served, the deputy is required to advise the respondent of the court date and time and location of appearance. Deputies should advise the respondent of the following:

1. Engaging in behavior that alarms or coerces the petitioner may result in their arrest; and

2. The contents of the citation and the state and federal law restrictions contained on the front and back of the respondent's copy of the citation; and

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3. If they fail to appear at the hearing a warrant will be issued for their arrest, as well as a Stalking Protective Order.

(b) If a Uniform Stalking Citation is issued, attach the top three copies to the case report. Provide the pink copy to the petitioner (pink) and goldenrod copy to the respondent.

(c) If there is probable cause to issue a citation, but the citation is not served, deputies should document attempts to serve the respondent.

(d) If the citation is served on the respondent, the DA's office will initiate the hearing process.

1. A private attorney
2. Legal Aid
3. The District Attorney's office Victim's Assistance Unit

(e) If the citation is served on the respondent, the petitioner should be advised that they must also appear at the hearing or the complaint will be dismissed and the Stalking Protective Order will not be issued.

334.4 ARREST

Deputies may arrest or cite a suspect for any criminal offense committed (including stalking) if the statutory elements have been met, as well as issue a (civil) Uniform Stalking Citation; the two actions are not mutually exclusive.

334.4.1 STALKING PROTECTIVE ORDERS

Once the court issues a Stalking Protective Order and it is served on the Respondent, deputies may arrest the respondent for violating the terms of the order (Oregon Revised Statutes 163.750).

334.5 RESTRAINING ORDERS

Court stalking orders and restraining orders are different and are not mutually exclusive. Stalking reports may be appropriate even if a valid restraining order is in place.

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Chaplains

335.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office Chaplain Program is established for the purposes of providing spiritual and emotional support to all members of the Department, their families and members of the public.

335.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this department that the Chaplain Program shall be a non-denominational, ecumenical ministry provided by volunteer clergy without financial compensation.

335.3 GOALS

Members of the Chaplain Program shall fulfill the program's purpose in the following manner:

(a) By serving as a resource for department personnel when dealing with the public in such incidents as accidental deaths, suicides, suicidal subjects, serious accidents, drug and alcohol abuse, and other such situations that may arise.

(b) By providing an additional link between the community, other chaplain programs and the Department.

(c) By providing counseling, spiritual guidance and insight for department personnel and their families.

(d) By being alert to the spiritual and emotional needs of department personnel and their families.

(e) By familiarizing themselves with the role of law enforcement in the community.

335.4 REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for the Chaplain Program shall meet the following requirements:

(a) Must be above reproach, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not be addicted to alcohol or other drugs, not contentious, and free from excessive debt. Must manage their household, family, and personal affairs well. Must have a good reputation with those outside the church.

(b) Must be ecclesiastically certified and/or endorsed, ordained, licensed, or commissioned by a recognized religious body.

(c) Must successfully complete an appropriate level background investigation.

(d) Must have at least five years of successful ministry experience within a recognized church or religious denomination.

(e) Membership in good standing with the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC).

(f) Possess a valid Oregon Driver License.

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335.4.1 RECRUITMENT

Chaplains should be recruited on a continuous and ongoing basis consistent with department policy on equal opportunity and nondiscriminatory employment. A primary qualification for participation in the application process should be an interest in and an ability to assist the Department in serving the public. Chaplain candidates are encouraged to participate in ride-alongs with department members before and during the selection process.

335.4.2 SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT

Chaplain candidates shall successfully complete the following process prior to appointment as a chaplain:

(a) Submit the appropriate written application.

(b) Include a recommendation from employers or volunteer programs.

(c) Interview with the Sheriff and the chaplain coordinator.

(d) Successfully complete an appropriate-level background investigation.

(e) Complete an appropriate probationary period as designated by the Sheriff.

Chaplains are volunteers and serve at the discretion of the Sheriff. Chaplains shall have no property interest in continued appointment. However, if a chaplain is removed for alleged misconduct, the chaplain will be afforded an opportunity solely to clear his/her name through a liberty interest hearing, which shall be limited to a single appearance before the Sheriff or the authorized designee.

335.5 SELECTION PROCESS

Chaplain candidates are encouraged to participate in the ride-along program before and during the selection process. Chaplain candidates shall successfully complete the following process prior to deployment as a chaplain:

(a) Appropriate written application.

(b) Recommendation from their church elders, board, or council.

(c) Interview with Sheriff & Chaplain Supervisor

(d) Successfully complete an appropriate level background investigation.

(e) Complete an appropriate probationary period as designated by the Sheriff.

335.6 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The duties of a chaplain include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Assisting in making notification to families of department members who have been seriously injured or killed.

(b) After notification, responding to the hospital or home of the department member.

(c) Visiting sick or injured law enforcement personnel in the hospital or at home.

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(d) Attending and participating, when requested, in funerals of active or retired members of the Department.

(e) Assisting sworn personnel in the diffusion of a conflict or incident when requested.

(f) Responding to natural and accidental deaths, suicides and attempted suicides, family disturbances and any other incident that in the judgment of the Enforcement Lieutenant or supervisor aids in accomplishing the Department's mission.

(g) Being on call and if at all possible, on duty during major demonstrations or any public function that requires the presence of a large number of department personnel.

(h) Counseling with deputies and other personnel with personal problems when requested.

(i) Attending department and academy graduations, ceremonies and social events and offering invocations and benedictions, as requested.

(j) Being responsible for the organization and development of spiritual organizations in the Department.

(k) Responding to all major disasters such as earthquakes, bombings and similar critical incidents.

(l) Providing liaison with various religious leaders of the community.

(m) Assisting public safety personnel and the community in any other function of the clergy profession as requested.

(n) Participating in in-service training classes.

(o) Willing to train to enhance effectiveness.

(p) Promptly facilitating requests for representatives or ministers of other various denominations.

(q) Making referrals in cases where specialized attention is needed, or in those cases that are beyond the chaplain's ability to assist.

Chaplains may not proselytize or attempt to recruit members of the department or the public into a religious affiliation while on-duty unless the receiving person has solicited spiritual guidance or teaching. If there is any question as to the receiving person's intent, chaplains should verify that the person is desirous of spiritual counseling or guidance before engaging in such discussion.

Chaplains may not accept gratuities for any service or follow-up contact that was provided while functioning as a chaplain for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

335.7 CLERGY-PENITENT CONFIDENTIALITY

No person who provides chaplain services to members of the Department may work or volunteer for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office in any capacity other than that of chaplain.

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Department chaplains shall be familiar with state evidentiary laws and rules pertaining to the limits of the clergy-penitent privilege and shall inform department members when it appears reasonably likely that the member is discussing matters that are not subject to the clergy-penitent privilege. In such cases, the chaplain should consider referring the member to a non-department counseling resource.

No chaplain shall provide counsel to or receive confidential communications from any Columbia County Sheriff's Office employees concerning an incident personally witnessed by the chaplain or concerning an incident involving the chaplain.

335.7.1 COMPLIANCE

Chaplains are volunteer members of this department, and except as otherwise specified within this policy, are required to comply with the Volunteer Program Policy and other applicable policies.

335.7.2 OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

(a) Chaplains will be scheduled to be on-call for a period of seven consecutive days during each month, beginning on Monday and ending on the following Sunday.

(b) Generally, each chaplain will serve with Columbia County Sheriff's Office personnel a minimum of eight hours per month.

(c) At the end of each watch the chaplain will complete a chaplain shift report and submit it to the Sheriff or the authorized designee.

(d) Chaplains shall be permitted to ride with deputies during any shift and observe Columbia County Sheriff's Office operations, provided the Enforcement Lieutenant has been notified and has approved the activity.

(e) Chaplains shall not be evaluators of members of the Department.

(f) In responding to incidents, a chaplain shall never function as a deputy.

(g) When responding to in-progress calls for service, chaplains may be required to stand-by in a secure area until the situation has been deemed safe.

(h) Chaplains shall serve only within the jurisdiction of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office unless otherwise authorized by the Sheriff or the authorized designee.

(i) Each chaplain shall have access to current department member rosters, addresses, telephone numbers, duty assignments and other information that may assist in his/her duties. Such information will be considered confidential and each chaplain will exercise appropriate security measures to prevent distribution of the data.

335.7.3 ASSISTING DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

The responsibilities of a chaplain related to department members include, but are not limited to:

(a) Assisting in making notification to families of members who have been seriously injured or killed and, after notification, responding to the hospital or home of the member.

(b) Visiting sick or injured members in the hospital or at home.

(c) Attending and participating, when requested, in funerals of active or retired members.

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(d) Serving as a resource for members when dealing with the public in incidents, such as accidental deaths, suicides, suicidal subjects, serious accidents, drug and alcohol abuse and other such situations that may arise.

(e) Providing counseling and support for members and their families.

(f) Being alert to the needs of members and their families.

335.7.4 ASSISTING THE DEPARTMENT

The responsibilities of a chaplain related to this department include, but are not limited to:

(a) Assisting members in the diffusion of a conflict or incident, when requested.

(b) Responding to natural and accidental deaths, suicides and attempted suicides, family disturbances and any other incident that in the judgment of the Enforcement Lieutenant or supervisor aids in accomplishing the mission of the Department.

(c) Responding to all major disasters, such as natural disasters, bombings and similar critical incidents.

(d) Being on-call and, if possible, on-duty during major demonstrations or any public function that requires the presence of a large number of department members.

(e) Attending department and academy graduations, ceremonies and social events and offering invocations and benedictions, as requested.

(f) Participating in in-service training classes.

(g) Willingness to train others to enhance the effectiveness of the Department.

335.7.5 ASSISTING THE COMMUNITY

The duties of a chaplain related to the community include, but are not limited to:

(a) Fostering familiarity with the role of law enforcement in the community.

(b) Providing an additional link between the community, other chaplain coordinators and the Department.

(c) Providing liaison with various civic, business and religious organizations.

(d) Promptly facilitating requests for representatives or leaders of various denominations.

(e) Assisting the community in any other function as needed or requested.

(f) Making referrals in cases where specialized attention is needed or in cases that are beyond the chaplain's ability to assist.

335.7.6 CHAPLAIN MEETINGS

All chaplains are required to attend scheduled meetings. Any absences must be satisfactorily explained to the chaplain coordinator.

335.8 COMMAND STRUCTURE

(a) Under the general direction of the Sheriff or his/her designee, chaplains shall report to the Senior Chaplain and/or Enforcement Lieutenant.

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(b) The Sheriff shall make all appointments to the Chaplain Program and will designate a Senior Chaplain/Chaplain Commander.

(c) The Senior Chaplain shall serve as the liaison between the Chaplain Unit and the Sheriff. He/she will arrange for regular monthly meetings, act as chairman of all chaplain meetings, prepare monthly schedules, maintain records on all activities of the Chaplain Unit, coordinate activities that may concern the members of the Chaplain Unit and arrange for training classes for chaplains.

335.9 OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

(a) Chaplains will be scheduled to be on-call for a period of seven days at a time during each month, beginning on Monday and ending on the following Sunday.

(b) Generally, each chaplain will serve with Columbia County Sheriff's Office personnel a minimum of eight hours per month.

(c) At the end of each watch the chaplain will complete a Chaplain Shift Report and submit it to the Sheriff or his designee.

(d) Chaplains shall be permitted to ride with deputies during any shift and observe Columbia County Sheriff's Office operations, provided the Enforcement Lieutenant has been notified and approved of the activity.

(e) Chaplains shall not be evaluators of employees and shall not be required to report on an employee’s performance or conduct.

(f) In responding to incidents, a chaplain shall never function as a deputy.

(g) When responding to in-progress calls for service, chaplains may be required to stand-by in a secure area until the situation has been deemed safe.

(h) Chaplains shall serve only within the jurisdiction of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office unless otherwise authorized by the Sheriff or his designee.

(i) Each chaplain shall have access to current personnel rosters, addresses, telephone numbers, duty assignments and other information that may assist in their duties. Such Information will be considered confidential and each chaplain will exercise appropriate security measures to prevent distribution of the information.

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Child and Dependent Adult Safety

336.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines to ensure that children and dependent adults are not left without appropriate care in the event their caregiver or guardian is arrested or otherwise prevented from providing care due to actions taken by members of this department.

This policy does not address the actions to be taken during the course of a child abuse or dependent adult investigation. These are covered in the Child Abuse Policy and the Adult Abuse Policy.

336.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this department to mitigate, to the extent reasonably possible, the stressful experience individuals may have when their parent or caregiver is arrested. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will endeavor to create a strong, cooperative relationship with local, state and community-based social services to ensure an effective, collaborative response that addresses the needs of those affected, including call-out availability and follow-up responsibilities.

336.3 PROCEDURES DURING AN ARREST

When encountering an arrest or prolonged detention situation deputies should make reasonable attempts to determine if the arrestee is responsible for children or dependent adults. In some cases this may be obvious, such as when children or dependent adults are present. However, deputies should inquire if the arrestee has caregiver responsibilities for any children or dependent adults who are without appropriate supervision. The following steps should be taken:

(a) Inquire about and confirm the location of any children or dependent adults.

(b) Look for evidence of children and dependent adults. Deputies should be mindful that some arrestees may conceal the fact that they have a dependent for fear the individual may be taken from them.

(c) Consider inquiring of witnesses, neighbors, friends and relatives of the arrestee as to whether the person is responsible for a child or dependent adult.

Whenever reasonably possible, deputies should take reasonable steps to accomplish the arrest of a parent, guardian or caregiver out of the presence of his/her child or dependent adult. Removing children or dependent adults from the scene in advance of the arrest will generally ensure the best outcome for the individual.

Whenever it is safe to do so, deputies should allow the parent or caregiver to assure children or dependent adults that they will be provided care. If this is not safe or if the demeanor of the parent or caregiver suggests this conversation would be non-productive, the deputy at the scene should explain the reason for the arrest in age-appropriate language and offer reassurance to the child or dependent adult that he/she will receive appropriate care.

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336.3.1 AFTER AN ARREST

Whenever an arrest is made, the deputy should take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of the arrestee's disclosed or discovered children or dependent adults.

Deputies should allow the arrestee reasonable time to arrange for care of children and dependent adults. Temporary placement with family or friends may be appropriate. However, any decision should give priority to a care solution that is in the best interest of the child or dependent adult. In such cases the following guidelines should be followed:

(a) Allow the person reasonable time to arrange for the care of children and dependent adults with a responsible party, as appropriate.

  1. Deputies should consider allowing the person to use his/her cell phone to facilitate arrangements through access to contact phone numbers, and to lessen the likelihood of call screening by the recipients due to calls from unknown sources.

(b) Unless there is evidence to the contrary (e.g., signs of abuse, drug use, unsafe environment), deputies should respect the parent or caregiver's judgment regarding arrangements for care. It is generally best if the child or dependent adult remains with relatives or family friends that he/she knows and trusts because familiarity with surroundings and consideration for comfort, emotional state and safety are important.

  1. Except when a court order exists limiting contact, the deputy should attempt to locate and place children or dependent adults with the non-arrested parent, guardian or caregiver.

(c) Provide for the immediate supervision of children or dependent adults until an appropriate caregiver arrives.

(d) Notify Child Protective Services, if appropriate.

(e) Notify the field supervisor or Enforcement Lieutenant of the disposition of children or dependent adults.

If children or dependent adults are at school or another known location outside the household at the time of arrest, the arresting deputy should attempt to contact the school or other known location and inform the principal or appropriate responsible adult of the caregiver's arrest and of the arrangements being made for the care of the arrestee's dependent. The result of such actions should be documented in the associated report.

336.3.2 DURING THE BOOKING PROCESS

During the booking process, the arrestee shall be allowed to make additional telephone calls to relatives or other responsible individuals as is reasonably necessary to arrange for the care of any child or dependent adult. These telephone calls should be given as soon as practicable and are in addition to any other telephone calls allowed by law.

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If an arrestee is unable to resolve the care of any child or dependent adult through this process, a supervisor should be contacted to determine the appropriate steps to arrange for care. These steps may include additional telephone calls or contacting a local, county or state services agency.

336.3.3 REPORTING

(a) For all arrests where children are present or living in the household, the reporting member will document the following information:

1. Name
2. Sex
3. Age
4. Special needs (e.g., medical, mental health)
5. How, where and with whom or which agency the child was placed
6. Identities and contact information for other potential caregivers
7. Notifications made to other adults (e.g., schools, relatives)

(b) For all arrests where dependent adults are present or living in the household, the reporting member will document the following information:

1. Name
2. Sex
3. Age
4. Whether he/she reasonably appears able to care for him/herself
5. Disposition or placement information if he/she is unable to care for him/herself

336.3.4 SUPPORT AND COUNSELING REFERRAL

If, in the judgment of the handling deputies, the child or dependent adult would benefit from additional assistance, such as counseling services, contact with a victim advocate or a crisis telephone number, the appropriate referral information may be provided.

336.4 DEPENDENT WELFARE SERVICES

Whenever an arrestee is unwilling or incapable of arranging for the appropriate care of any child or dependent adult, the handling deputy should contact the appropriate welfare service or other department-approved social service to determine whether protective custody is appropriate.

Only when other reasonable options are exhausted should a child or dependent adult be transported to the sheriff's facility, transported in a marked law enforcement vehicle or taken into formal protective custody.

Under no circumstances should a child or dependent adult be left unattended or without appropriate care.

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336.5 TRAINING

The Undersheriff is responsible to ensure that all members of this department who may be involved in arrests affecting children or dependent adults receive approved training on effective safety measures when a parent, guardian or caregiver is arrested.

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Service Animals

337.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Service animals play an important role in helping to overcome the limitations often faced by people with disabilities. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office recognizes this need and is committed to making reasonable modifications to its policies, practices and procedures in accordance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) to permit the use of service animals that are individually trained to assist a person with a disability.

337.2 SERVICE ANIMALS

The ADA defines a service animal as any dog or miniature horse that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual or other mental disability. The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the owner’s disability (28 CFR 35.104).

337.2.1 STATE LAW

Oregon law expands the definition of a service or assistance animal to include a dog or other animal designated by administrative rule that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual (OAR 839-006-0345).

337.2.2 USE OF SERVICE ANIMALS

Some service animals may be readily identifiable. However, many do not have a distinctive symbol, harness or collar. Service animals are not pets and may be trained by an individual or organization to assist people with disabilities.

The following examples are some of the ways service animals may be used to provide assistance:

- Guiding people who are blind or have low vision.
- Alerting people who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Retrieving or picking up items, opening doors or flipping switches for people who have limited use of their hands, arms or legs.
- Pulling wheelchairs.
- Providing physical support and assisting people with stability and balance.
- Doing work or performing tasks for persons with traumatic brain injury, intellectual disabilities or psychiatric disabilities, such as reminding a person with depression to take medication.
- Alerting a person with anxiety to the onset of panic attacks, providing tactile stimulation to calm a person with post-traumatic stress disorder, assisting people with schizophrenia to distinguish between hallucinations and reality, and helping people with traumatic brain injury to locate misplaced items or follow daily routines.

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337.3 MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Service animals that are assisting individuals with disabilities are permitted in all public facilities and areas where the general public is allowed. Department members are expected to treat individuals with service animals with the same courtesy and respect that the Columbia County Sheriff's Office affords to all members of the public.

If an animal exhibits vicious behavior, poses a direct threat to the health of others or unreasonably disrupts or interferes with normal business operations a deputy may direct the owner to remove the animal from the premises. Barking alone is not a threat nor does a direct threat exist if the person takes prompt, effective action to control the animal. Each incident must be considered individually and past incidents alone are not cause for excluding a service animal. Removal of a service animal may not be used as a reason to refuse service to an individual with disabilities. Members of this department are expected to provide all services as are reasonably available to an individual with a disability.

If it is apparent or if a deputy is aware the animal is a service animal, the owner should not be asked any questions as to the status of the animal. If it is unclear whether an animal meets the definition of a service animal, the deputy should ask the individual only the following questions:

- Is the animal required because of a disability?
- What task or service has the service animal been trained to perform?

If the individual explains that the animal is required because of a disability and has been trained to work or perform at least one task the animal meets the definition of a service animal and no further question as to the animal’s status should be asked. The person should not be questioned about his/her disabilities nor should the person be asked to provide any license, certification or identification card for the service animal.

Service animals are not pets. Department members should not interfere with the important work performed by a service animal by talking to, petting or otherwise initiating contact with a service animal.

When handling calls of a complaint regarding a service animal, members of this department should remain neutral and should be prepared to explain the ADA requirements concerning service animals to the concerned parties. Businesses are required to allow service animals to accompany their owner into all areas that other customers or members of the public are allowed.

Absent a violation of law independent of the ADA, deputies should take no enforcement action beyond keeping the peace. Individuals who believe they have been discriminated against as the result of a disability should be referred to the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

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Volunteer Program

338.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

It is the policy of this department to use qualified volunteers for specified tasks and duties in order to create efficiencies for the Department and improve services to the community. Volunteers are intended to supplement and support, rather than supplant, sworn deputies and civilian personnel. Volunteers can be an important part of any organization and have proven to be a valuable asset to law enforcement agencies. Volunteers help to increase departmental responsiveness, delivery of services and information input, and provide new program opportunities. In addition, volunteers bring new skills and expertise to the Department and prompt new enthusiasm.

338.1.1 DEFINITION OF VOLUNTEER

An individual who performs a service for the Department without promise, expectation or receipt of compensation for services rendered. This may include unpaid chaplains, unpaid reserve deputies, interns, persons providing administrative support and youth involved in a law enforcement Explorer Post, among others.

338.2 VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

338.2.1 VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

The Volunteer Coordinator shall be appointed by the Administration [Division Commander]. The function of the Volunteer Coordinator is to provide a central coordinating point for effective volunteer management within the Department, and to direct and assist staff and volunteer efforts to jointly provide more productive services. The Volunteer Coordinator should work with other Department staff on an ongoing basis to assist in the development and implementation of volunteer-staffed positions.

The Volunteer Coordinator, or his/her designee, shall be responsible for the following:

(a) Recruiting, selecting and training qualified volunteers for various positions.

(b) Facilitating the implementation of new volunteer activities and assignments.

(c) Maintaining records for each volunteer.

(d) Tracking and evaluating the contribution of volunteers.

(e) Maintaining the volunteer handbook and outlining expectations, policies and responsibilities for all volunteers.

(f) Maintaining a record of volunteer schedules and work hours.

(g) Completion and dissemination as appropriate of all necessary paperwork and information.

(h) Planning periodic recognition events.

(i) Administering discipline when warranted.

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(j) Maintaining liaison with other volunteer-utilizing programs in the community and assisting in community-wide efforts to recognize and promote volunteering.

338.2.2 RECRUITMENT

Volunteers should be recruited on a continuous and ongoing basis consistent with department policy on equal opportunity nondiscriminatory employment. A primary qualification for participation in the application process should be an interest in, and an ability to assist the Department in serving the public.

Requests for volunteers should be submitted in writing by interested staff to the Volunteer Coordinator through the requester's immediate supervisor. A complete position description and a requested time frame should be included in the request. All parties should understand that the recruitment of volunteers is enhanced by creative and interesting assignments. The Volunteer Coordinator may withhold assignment of any volunteer until such time as the requesting unit is prepared to make effective use of volunteer resources.

338.2.3 SCREENING

All prospective volunteers should complete the volunteer application form. The Volunteer Coordinator or designee should conduct a face-to-face interview with an applicant under consideration.

A documented background investigation shall be completed on each volunteer applicant and shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

(a) Traffic and criminal background check. Fingerprints shall be obtained from all applicants and processed through the Oregon State Police Clearinghouse Unit.

(b) Employment.

(c) References.

338.2.4 SELECTION AND PLACEMENT

Service as a volunteer with the Department shall begin with an official notice of acceptance or appointment to a volunteer position. Notice may only be given by an authorized representative of the Department, who will normally be the Volunteer Coordinator. No volunteer should begin any assignment until they have been officially accepted for that position and completed all required screening and paperwork. At the time of final acceptance, each volunteer should complete all required enrollment paperwork and will receive a copy of their position description and agreement of service with the Department. All volunteers shall receive a copy of the volunteer manual and shall be required to sign a volunteer agreement.

Volunteers should be placed only in assignments or programs that are consistent with their knowledge, skills, abilities and the needs of the Department.

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338.2.5 TRAINING

Volunteers will be provided with an orientation program to acquaint them with the Department, personnel, policies and procedures that have a direct impact on their work assignment.

Volunteers should receive position-specific training to ensure they have adequate knowledge and skills to complete tasks required by the position and should receive periodic ongoing training as deemed appropriate by their supervisor or the Volunteer Coordinator.

Training should reinforce to volunteers that they may not intentionally represent themselves as, or by omission infer that they are sworn deputies or other full-time members of the Department. They shall always represent themselves as volunteers.

All volunteers shall comply with the rules of conduct and with all orders and directives, either oral or written, issued by the Department.

338.2.6 FITNESS FOR DUTY

No volunteer shall report to work or be on-duty when his/her judgment or physical condition has been impaired by alcohol, medication, other substances, illness or injury.

Volunteers shall report to their supervisor any changes in status that may affect their ability to fulfill their duties. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) Driver's license

(b) Medical condition

(c) Arrests

(d) Criminal investigations

All volunteers shall adhere to the guidelines set forth by this department regarding drug and alcohol use.

338.2.7 DRESS CODE

As representatives of the Department, volunteers are responsible for presenting a professional image to the community. Volunteers shall dress appropriately for the conditions and performance of their duties.

Volunteers shall conform to department-approved dress consistent with their duty assignment. Uniforms authorized for volunteers should be readily distinguishable from those worn by sworn deputies. The uniform or identifiable parts of the uniform shall not be worn while off-duty except volunteers may choose to wear the uniform while in transit to or from official department assignments or functions provided an outer garment is worn over the uniform shirt so as not to bring attention to the volunteer while he/she is off duty.

Volunteers shall be required to return any issued uniform or department property at the termination of service.

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338.2.8 LIABILITY COVERAGE
Liability coverage for covered volunteers will be pursuant to County provisions.

338.3 SUPERVISION OF VOLUNTEERS

Each volunteer who is accepted to a position with the Department must have a clearly identified supervisor who is responsible for direct management of that volunteer. This supervisor will be responsible for day-to-day management and guidance of the work of the volunteer and should be available to the volunteer for consultation and assistance.

A volunteer may be assigned as and act as a supervisor of other volunteers provided that the supervising volunteer is under the direct supervision of a paid staff member.

Functional supervision of volunteers is the responsibility of the supervisor in charge of the unit where the volunteer is assigned. Following are some considerations to keep in mind while supervising volunteers:

(a) Take the time to introduce volunteers to employees on all levels.

(b) Ensure volunteers have work space and necessary office supplies.

(c) Make sure the work is challenging. Do not hesitate to give them an assignment or task that will tap these valuable resources.

338.4 CONFIDENTIALITY

With appropriate security clearance, volunteers may have access to confidential information such as criminal histories or investigative files. Unless otherwise directed by a supervisor or departmental policy, all information shall be considered confidential. Only that information specifically identified and approved by authorized personnel shall be released. Confidential information shall be given only to persons who have a need and a right to know as determined by departmental policy and supervisory personnel.

Each volunteer will be required to sign a nondisclosure agreement before being given an assignment with the Department. Subsequent unauthorized disclosure of any confidential information, verbally, in writing or by any other means, by the volunteer is grounds for immediate dismissal and possible criminal prosecution.

Volunteers shall not address public gatherings, appear on radio or television, prepare any article for publication, act as correspondents to a newspaper or other periodical, release or divulge any information concerning the activities of the Department, or maintain that they represent the Department in such matters without permission from the proper department personnel.

338.5 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Volunteers will be issued an identification card that must be worn at all times while on-duty.

Any fixed and portable equipment issued by the Department shall be for official and authorized use only. Any property or equipment issued to a volunteer shall remain the property of the Department and shall be returned at the termination of service.

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338.5.1 VEHICLE USE

Volunteers assigned to duties such as vacation house checks or other assignments that require the use of a vehicle must first complete the following:

(a) A driving safety briefing and department approved driver safety course.

(b) Verification that the volunteer possesses a valid Oregon Driver's License.

(c) Verification that the volunteer carries current vehicle insurance.

The Volunteer Coordinator should insure that all volunteers receive safety briefing updates and license and insurance verification at least once a year.

When operating a Department vehicle, volunteers shall obey all rules of the road, including seat belt requirements. Smoking is prohibited in all Department vehicles.

Volunteers should not operate a marked patrol car unless there is a prominently placed sign indicating that it is out of service and volunteers are not authorized to operate a Department vehicle Code-3.

338.5.2 RADIO AND MCT USAGE

Volunteers shall successfully complete the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) and radio procedures training prior to using the police radio or Mobile Computer Terminals (MCTs), and comply with all related provisions. The Volunteer Coordinator should ensure that radio and LEDS training is provided for volunteers whenever necessary. .

338.6 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES/TERMINATION

A volunteer may be removed from the volunteer program at the discretion of the Sheriff or the Volunteer Coordinator. Volunteers shall have no property interests in their continued appointment. However, if a volunteer is removed for alleged misconduct, the volunteer will be afforded an opportunity solely to clear his/her name through a liberty interest hearing which shall be limited to a single appearance before the Sheriff or authorized designee.

Volunteers may resign from volunteer service with the Department at any time. It is requested that volunteers who intend to resign provide advance notice of their departure and a reason for their decision.

338.6.1 EXIT INTERVIEWS

Exit interviews, where possible, should be conducted with volunteers who are leaving their positions. The interview should ascertain why the volunteer is leaving the position and solicit the volunteer's suggestions on improving the position. When appropriate, the interview should also include a discussion on the possibility of involvement in some other capacity with the Department.

338.7 EVALUATION

An evaluation of the overall volunteer program will be conducted on an annual basis by the Volunteer Coordinator. Regular evaluations should be conducted with volunteers to ensure the

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best use of human resources available, to ensure personnel problems can be identified and dealt with promptly and fairly, and to ensure optimum satisfaction on the part of volunteers.

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Off-Duty Law Enforcement Actions

339.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The decision to become involved in a law enforcement action when off-duty can place a deputy as well as others at great risk and must be done with careful consideration. This policy is intended to provide guidelines for deputies of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office with respect to taking law enforcement action while off-duty.

339.2 POLICY

Initiating law enforcement action while off-duty is generally discouraged. Deputies should not attempt to initiate enforcement action when witnessing minor crimes, such as suspected intoxicated drivers, reckless driving or minor property crimes. Such incidents should be promptly reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Deputies are not expected to place themselves in unreasonable peril. However, any sworn member of this department who becomes aware of an incident or circumstance that he/she reasonably believes poses an imminent threat of serious bodily injury or death, or significant property damage may take reasonable action to minimize the threat.

When public safety or the prevention of major property damage requires immediate action, deputies should first consider reporting and monitoring the activity and only take direct action as a last resort.

339.3 FIREARMS

Deputies of this department may carry firearms while off-duty in accordance with federal regulations and department policy. All firearms and ammunition must meet guidelines as described in the department Firearms Policy. When carrying firearms while off-duty deputies shall also carry their department-issued badge and identification.

Deputies should refrain from carrying firearms when the consumption of alcohol is likely or when the need to carry a firearm is outweighed by safety considerations. Firearms should not be carried by any deputy who has consumed an amount of an alcoholic beverage or taken any drugs that would tend to adversely affect the deputy’s senses or judgment.

339.4 DECISION TO INTERVENE

There is no legal requirement for off-duty deputies to take law enforcement action. However, should deputies decide to intervene, they must evaluate whether the action is necessary or desirable, and should take into consideration the following:

(a) The tactical disadvantage of being alone and the fact there may be multiple or hidden suspects.

(b) The inability to communicate with responding units.

(c) The lack of equipment, such as handcuffs, OC or baton.

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(d) The lack of cover.

(e) The potential for increased risk to bystanders if the off-duty deputy were to intervene.

(f) Unfamiliarity with the surroundings.

(g) The potential for the off-duty deputy to be misidentified by other peace officers or members of the public.

Deputies should consider waiting for on-duty uniformed deputies to arrive, and gather as much accurate intelligence as possible instead of immediately intervening.

339.4.1 INTERVENTION PROCEDURE

If involvement is reasonably necessary the deputy should attempt to call or have someone else call 9-1-1 to request immediate assistance. The operator should be informed that an off-duty deputy is on-scene and should be provided a description of the deputy if possible.

Whenever practicable, the deputy should loudly and repeatedly identify him/herself as an Columbia County Sheriff's Office deputy until acknowledged. Official identification should also be displayed.

339.4.2 INCIDENTS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Deputies should refrain from handling incidents of personal interest, (e.g., family or neighbor disputes) and should remain neutral. In such circumstances deputies should call the responsible agency to handle the matter.

339.4.3 NON-SWORN STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

Non-sworn personnel should not become involved in any law enforcement actions while off-duty except to notify the local law enforcement authority and remain at the scene, if safe and practicable.

339.4.4 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

When encountering a non-uniformed deputy in public, uniformed deputies should wait for acknowledgement by the non-uniformed deputy in case he/she needs to maintain an undercover capability.

339.5 REPORTING

Any off-duty deputy who engages in any law enforcement activity, regardless of jurisdiction, shall notify the Enforcement Lieutenant as soon as practicable. The Enforcement Lieutenant shall determine whether a report should be filed by the employee.

Deputies should cooperate fully with the agency having jurisdiction in providing statements or reports as requested or as appropriate.

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Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation

340.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy is intended ensure the protection and security of ancient or historic grave sites, including notification of personnel responsible for cultural items, in compliance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) (25 USC § 3001 et seq.).

340.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include (43 CFR 10.2):

Funerary objects and associated funerary objects - Objects that, as part of the death rite or ceremony of a culture, are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally at the time of death or later with or near individual human remains, or that were made exclusively for burial purposes or to contain human remains.

Native American human remains - The physical remains of the body of a person of Native American ancestry.

Objects of cultural patrimony - Objects having ongoing historical, traditional or cultural importance that is central to the Native American group or culture itself and therefore cannot be appropriated or conveyed by any individual, including members of the Native American group or Native Hawaiian organization. Such objects must have been considered inalienable by the Native American group at the time the object was separated from the group.

Sacred objects - Specific ceremonial objects needed by traditional Native American religious leaders for the practice of traditional Native American religions.

340.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office that the protection of Native American human remains, funerary objects, associated funerary objects, sacred objects or objects of cultural patrimony is the responsibility of all members. Such protection includes minimizing destruction, contamination, inadvertent disruption or complicated custody transfer processes.

340.3 COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT

Upon discovery or arrival upon a scene where it reasonably appears that a Native American grave, human remains, funerary objects, associated funerary objects, sacred objects or objects of cultural patrimony are exposed or otherwise unsecured, members shall secure the site in the same manner as a crime scene. All activity at the scene other than scene preservation activity must cease (43 CFR 10.4).

No photography or video recording may be permitted by the media or any group or individual who may wish to exhibit the remains.

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Without delay, the appropriate agency or group shall be notified to respond and take control of the scene. These include the following (43 CFR 10.4):

- Federal land - Appropriate agency at the U.S. Department of the Interior or U.S. Department of Agriculture
- State land/Private land - Oregon State Police, State Historical Preservation Officer, appropriate Indian tribe and the Commission on Indian Services (ORS 97.745)
- Tribal land - Responsible Indian tribal official

340.4 EVIDENCE AND PROPERTY

If the location has been investigated as a possible homicide scene prior to identification as a NAGPRA site, investigators shall work with other appropriate agencies and individuals to ensure the proper transfer and repatriation of any material collected. Members shall ensure that any remains or artifacts located at the site are expediently processed (43 CFR 10.6).

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Chapter 4 - Patrol Operations

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Patrol Function

400.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to define the functions of the patrol unit of the Department to ensure intra-department cooperation and information sharing.

400.1.1 FUNCTION

Deputies will generally patrol in clearly marked vehicles, patrol assigned jurisdictional areas of Columbia County Sheriff's Office, respond to citizen calls for assistance, act as a deterrent to crime, enforce local ordinances as well as state laws, and respond to emergencies 24 hours per day seven days per week.

Patrol will generally provide the following services within the limits of available resources:

(a) Patrol that is directed at the prevention of criminal acts, traffic violations and collisions, the maintenance of public order, and the discovery of hazardous situations or conditions

(b) Crime prevention activities such as residential inspections, business inspections, community presentations, etc.

(c) Calls for service, both routine and emergency in nature

(d) Investigation of both criminal and non-criminal acts

(e) The apprehension of criminal offenders

(f) Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving activities such as citizen assists and individual citizen contacts of a positive nature

(g) The sharing of information between the Patrol and other commands within the Department, as well as other outside governmental agencies

(h) The application of resources to specific problems or situations within the community, which may be improved or resolved by Community Oriented Policing and problem solving strategies

(i) Traffic direction and control

400.1.2 TERRORISM

It is the goal of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to make every reasonable effort to accurately and appropriately gather and report any information that may relate to either foreign or domestic terrorism. Deputies should advise a supervisor as soon as practicable of any activity believed to be terrorism related and should document such incidents with a written report or Field Interview (FI). The supervisor should ensure that all terrorism related reports and FIs are forwarded to the Criminal Investigation Unit and/or the FBI in a timely fashion.

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400.2 PATROL INFORMATION SHARING PROCEDURES

The following guidelines are intended to develop and maintain intra-department cooperation and information flow between the various divisions of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

400.2.2 CRIME REPORTS

A crime report may be completed by any patrol deputy who receives criminal information. The report will be processed and forwarded to the supervisor for appropriate retention or follow-up investigation.

400.2.3 PATROL MEETINGS

Patrol supervisors, detective sergeants, and special unit sergeants are encouraged to share information as much as possible. All supervisors and/or deputies will be provided an opportunity to share information at any patrol meetings as time permits.

400.2.4 INFORMATION BINDERS & BOARDS

Several information boards or binders will be maintained in the Squadroom and will be available for review by deputies from all divisions within the Department. These will include, but not be limited to: the C-6 Briefing Book, and the wanted persons bulletin board.

400.3 CROWDS, EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Deputies may encounter gatherings of people, including but not limited to: civil demonstrations, civic, social and business events, public displays, parades and sporting events. Deputies should monitor such events as time permits in an effort to keep the peace and protect the safety and rights of those present. A patrol supervisor should be notified when it becomes reasonably foreseeable that such an event may require increased monitoring, contact or intervention.

Deputies responding to an event or gathering that warrants law enforcement involvement should carefully balance the speech and association rights of those present with applicable public safety concerns before taking enforcement action. Deputies are encouraged to contact organizers or responsible persons to seek voluntary compliance that may address relevant public safety/order concerns.

Deputies should consider enforcement of applicable state and local laws, when the activity blocks the entrance or egress of a facility or location and when voluntary compliance with the law is not achieved.

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Racial or Bias-Based Profiling

401.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidance to department members and establishes appropriate controls to ensure that members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office do not engage in racial or bias-based profiling or violate any related laws while serving the community (ORS 131.920).

401.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Racial or bias-based profiling - An inappropriate reliance on factors such as race, ethnicity, color, national origin, language, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, economic status, homelessness, age, cultural group, disability political affiliation or affiliation with any other similar identifiable group as a factor in deciding whether to take law enforcement action or to provide service (ORS 131.915).

401.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing law enforcement services to the community with due regard for the racial, cultural or other differences of those served. It is the policy of this department to provide law enforcement services and to enforce the law equally, fairly and without discrimination toward any individual or group.

Race, color, ethnicity or nationality, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, economic status, homelessness, age, cultural group, disability, political affiliation or affiliation with any other similar identifiable group shall not be used as the basis for providing differing levels of law enforcement service or the enforcement of the law.

401.3 RACIAL OR BIAS-BASED PROFILING PROHIBITED

Racial or bias-based profiling is strictly prohibited. However, nothing in this policy is intended to prohibit a deputy from considering factors such as race or ethnicity in combination with other legitimate factors to establish reasonable suspicion or probable cause (e.g., suspect description is limited to a specific race or group).

401.4 MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY

Every member of this department shall perform his/her duties in a fair and objective manner and is responsible for promptly reporting any known instances of racial or bias-based profiling to a supervisor.

401.4.1 REASON FOR DETENTION

Deputies detaining a person shall be prepared to articulate sufficient reasonable suspicion to justify a detention, independent of the individual’s membership in a protected class.

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To the extent that written documentation would otherwise be completed (e.g., arrest report, Field Interview (FI) card), the involved deputy should include those facts giving rise to the deputy's reasonable suspicion or probable cause for the detention, as applicable.

Nothing in this policy shall require any deputy to document a contact that would not otherwise require reporting.

401.5 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY

Supervisors shall monitor those individuals under their command for any behavior that may conflict with the purpose of this policy and shall handle any alleged or observed violation of this policy in accordance with the Personnel Complaints Policy.

(a) Supervisors should discuss any issues with the involved deputy and his/her supervisor in a timely manner.

(b) Supervisors should periodically review Mobile Audio/Video (MAV) recordings, Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) data and any other available resource used to document contact between deputies and the public to ensure compliance with this policy.

    1. Supervisors should document these periodic reviews.

    2. Recordings that capture a potential instance of racial or bias-based profiling should be appropriately retained for administrative investigation purposes.

(c) Supervisors shall initiate investigations of any actual or alleged violations of this policy.

(d) Supervisors should ensure that no retaliatory action is taken against any member of this department who discloses information concerning racial or bias-based profiling.

401.6 STATE REPORTING

The Records Unit shall provide LECC (ORS 131.925):

(a) Copies of profiling complaints that were made within 180 days of the alleged incident.

(b) The final disposition of the profiling complaint.

401.7 TRAINING

Training on racial or bias-based profiling and review of this policy should be conducted as directed by the Undersheriff.

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Crime and Disaster Scene Integrity

402.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance in handling a major crime or disaster.

402.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to secure crime or disaster scenes so that evidence is preserved, and to identify and mitigate the dangers associated with a major crime or disaster scene for the safety of the community and those required to enter or work near the scene.

402.3 SCENE RESPONSIBILITY

The first deputy at the scene of a crime or major incident is generally responsible for the immediate safety of the public and preservation of the scene. Deputies shall also consider officer safety and the safety of those persons entering or exiting the area, including those rendering medical aid to any injured parties. Once a deputy has assumed or been assigned to maintain the integrity and security of the crime or disaster scene, the deputy shall maintain the crime or disaster scene until he/she is properly relieved by a supervisor or other designated person.

402.4 FIRST RESPONDER CONSIDERATIONS

The following list generally describes the first responder’s function at a crime or disaster scene. This list is not intended to be all-inclusive, is not necessarily in order and may be altered according to the demands of each situation:

(a) Broadcast emergency information, including requests for additional assistance and resources.

(b) Provide for the general safety of those within the immediate area by mitigating, reducing or eliminating threats or dangers.

(c) Locate or identify suspects and determine whether dangerous suspects are still within the area.

(d) Provide first aid to injured parties if it can be done safely.

(e) Evacuate the location safely as required or appropriate.

(f) Secure the inner perimeter.

(g) Protect items of apparent evidentiary value.

(h) Secure an outer perimeter.

(i) Identify potential witnesses.

(j) Start a chronological log noting critical times and personnel allowed access.

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402.5 SEARCHES

Deputies arriving at crime or disaster scenes are often faced with the immediate need to search for and render aid to victims, and to determine if suspects are present and continue to pose a threat. Once deputies are satisfied that no additional suspects are present and/or there are no injured persons to be treated, those exigent circumstances will likely no longer exist. Deputies should thereafter secure the scene and conduct no further search until additional or alternate authority for the search is obtained, such as consent or a search warrant.

402.5.1 CONSENT

When possible, deputies should seek written consent to search from authorized individuals. However, in the case of serious crimes or major investigations, it may be prudent to also obtain a search warrant. Consent as an additional authorization may be sought, even in cases where a search warrant has been granted.

402.6 UNDERSHERIFF RESPONSIBILITIES

The Undersheriff is responsible for:

(a) Ensuring reasonable access to qualified personnel, equipment and supplies for processing crime scenes.

(b) Establishing procedures for collecting, processing and preserving physical evidence in the field.

(c) Establishing procedures for photographing, video-recording and other imaging used to collect and preserve evidence.

(d) Establishing procedures for processing, developing, lifting and labeling fingerprints.

(e) Establishing procedures for the safe collection, storage, transportation and submission of biological and other evidence for DNA testing and evaluation.

402.7 EXECUTION OF HEALTH ORDERS

Any sworn member of this department is authorized to execute and enforce lawful orders of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious or communicable disease (ORS 433.156).

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Ride-Along Policy

403.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Ride-Along Program provides an opportunity for citizens to experience the law enforcement function first hand. This policy provides the requirements, approval process, and hours of operation for the Ride-Along Program.

403.1.1 ELIGIBILITY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office Ride-Along Program is offered to residents, students and those employed within the County. Every attempt will be made to accommodate interested persons however any applicant may be disqualified without cause.

The following factors may be considered in disqualifying an applicant and are not limited to:

- Being under the age of 15-years
- Prior criminal history
- Pending criminal action
- Pending lawsuit against the Department
- Denial by any supervisor

403.1.2 AVAILABILITY

The Ride-Along Program is available on most days of the week, with certain exceptions established by the Community Services Division. The ride-along times are from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Exceptions to this schedule may be made as approved by the Sheriff, [Division Commander], Enforcement Lieutenant, or Community Services Division Manager.

403.2 PROCEDURE TO REQUEST A RIDE-ALONG

Generally, ride-along requests will be scheduled by the Enforcement Lieutenant . The participant will complete a ride-along waiver form. Information requested will include a valid ID or Oregon driver’s license, address, and telephone number. If the participant is under 18-years of age, a parent/guardian must be present to complete the Ride-Along Form.

The Enforcement Lieutenant will schedule a date, based on availability, at least one week after the date of application. If approved, a copy will be forwarded to the respective Patrol Deputy as soon as possible for his/her scheduling considerations.

If the ride-along is denied after the request has been made, a representative of the Department will contact the applicant and advise him/her of the denial.

403.2.1 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Once approved, civilian ride-alongs will be allowed to ride no more than once every six months. An exception would apply to the following: Cadets, Explorers, RSVP, Chaplains, Reserves, sheriff's applicants, and all others with approval of the Enforcement Lieutenant.

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An effort will be made to ensure that no more than one citizen will participate in a ride-along during any given time period. Normally, no more than one ride-along will be allowed in the deputy's vehicle at a given time.

Ride-along requirements for sheriff's cadets are covered in the Sheriff Cadet Program Policy.

403.2.2 SUITABLE ATTIRE
Any person approved to ride along is required to be suitably dressed in collared shirt, blouse or jacket, slacks and shoes. Sandals, T-shirts, tank tops, shorts and ripped or torn blue jeans are not permitted. Hats and ball caps will not be worn in the sheriff's vehicle. The Enforcement Lieutenant or field supervisor may refuse a ride along to anyone not properly dressed.

403.2.3 PEACE OFFICER RIDE-ALONGS
Off-duty members of this department or any other law enforcement agency will not be permitted to ride-along with on-duty deputies without the expressed consent of the Enforcement Lieutenant. In the event that such a ride-along is permitted, the off-duty employee shall not be considered on-duty and shall not represent themselves as a peace officer or participate in any law enforcement activity except as emergency circumstances may require.

403.2.4 RIDE-ALONG CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK
All Ride-along applicants are subject to a criminal history check. The criminal history check will include a local records check, and inquiries to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), Computerized Criminal History (CCH), and a Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) records checks via the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) prior to their approval as a ride-along with a law enforcement officer (provided that the ride-along is not an employee of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office). The printed inquiry responses will be attached to the request and forwarded to the on-duty Enforcement Lieutenant who will approve or disapprove the ride-along and schedule the appointment.

403.3 DEPUTY'S RESPONSIBILITY
The deputy shall advise the dispatcher that a ride-along is present in the vehicle before going into service. Deputies shall consider the safety of the ride-along at all times. Deputies should use sound discretion when encountering a potentially dangerous situation, and if feasible, let the participant out of the vehicle in a well-lighted place of safety. The dispatcher will be advised of the situation and as soon as practical have another sheriff's unit respond to pick up the participant at that location. The ride-along may be continued or terminated at this time.

403.4 CONTROL OF RIDE-ALONG
The assigned employee shall maintain control over the ride-along at all times and instruct him/her in the conditions that necessarily limit their participation. These instructions should include:

(a) The ride-along will follow the directions of the deputy

(b) The ride-along will not become involved in any investigation, handling of evidence, discussions with victims or suspects, or handling any sheriff's equipment

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(c) The ride-along may terminate the ride at any time and the deputy may return the observer to their home or to the station if the ride-along interferes with the performance of the deputy's duties

(d) Ride-alongs may be allowed to continue riding during the transportation and booking process provided this does not jeopardize their safety

(e) Deputies will not allow any ride-alongs to be present in any residences or situations that would jeopardize their safety or cause undue stress or embarrassment to a victim or any other citizen

(f) Under no circumstance shall a civilian ride along be permitted to enter a private residence with a deputy without the expressed consent of the resident or other authorized person

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Hazardous Material Response

404.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Hazardous materials present a potential harm to employees resulting from their exposure. The following is to be the policy of this department.

404.1.1 HAZARDOUS MATERIAL DEFINED

A hazardous material is a substance which by its nature, containment and reactivity, has the capability of inflicting harm during exposure; characterized as being toxic, corrosive, flammable, reactive, an irritant or strong sensitizer and thereby posing a threat to health when improperly managed. See Oregon Revised Statutes 453.005(7) for a complete list.

404.2 HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE

Employees may encounter situations involving suspected hazardous materials, such as at the scene of a traffic accident, chemical spill, or fire. When employees come into contact with a suspected hazardous material, certain steps should be taken to protect themselves and citizens.

The following steps should be considered at any scene involving suspected hazardous materials:

(a) Attempt to identify type of hazardous substance. (Identification can be determined by placard, driver’s manifest or statements from person transporting).

(b) Notify Fire Department.

(c) Provide first-aid for injured parties if it can be done safely and without contamination.

(d) Begin evacuation of immediate area and surrounding areas dependent on substance.

404.3 REPORTING EXPOSURE(S)

Department personnel who believe that they have been exposed to a hazardous material shall immediately report the exposure to a supervisor. Each exposure shall be documented by the employee in an employee memorandum that shall be forwarded via chain of command to the Commanding Officer. Should the affected employee be unable to document the exposure for any reason, it shall be the responsibility of the notified supervisor to complete the memorandum.

Injury or illness caused or believed to be caused from exposure to hazardous materials shall be reported the same as any other on-duty injury or illness in addition to a crime report or incident report.

404.3.1 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY

When a supervisor has been informed that an employee has been exposed to a hazardous material, he/she shall ensure that immediate medical treatment is obtained and appropriate action is taken to lessen the exposure.

To ensure the safety of employees, safety equipment is available through supervisory personnel. Safety items not maintained by the Department will be obtained through the Fire Department.

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The employee or employees supervisor if the employee is unable, will complete a Workers Compensation form if an injury is diagnosed Oregon Revised Statutes 656.265. If an injury is not apparent but exposure to a hazardous substance is possible, the employee will complete an incident report indicating the circumstances of the event and the potential of an exposure.

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Hostage and Barricade Incidents

405.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for situations where deputies have legal cause to contact, detain or arrest a person, and the person refuses to submit to the lawful requests of the deputies by remaining in a structure or vehicle and/or by taking a hostage.

The scope of this policy is not intended to address all variables that deputies encounter during their initial response or when a hostage or barricade situation has developed. This policy does not require or purport to recommend specific strategies or tactics for resolution as each incident is a dynamic and rapidly evolving event.

405.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Barricade situation - An incident where a person maintains a position of cover or concealment and ignores or resists law enforcement personnel, and it is reasonable to believe the subject is armed with a dangerous or deadly weapon.

Hostage situation - An incident where it is reasonable to believe a person is unlawfully held by a hostage-taker as security so that specified terms or conditions will be met.

405.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to address hostage and barricade situations with due regard for the preservation of life and balancing the risk of injury, while obtaining the safe release of hostages, apprehending offenders and securing available evidence.

405.3 COMMUNICATION

When circumstances permit, initial responding deputies should try to establish and maintain lines of communication with a barricaded person or hostage-taker. Deputies should attempt to identify any additional subjects, inquire about victims and injuries, seek the release of hostages, gather intelligence information, identify time-sensitive demands or conditions and obtain the suspect's surrender.

When available, department-authorized negotiators should respond to the scene as soon as practicable and assume communication responsibilities. Negotiators are permitted to exercise flexibility in each situation based upon their training, the circumstances presented, suspect actions or demands and the available resources.

405.3.1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

A supervisor who has probable cause to believe that a hostage is being held may order a telephone company to cut, reroute or divert telephone lines to prevent a suspect from communicating with anyone other than deputies or other designated individuals (ORS 165.549).

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405.4 FIRST RESPONDER CONSIDERATIONS

First responding deputies should promptly and carefully evaluate all available information to determine whether an incident involves, or may later develop into, a hostage or barricade situation.

The first responding deputy should immediately request a supervisor's response as soon as it is determined that a hostage or barricade situation exists. The first responding deputy shall assume the duties of the supervisor until relieved by a supervisor or a more qualified responder. The deputy shall continually evaluate the situation, including the level of risk to deputies, to the persons involved and to bystanders, and the resources currently available.

The handling deputy should brief the arriving supervisor of the incident, including information about suspects and victims, the extent of any injuries, additional resources or equipment that may be needed, and current perimeters and evacuation areas.

405.4.1 BARRICADE SITUATION

Unless circumstances require otherwise, deputies handling a barricade situation should attempt to avoid a forceful confrontation in favor of stabilizing the incident by establishing and maintaining lines of communication while awaiting the arrival of specialized personnel and trained negotiators. During the interim the following options, while not all-inclusive or in any particular order, should be considered:

(a) Ensure injured persons are evacuated from the immediate threat area if it is reasonably safe to do so. Request medical assistance.

(b) Assign personnel to a contact team to control the subject should he/she attempt to exit the building, structure or vehicle, and attack, use deadly force, attempt to escape or surrender prior to additional resources arriving.

(c) Request additional personnel, resources and equipment as needed (e.g., canine team, air support).

(d) Provide responding emergency personnel with a safe arrival route to the location.

(e) Evacuate non-injured persons in the immediate threat area if it is reasonably safe to do so.

(f) Attempt or obtain a line of communication and gather as much information on the subject as possible, including weapons, other involved parties, additional hazards or injuries.

(g) Establish an inner and outer perimeter as circumstances require and resources permit to prevent unauthorized access.

(h) Evacuate bystanders, residents and businesses within the inner and then outer perimeter as appropriate. Check for injuries, the presence of other involved subjects, witnesses, evidence or additional information.

(i) Determine the need for and notify the appropriate persons within and outside the Department, such as command officers and the Public Information Officer.

(j) If necessary and available, establish a tactical or exclusive radio frequency for the incident.

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(k) Establish a command post.

405.4.2 HOSTAGE SITUATION

Deputies presented with a hostage situation should attempt to avoid a forceful confrontation in favor of controlling the incident in anticipation of the arrival of specialized personnel and trained hostage negotiators. However, it is understood that hostage situations are dynamic and can require that deputies react quickly to developing or changing threats. The following options while not all-inclusive or in any particular order, should be considered:

(a) Ensure injured persons are evacuated from the immediate threat area if it is reasonably safe to do so. Request medical assistance.

(b) Assign personnel to a contact team to control the subject should he/she attempt to exit the building, structure or vehicle, and attack, use deadly force, attempt to escape or surrender prior to additional resources arriving.

(c) Establish a rapid response team in the event it becomes necessary to rapidly enter a building, structure or vehicle, such as when the suspect is using deadly force against any hostages (see the Rapid Response and Deployment Policy).

(d) Assist hostages or potential hostages to escape if it is reasonably safe to do so. Hostages should be kept separated if practicable pending further interview.

(e) Request additional personnel, resources and equipment as needed (e.g., canine team, air support).

(f) Provide responding emergency personnel with a safe arrival route to the location.

(g) Evacuate non-injured persons in the immediate threat area if it is reasonably safe to do so.

(h) Coordinate pursuit or surveillance vehicles and control of travel routes.

(i) Attempt or obtain a line of communication and gather as much information about the suspect as possible, including any weapons, victims and their injuries, additional hazards, other involved parties and any other relevant intelligence information.

(j) Establish an inner and outer perimeter as resources and circumstances permit to prevent unauthorized access.

(k) Evacuate bystanders, residents and businesses within the inner and then outer perimeter as appropriate. Check for injuries, the presence of other involved subjects, witnesses, evidence or additional information.

(l) Determine the need for and notify the appropriate persons within and outside the Department, such as command officers and the Public Information Officer.

(m) If necessary and available, establish a tactical or exclusive radio frequency for the incident.

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405.5 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Upon being notified that a hostage or barricade situation exists, the supervisor should immediately respond to the scene, assess the risk level of the situation, establish a proper chain of command and assume the role of Incident Commander until properly relieved. This includes requesting a Crisis Response Unit (CRU) response if appropriate and apprising the CRU Commander of the circumstances. In addition, the following options, listed here in no particular order, should be considered:

(a) Ensure injured persons are evacuated and treated by medical personnel.

(b) Ensure the completion of necessary first responder responsibilities or assignments.

(c) Request crisis negotiators, specialized units, additional personnel, resources or equipment as appropriate.

(d) Establish a command post location as resources and circumstances permit.

(e) Designate assistants who can help with intelligence information and documentation of the incident.

(f) If it is practicable to do so, arrange for video documentation of the operation.

(g) Consider contacting utility and communication providers when restricting such services (e.g., restricting electric power, gas, telephone service).

(h) Ensure adequate law enforcement coverage for the remainder of the County during the incident. The supervisor should direct non-essential personnel away from the scene unless they have been summoned by the supervisor or Dispatch.

(i) Identify a media staging area outside the outer perimeter and have the department Public Information Officer or a designated temporary media representative provide media access in accordance with the Media Relations Policy.

(j) Identify the need for mutual aid and the transition or relief of personnel for incidents of extended duration.

(k) Debrief personnel and review documentation as appropriate.

405.6 HOSTAGE NEGOTIATION TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

It will be the Incident Commander’s decision, with input from the HNT Commander, whether to deploy the HNT during a hostage or barricade situation. Once the Incident Commander authorizes deployment, the HNT Commander or the authorized designee will be responsible for the tactical portion of the operation. The Incident Commander shall continue supervision of the command post operation, outer perimeter security and evacuation, media access and support for the HNT. The Incident Commander and the HNT Commander or the authorized designee shall maintain communications at all times.

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405.7 REPORTING

Unless otherwise relieved by a supervisor or Incident Commander, the handling deputy at the scene is responsible for completion and/or coordination of incident reports.

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Response to Bomb Calls

406.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

These guidelines have been prepared to assist deputies in their initial response toincidents involving explosives, explosive devices, or explosion/bombing incidents. Under no circumstances should these guidelines be interpreted as compromising the safety of first responders or the public. When confronted with an incident involving explosives, safety shall always be the primary consideration.

406.2 FOUND EXPLOSIVES/SUSPECT DEVICES

When handling an incident involving a suspected explosive device, the following guidelines should be followed:

(a) No known or suspected explosive item should be considered safe regardless of its size or apparent packaging. The appropriate bomb squad or military explosive ordnance disposal team should be summoned for assistance.

(b) A minimum perimeter of 300 feet should be established around the location of the device. An access point should be provided for support personnel.

(c) As much information as is available should be promptly relayed to the Enforcement Lieutenant including:

1. The stated threat.
2. Exact comments.
3. Time of discovery.
4. Exact location of the device.
5. Full description (e.g., size, shape, markings, construction) of the device.

(d) The device should not be touched or moved except by qualified bomb squad personnel.

(e) All equipment within 300 feet of the suspected device capable of producing radio frequency energy should be turned off. This includes two-way radios, cell phones and other personal communication devices.

(f) Consideration should be given to evacuating any buildings near the device.

(g) A search of the area should be conducted for secondary devices or other objects that are either hazardous or foreign to the area and a perimeter should be established around any additional suspicious device found.

Explosive or military ordnance of any type should be handled only by the bomb squad or military ordnance disposal team.

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406.3 EXPLOSION/BOMBING INCIDENTS

When an explosion has occurred, there are multitudes of considerations which may confront the responding deputies. As in other catastrophic incidents, a rapid response may help to minimize injury to victims, contamination of the scene by gathering crowds or additional damage by resulting fires or unstable structures. Whether the explosion was the result of an accident or a criminal act, the responding deputies should consider the following actions:

- Assess the scope of the incident, including the number of victims and extent of injuries.
- Assist with first aid (Fire Department has primary responsibility).
- Assist with evacuation of victims (Fire Department has primary responsibility).
- Identify and take appropriate actions to mitigate scene hazards such as collapsed structures, blood borne pathogens, hazardous materials and secondary explosive devices.
- Request additional resources as needed.
- Identify witnesses.
- Preserve evidence.

406.3.1 NOTIFICATIONS

When an explosion has occurred, the following people shall be notified as soon as practicable if their assistance is needed:

(a) Fire Department

(b) Emergency Medical assistance

(c) Explosive Disposal Unit

(d) Additional deputies

(e) Field supervisor

(f) Enforcement Lieutenant

(g) Detectives

(h) Forensic Science Services

406.3.2 CROWD CONTROL

Only authorized personnel with a legitimate need shall be permitted access to the scene. Spectators and other unauthorized individuals shall be excluded to a safe distance as is reasonably practicable given the available resources and personnel.

406.3.3 SCENE OF INCIDENT

As in any other crime scene, steps should immediately be taken to preserve the scene. The scene could extend over a long distance. Evidence may be imbedded in nearby structures or hanging in trees and bushes.

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406.4 BOMB THREATS RECEIVED AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OR JAIL

This procedure shall be followed should a bomb threat call be received at the sheriff's office and/or jail.

406.4.1 BOMB THREATS RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE

The following questions should be asked if a bomb threat call is received at the Sheriff Department:

- When is the bomb going to explode?
- Where is the bomb?
- What kind of bomb is it?
- What does it look like?
- Why did you place the bomb?
- Who are you? (to avoid possible termination of the call this should be the last question asked)

Attempt to keep the caller on the line as long as possible and obtain expanded answers to these five basic questions.

During this time, document the following:

- Time of the call.
- Exact words of the person as accurately as possible.
- Estimated age and gender of the caller.
- Speech patterns and/or accents.
- Background noises.

If the incoming call is received at the sheriff's facility on a recorded line, steps shall be taken to ensure that the recording is preserved in accordance with current department evidence procedures.

406.4.2 RESPONSIBILITIES

The employee handling the call shall ensure that a supervisor is immediately advised and fully informed of the details. The supervisor will then direct and assign deputies as required for coordinating a general building search or evacuation as he/she deems appropriate. Employees receiving a bomb threat should refer to the protocols found in the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Bomb Threat Management Plan, found on the department's shared drive at: S:\05 CURRENT POLICIES\Emergency Plans\BombTHREATmanagementPLAN.pdf

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Civil Commitments

407.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for when deputies may place an individual under protective custody for civil commitment (ORS 426.228).

407.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to protect the public and individuals through legal and appropriate use of the civil commitment process.

407.3 AUTHORITY

A deputy may take a person into custody when the deputy has probable cause to believe the person is dangerous to him/herself or to any other person and is in need of immediate care, custody or treatment for mental illness (ORS 426.228(1)).

A deputy shall also take a person into custody at the direction of the community mental health program director when the director has probable cause to believe the person is imminently dangerous to him/herself or to another person. The director is mandated to prepare a report for the deputy to deliver to the treating licensed independent practitioner (ORS 426.228(2)).

The deputy shall transport the person in custody to the nearest facility approved by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) or will transfer custody of the person to a mental health representative authorized under ORS 426.233(3).

If, upon delivery of the person to the facility, the licensed independent practitioner finds the person is not in need of emergency care or treatment for mental illness, the person is to be released from custody. The deputy or the program director shall return the person to the place where he/she was taken into custody, unless the person declines that service.

407.3.1 VOLUNTARY EVALUATION

If a deputy encounters an individual who may qualify for a civil commitment, he/she may inquire as to whether the person desires to voluntarily be evaluated at an appropriate facility. If the individual so desires, the deputies should:

(a) Transport the individual to an appropriate facility that is able to conduct the evaluation and admit the person pursuant to a civil commitment.

(b) If at any point the individual changes his/her mind regarding voluntary evaluation, deputies should proceed with the civil commitment, if appropriate.

(c) Document the circumstances surrounding the individual’s desire to pursue voluntary evaluation and/or admission.

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407.3.2 EXTREMELY DANGEROUS PERSONS

A deputy may take into custody an individual on conditional release from a state hospital pursuant to an order of revocation. The written order does not have to be in the possession of the deputy, and may be confirmed through the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) (OAR 859-200-0310).

A person may be taken into custody if all of the following conditions apply (OAR 859-200-0305):

(a) A deputy has reasonable cause to believe the individual is an extremely dangerous person with a mental illness (as defined by OAR 859-200-0020)

(b) The person presents a serious danger to others because of a mental disorder

(c) The person is in need of immediate care, custody or treatment

(d) The person has been civilly committed to the jurisdiction of the Psychiatric Security Review Board by a court

The deputy shall transport the individual to a state hospital operated by the Oregon Health Authority (OAR 859-200-0310).

407.4 CONSIDERATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Any deputy handling a call involving an individual who may qualify for a civil commitment should consider, as time and circumstances reasonably permit:

(a) Available information that might assist in determining the cause and nature of the individual's action or stated intentions (e.g., information from LEDS).

(b) Community or neighborhood mediation services.

(c) Conflict resolution and de-escalation techniques.

(d) Available community or other resources available to assist in dealing with mental health issues.

While these steps are encouraged, nothing in this section is intended to dissuade deputies from taking reasonable action to ensure the safety of the deputies and others.

Civil commitments should be preferred over arrest for individuals with mental health issues, who are suspected of committing minor crimes or creating other public safety issues.

407.4.1 FOREIGN NATIONALS

If a deputy takes a person into custody for a civil commitment and reasonably suspects that the person is a foreign national, the deputy shall inform the person of his/her right to communicate with an official from the consulate of the person's country (ORS 426.228(9)). For additional information on the duties of deputies in regard to the arrest or detention of foreign nationals, refer to Jail Policy, *J205, Arrest of Foreign Nationals*

407.5 TRANSPORTATION

When transporting any individual for a civil commitment, the transporting deputy should have Dispatch notify the receiving facility of the estimated time of arrival, the level of cooperation of the individual and whether any special medical care is needed.

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Deputies may transport individuals in a patrol vehicle and shall secure them in accordance with the Handcuffing and Restraints Policy. Should the detainee require transport in a medical transport vehicle and the safety of any person, including the detainee, requires the presence of a deputy during the transport, Enforcement Lieutenant approval is required before transport commences.

407.5.1 CLEARANCE REQUIRED

If transportation to an appropriate facility will require more than one hour to accomplish, the transporting deputy must obtain, if possible, medical clearance from a licensed independent practitioner who has examined the person within the last 24 hours who certifies that the person is in need of immediate care or treatment for mental illness and that travel will not be detrimental to the person's physical health (ORS 426.228(3)).

407.6 TRANSFER TO APPROPRIATE FACILITY

Upon arrival at the facility, the deputy will escort the individual into a treatment area designated by a facility staff member. If the individual is not seeking voluntary treatment, the deputy should provide the staff member with the written application for a civil commitment and remain present to provide clarification of the grounds for detention, upon request.

Absent exigent circumstances, the transporting deputy should not assist facility staff with the admission process, including restraint of the individual. However, if the individual is transported and delivered while restrained, the deputy may assist with transferring the individual to facility restraints and will be available to assist during the admission process, if requested. Under normal circumstances, deputies will not apply facility-ordered restraints.

407.7 DOCUMENTATION

The deputy should complete an application for emergency admission, provide it to the facility staff member assigned to the individual and retain a copy of the application for emergency admission for inclusion in the case report.

The deputy should also provide a verbal summary to any evaluating staff member regarding the circumstances leading to the involuntary detention.

407.7.1 REQUIREMENTS

Deputies shall use OHA form MHD 426.228 or otherwise ensure that the report states (ORS 426.228):

(a) The reason for custody.

(b) The date, time and place the person was taken into custody.

(c) The name and telephone number of the community mental health director.

407.8 CRIMINAL OFFENSES

Deputies investigating an individual who is suspected of committing a minor criminal offense and who is being taken for a civil commitment should resolve the criminal matter by issuing a citation, as appropriate.

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When an individual who may qualify for a civil commitment has committed a serious criminal offense that would normally result in an arrest and transfer to a jail facility, the deputy should:

(a) Arrest the individual when there is probable cause to do so.

(b) Notify the appropriate supervisor of the facts supporting the arrest and the facts that would support the civil commitment.

(c) Facilitate the individual's transfer to the jail facility.

(d) Thoroughly document in the related reports the circumstances that indicate the individual may qualify for a civil commitment.

In the supervisor's judgment, the individual may instead be arrested or booked and transported to the appropriate mental health facility. The supervisor should consider the seriousness of the offense, the treatment options available, the ability of this department to regain custody of the individual, department resources (e.g., posting a guard) and other relevant factors in making this decision.

407.9 FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS

Whenever an individual is taken into custody for a civil commitment, the handling deputies should seek to determine if the individual owns or has access to any firearm or other deadly weapon. Deputies should consider whether it is appropriate and consistent with current search and seizure law under the circumstances to seize any such firearms or other dangerous weapons (e.g. safekeeping, evidence, consent).

Deputies are cautioned that a search warrant may be needed before entering a residence or other place to search, unless lawful, warrantless entry has already been made (e.g., exigent circumstances, consent). A warrant may also be needed before searching for or seizing weapons.

The handling deputies should further advise the individual of the procedure for the return of any firearm or other weapon that has been taken into custody.

407.10 TRAINING

This department will endeavor to provide department-approved training on interaction with mentally disabled persons, civil commitments and crisis intervention.

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Citation Releases

408.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office with guidance on when to release adults who are suspected offenders on a citation for a criminal offense, rather than having the person held in custody for a court appearance or released on bail.

408.2 RELEASE

A suspected offender may be released on issuance of a criminal citation if the deputy has probable cause to believe that the person has committed a misdemeanor or has committed any felony that is subject to misdemeanor treatment under ORS 161.705 (reduction of certain felonies to misdemeanors) (ORS 133.055).

408.2.1 CITATION RELEASES ON WARRANTS

If the offense is not excluded under ORS 133.055, the court may authorize a deputy to issue and serve a criminal citation in lieu of arrest (ORS 133.110).

408.3 PROHIBITIONS

The release of a suspected offender on a citation is not permitted when:

(a) The deputy has probable cause to believe that the person has been served a valid restraining order as described in ORS 133.310 (orders relating to stalking, elder and disability abuse, sexual abuse) and the person has violated the terms of the order (ORS 133.310).

(b) The deputy has probable cause to believe that the person has been charged with an offense under ORS 135.230 through ORS 135.290 (sexual offenses, domestic violence, methamphetamine crimes), and is presently released and has failed to comply with a no contact condition to the release agreement (ORS 133.310).

(c) The person arrested is so intoxicated that he/she could be a danger to himself/herself or to others (release may occur as soon as this condition no longer exists).

    1. Any deputy encountering a person who is intoxicated or under the influence of controlled substances in a public place and who is incapacitated, whose health appears to be in immediate danger, or there is reasonable cause to believe the person is dangerous to him/herself or to any other person, shall transport the individual to the nearest appropriate treatment facility or sobering facility (ORS 430.399).

See the Domestic Violence Policy for release restrictions related to those investigations.

408.4 CONSIDERATIONS

In determining whether to cite and release a person when discretion is permitted, deputies should consider:

(a) The type of offense committed.

(b) The known criminal history of the suspected offender.

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(c) The ability to identify the suspected offender with reasonable certainty.

(d) Whether there is any record of the individual failing to appear in previous cases or other articulable indications that the individual may not appear in court for this offense.

(e) The individual’s ties to the area, such as residence, employment or family.

(f) Whether there is reasonable likelihood that criminal conduct by the individual will continue.

408.5 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will consider its resources and its mission of protecting the community when exercising any discretion to release suspected offenders on a citation, when authorized to do so.

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Arrest or Detention of Foreign Nationals

409.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Article 36 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, sets forth certain rights of foreign nationals from member countries when arrested, detained or imprisoned by law enforcement officials in this country. This section provides direction to deputies when considering a physical arrest or detention of a foreign national. All foreign service personnel shall be treated with respect and courtesy, regardless of the level of established immunity. As noted herein, the United States is a party to several bilateral agreements that obligate our authorities to notify the consulate upon the person's detention, regardless of whether the detained person(s) request that his or her consulate be notified. The list of specific countries that the United States is obligated to notify is listed on the US Department of State website.

409.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Foreign National - Anyone who is not a citizen of the United States (U.S.). A person with dual-citizenship, U.S. and foreign, is not a foreign national.

Immunity - Refers to various protections and privileges extended to the employees of foreign governments who are present in the U.S. as official representatives of their home governments. These privileges are embodied in international law and are intended to ensure the efficient and effective performance of their official "missions" (i.e., embassies, consulates, etc.) in foreign countries. Proper respect for the immunity to which an individual is entitled is necessary to ensure that U.S. diplomatic relations are not jeopardized and to maintain reciprocal treatment of U.S. personnel abroad. Although immunity may preclude U.S. courts from exercising jurisdiction, it is not intended to excuse unlawful activity. It is the policy of the U.S. Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) that illegal acts by Foreign Service personnel should always be pursued through proper channels. Additionally, the host country's right to protect its citizens supersedes immunity privileges. Peace officers may intervene to the extent necessary to prevent the endangerment of public safety or the commission of a serious crime, regardless of immunity claims.

409.2 ARREST OR DETENTION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS

Deputies should take appropriate enforcement action for all violations observed, regardless of claims of diplomatic or consular immunity received from violators. A person shall not, however, be subjected to in-custody arrest when diplomatic or consular immunity is claimed by the individual or suspected by the deputy, and the deputy has verified or reasonably suspects that the claim of immunity is valid.

409.3 LEVELS OF IMMUNITY

The specific degree of immunity afforded to foreign service personnel within the U.S. is directly related to their function and position in this country.

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409.3.1 DIPLOMATIC AGENTS

Diplomatic agents (e.g., ambassadors and United Nations representatives) are afforded the highest levels of immunity. They are exempt from arrest or detention and are immune from all criminal (and most civil) prosecution by the host state. The family members of diplomatic agents enjoy these same immunities.

409.3.2 CONSULAR OFFICERS

Consular officers are the ranking members of consular posts who perform various formal functions on behalf of their own governments. Typical titles include consul general, consul, and vice consul. These officials are immune from arrest or detention, except pursuant to a felony warrant. They are only immune from criminal and civil prosecution arising from official acts. Official acts immunity must be raised as an affirmative defense in the court jurisdiction, and its validity is determined by the court. Under this defense, the prohibited act itself must have been performed as an official function. It is not sufficient that the consular agent was on-duty or in an official capacity at the time of the violation. The family members of consular officers generally enjoy no immunity, however, any family member who enjoys a higher level of immunity is issued an identification card by Department of State (DOS) enumerating any privileges or immunities on the back of the card. Examples are consular officers and family members from Russia or China.

409.3.3 HONORARY CONSULS

Honorary consuls are part-time employees of the country they represent and are either permanent residents of the U.S. or U.S. nationals (unlike career consular officers, who are foreign nationals on temporary assignment to the U.S.). Honorary consuls may be arrested and detained; limited immunity for official acts may be available as a subsequent defense. Family members have no immunity.

409.4 IDENTIFICATION

All diplomatic and consular personnel who are entitled to immunity are registered with the Department of State and are issued distinctive identification cards by the Department of State Protocol Office. These cards are the best means of identifying Foreign Service personnel. They include a photograph, identifying information, and, on the reverse side, a brief description of the bearer’s immunity status. Unfortunately, these identification cards are not always promptly issued by the Department of State. In addition to the Department of State identification card, Foreign Service personnel should also have a driver license issued by the Department of State Diplomatic Motor Vehicle Office (DMVO), which in most circumstances replaces the operator’s license issued by the state.

409.4.1 VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Vehicles that are owned by foreign missions or Foreign Service personnel and their dependents are registered with the Department of State OFM and display distinctive red, white, and blue license plates. Vehicles assigned to diplomatic or consular officers will generally have license plates labels with the words “diplomat” or “consul.” Vehicles owned by honorary consuls are not issued OFM license plates; but may have Oregon license plates with an “honorary consul”

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label. Driver's identity or immunity status should not be presumed from the type of license plates displayed on the vehicle. The status of an OFM license plate should be run via the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS), designating "US" as the state, if the deputy has reason to question the legitimate possession of the license plate.

409.5 ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

The following procedures provide a guideline for handling enforcement of foreign nationals:

409.5.1 CITABLE OFFENSES

An enforcement document shall be issued at the scene for all violations warranting such action, regardless of the violator's immunity status. The issuance of a citation is not considered an arrest or detention under current Department of State guidelines. Whenever the equivalent of a notice to appear is issued to an immunity claimant, the following additional procedures shall be followed by the arresting deputy:

(a) Identification documents are to be requested of the claimant

(b) The title and country represented by the claimant are to be recorded on the back of the deputy's copy of the Notice to Appear for later reference. Do not include on the face of the notice to appear

(c) The violator shall be provided with the appropriate copy of the notice to appear

409.5.2 IN-CUSTODY ARRESTS

Diplomatic agents and consular officers are immune from arrest or detention (unless they have no identification and the detention is to verify their diplomatic status). Proper identification of immunity claimants is imperative in potential in-custody situations. Claimants who are not entitled to immunity shall be placed in custody in accordance with the provisions outlined in Policy Manual § 412.6 of this policy.

A subject who is placed under arrest and claims diplomatic or consular immunity shall not be physically restrained before verification of the claim (unless restraint is necessary for the protection of the deputy or others.)

A supervisor shall be promptly notified and should respond to the scene when possible.

Field verification of the claimant's identity is to be attempted as follows:

(a) Identification cards issued by the Department of State, Protocol Office, are the only valid evidence of diplomatic or consular immunity. The following types of identification cards are issued: Diplomatic (blue bordered), Consular (red bordered), and Official (green bordered), The Department of State identification cards are 3-3/4 inch by 1-1/2 inch and contain a photograph of the bearer.

(b) Initiate telephone verification with the Department of State. Newly arrived members of diplomatic or consular missions may not yet have official Department of State identity documents. Verify immunity by telephone with the Department of State any time an individual

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claims immunity and cannot present satisfactory identification, the deputy has reason to doubt the claim of immunity, or there is a possibility of physical arrest. Law enforcement personnel should use the following numbers in order of preference:

Office of Foreign Missions

San Francisco, CA

(415) 744-2910, Ext.. 22 or 23

(415) 744-2913 FAX

(0800-1700 PST)

Office of Foreign Missions

Diplomatic Motor Vehicle Office

Washington D.C.

(202) 895-3521 (Driver License Verification) or

(202) 895-3532 (Registration Verification)

(202) 895-3533 FAX

(0815-1700 EST)

Diplomatic Security Service

915 Second Avenue, Room 3410

Seattle, WA 98174

(206) 220-7721

(206) 220-7723 FAX

Department of State

Diplomatic Security Service

Command Center

Washington D.C.

(202) 647-7277

(202) 647-1512

(Available 24 hours)

(202) 647-0122 FAX

Members of diplomatic or consular missions also may have other forms of identification. These include identification cards issued by Office of Emergency Services, local law enforcement agencies, the foreign embassy, or consulate; driver licenses issued by Department of State; and, Department of State license indicia on the vehicle. All these items are only an indication that the bearer may have some form of immunity.

Subjects verified through the above procedures as being officials entitled to immunity (diplomatic agent, consular officers and consular staff and family members from countries with which the U.S. has special agreements) may not be arrested. The procedures below shall be followed. These procedures should also be used in the event immunity cannot be verified, but another form of identification indicates that immunity is probable.

If the release of the violator will not create an additional hazard, adequate information to properly identify the violator shall be obtained then the official shall be released. A supervisor’s approval for the release shall be obtained whenever possible. The necessary release documents and/or a Certificate of Release form should only be issued under the proper conditions.

If the violator appears to have been driving while under the influence, field sobriety tests, including Preliminary Alcohol Screening (PAS) device tests and chemical tests should be offered and obtained whenever possible, however, these tests cannot be compelled. The subject shall not be

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permitted to drive. A supervisor's approval for release shall be obtained whenever possible and alternative transportation should be arranged.

All facts of the incident shall be documented in accordance with this policy in a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Arrest-Investigation Report, Arrest-Investigation Report and/or any other relevant Report form. Notwithstanding the field release of the subject, prosecution is still appropriate and should be pursued by the command concerned. The Department of State will take appropriate sanctions against errant foreign service personnel, even where prosecution is not undertaken by the agency.

409.6 TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

Persons involved in traffic collisions who possess a Department of State OFM Diplomatic Driver License, issued by the DMVO, shall have "D" coded in the license "class" box of the Traffic Collision Report. If subsequent prosecution of the claimant is anticipated, the claimant's title, country, and type of identification presented should be recorded for future reference. Issuance of a citation to, or arrest of, an immunity claimant at the accident scene should be handled in accordance with the procedures specified in Policy Manual § 412.5 of this chapter.

409.6.1 VEHICLES

Vehicles, which are owned by subjects with full immunity, may not be searched, stored, or impounded without the owner's permission. (Such permission may be assumed if the vehicle has been stolen.) These vehicles may, however, be towed the necessary distance to remove them from obstructing traffic or creating any other hazard.

409.6.2 REPORTS

A photocopy of each traffic collision report involving an identified diplomat and/or immunity claimant shall be forwarded to the office of the Sheriff within 48 hours whether or not the claim is verified. The words "Immunity Claim" shall be marked on the photocopy, together with a notation of the claimant's title, country, and type of identification presented (if applicable). In addition to the report, a follow-up cover memorandum should be submitted if the violation was flagrant, if the claimant was uncooperative, or if there were any other unusual aspects of the enforcement contact that should be reported to the Department of State for further action. The Enforcement Lieutenant/Supervisor apprised of the incident/accident shall also send a copy of all documents and reports submitted by the investigating deputy along with any supervisor's notes, materials and/or logs to the Sheriff's office within 48 hours of the incident. The Sheriff's office will check to ensure that notification of Department of State and all necessary follow-up occur.

409.7 FOREIGN NATIONALS WHO DO NOT CLAIM IMMUNITY

Deputies may only arrest foreign nationals not claiming diplomatic or consular immunity under the following circumstances:

(a) There is a valid warrant issued for the person's arrest

(b) There is probable cause to believe that the foreign national has violated a federal criminal law, a state law, or a local ordinance

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(c) Deputies shall not arrest foreign nationals solely for alleged undocumented entry into the United States.

Because undocumented presence is strictly a federal civil violation, it is only enforceable by federal officers therefore deputies of this department shall not arrest foreign nationals solely for undocumented presence. Deputies shall not stop or detain persons solely for determining immigration status.

409.7.1 ARREST PROCEDURE

Whenever a deputy physically arrests or detains an individual for criminal investigation and the deputy reasonably believes the person to be a foreign national, the deputy shall inquire to determine the person's citizenship.

This procedure applies to detentions of more than two hours. An inquiry is not required if the individual is detained less than two hours for criminal investigation.

If the individual indicates that he/she is other than a U.S. citizen, the deputy shall advise the individual that he/she has a right to have the nearest appropriate embassy or consulate notified of the arrest/detention (Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, Art. 36, (1969)).

If the individual requests such notification, the deputy shall contact Dispatch as soon as practical and request the appropriate embassy/consulate be notified. Deputies shall provide Dispatch with the following information concerning the individual:

- Country of citizenship
- Full name of individual, including paternal and maternal surname, if used
- Date of birth or age
- Current residence
- Time, date, place, location of incarceration/detention and the 24-hour telephone number of the place of detention if different from the Department itself

If the foreign national claims citizenship of one of the countries listed by the US Department of State as requiring mandatory consular notification, deputies shall provide Dispatch with the information above as soon as practical whether or not the individual desires the embassy/consulate to be notified. This procedure is critical because of treaty obligations with the particular countries. The list of mandatory notification countries and jurisdictions can be found on the US Department of State website.

For more information, Refer to Jail *Policy J205, Arrest of Foreign Nationals*

409.7.2 DOCUMENTATION

Deputies shall document on the face page and in the narrative of the appropriate Arrest-Investigation Report the date and time Dispatch was notified of the foreign national's arrest/detention and his/her claimed nationality.

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Rapid Response and Deployment

410.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Violence that is committed in schools, workplaces and other locations by individuals or a group of individuals who are determined to target and kill persons and to create mass casualties presents a difficult situation for law enforcement. The purpose of this policy is to identify guidelines and factors that will assist responding deputies in situations that call for rapid response and deployment.

410.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will endeavor to plan for rapid response to crisis situations, and to coordinate response planning with other emergency services as well as with those that are responsible for operating sites that may be the target of a critical incident.

Nothing in this policy shall preclude the use of reasonable force, deadly or otherwise, by members of the Department in protecting themselves or others from death or serious injury.

410.3 CONSIDERATIONS

When dealing with a crisis situation members should:

(a) Assess the immediate situation and take reasonable steps to maintain operative control of the incident.

(b) Obtain, explore and analyze sources of intelligence and known information regarding the circumstances, location and suspect involved in the incident.

(c) Attempt to attain a tactical advantage over the suspect by reducing, preventing or eliminating any known or perceived threat.

(d) Attempt, if feasible and based upon the suspect’s actions and danger to others, a negotiated surrender of the suspect and release of the hostages.

410.4 FIRST RESPONSE

If there is a reasonable belief that acts or threats by a suspect are placing lives in imminent danger, first responding deputies should consider reasonable options to reduce, prevent or eliminate the threat. Deputies must decide, often under a multitude of difficult and rapidly evolving circumstances, whether to advance on the suspect, take other actions to deal with the threat or wait for additional resources.

If a suspect is actively engaged in the infliction of serious bodily harm or other life-threatening activity toward others, deputies should take immediate action, if reasonably practicable, while requesting additional assistance.

Deputies should remain aware of the possibility that an incident may be part of a coordinated multi-location attack that may require some capacity to respond to other incidents at other locations.

When deciding on a course of action deputies should consider:

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(a) Whether to advance on or engage a suspect who is still a possible or perceived threat to others. Any advance or engagement should be based on information known or received at the time.

(b) Whether to wait for additional resources or personnel. This does not preclude an individual deputy from taking immediate action.

(c) Whether individuals who are under imminent threat can be moved or evacuated with reasonable safety.

(d) Whether the suspect can be contained or denied access to victims.

(e) Whether the deputies have the ability to effectively communicate with other personnel or resources.

(f) Whether planned tactics can be effectively deployed.

(g) The availability of rifles, shotguns, shields, breaching tools, control devices and any other appropriate tools, and whether the deployment of these tools will provide tactical advantage.

In a case of a barricaded suspect with no hostages and no immediate threat to others, deputies should consider summoning and waiting for additional assistance (special tactics and/or hostage negotiation team response).

410.5 PLANNING

The Undersheriff should coordinate critical incident planning. Planning efforts should consider:

(a) Identification of likely critical incident target sites, such as schools, shopping centers, entertainment and sporting event venues.

(b) Availability of building plans and venue schematics of likely critical incident target sites.

(c) Communications interoperability with other law enforcement and emergency service agencies.

(d) Training opportunities in critical incident target sites, including joint training with site occupants.

(e) Evacuation routes in critical incident target sites.

(f) Patrol first-response training.

(g) Response coordination and resources of emergency medical and fire services.

(h) Equipment needs.

(i) Mutual aid agreements with other agencies.

(j) Coordination with private security providers in critical incident target sites.

410.6 TRAINING

The Undersheriff should include rapid response to critical incidents in the training plan. This training should address:

(a) Orientation to likely critical incident target sites, such as schools, shopping centers, entertainment and sporting event venues.

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(b) Communications interoperability with other law enforcement and emergency service agencies.

(c) Patrol first-response training, including patrol rifle, shotgun, breaching tool and control device training.

(d) First aid, including gunshot trauma.

(e) Reality-based scenario training (e.g., active shooter, disgruntled violent worker).

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Immigration Violations

411.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines to members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office for investigating and enforcing immigration laws.

411.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office that all members make personal and professional commitments to equal enforcement of the law and equal service to the public. Confidence in this commitment will increase the effectiveness of this department in protecting and serving the entire community and recognizing the dignity of all persons, regardless of their immigration status.

411.3 VICTIMS AND WITNESSES

To encourage crime reporting and cooperation in the investigation of criminal activity, all individuals, regardless of their immigration status, must feel secure that contacting or being addressed by members of law enforcement will not automatically lead to immigration inquiry and/or deportation. While it may be necessary to determine the identity of a victim or witness, members shall treat all individuals equally and without regard to race, color or national origin in any way that would violate the United States or Oregon Constitutions.

411.4 ENFORCEMENT

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has primary jurisdiction for enforcement of the provisions of Title 8 of the United States Code dealing with illegal entry. This department does not participate in routine immigration investigation and enforcement activities. However, a deputy may arrest any person who is the subject of an arrest warrant issued by a federal magistrate for a criminal violation of federal immigration laws (ORS 181A.820).

411.4.1 BASIS FOR CONTACT

Unless immigration status is relevant to another criminal offense or investigation (e.g., harboring, smuggling, terrorism), the fact that an individual is suspected of an immigration violation shall not be the sole basis for contact, detention or arrest (ORS 181A.820).

411.5 ARREST NOTIFICATION TO IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

Generally, a deputy will not need to notify ICE when booking arrestees at the county jail. Immigration officials routinely interview suspected undocumented aliens who are booked into the county jail on criminal charges. Notification will be handled according to jail operation procedures. No individual who is otherwise ready to be released should continue to be detained solely for the purpose of notification.

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411.6 ICE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Requests by ICE, or any other federal agency, for assistance from this department should be directed to a supervisor. The Department may provide available support services, such as traffic control or peacekeeping efforts, to ICE or other federal agencies.

411.7 INFORMATION SHARING

No member of this department will prohibit, or in any way restrict, any other member from doing any of the following regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual (8 USC § 1373):

(a) Sending information to, or requesting or receiving such information from ICE

(b) Maintaining such information in department records

(c) Exchanging such information with any other federal, state or local government entity

411.7.1 IMMIGRATION HOLDS

No individual should be held based solely on a federal immigration detainer under 8 CFR 287.7 unless the person has been charged with a federal crime or the detainer is accompanied by a warrant, affidavit of probable cause, or removal order. Notification to the federal authority issuing the detainer should be made prior to the release.

411.8 U VISA AND T VISA NON-IMMIGRANT STATUS

Under certain circumstances, federal law allows temporary immigration benefits, known as a U visa, to victims and witnesses of certain qualifying crimes (8 USC § 1101(a)(15)(U)). A law enforcement certification for a U visa may be completed by a deputy in order for a U visa to be issued.

Similar immigration protection, known as a T visa, is available for certain qualifying victims of human trafficking (8 USC § 1101(a)(15)(T)). A law enforcement declaration for a T visa may be completed by a deputy in order for a T visa to be issued.

Any request for assistance in applying for U visa or T visa status should be forwarded in a timely manner to the Investigation Section supervisor assigned to oversee the handling of any related case. The Investigation Section supervisor should:

(a) Consult with the assigned investigator to determine the current status of any related case and whether further documentation is warranted.

(b) Contact the appropriate prosecutor assigned to the case, if applicable, to ensure the certification or declaration has not already been completed and whether a certification or declaration is warranted.

(c) Address the request and complete the certification or declaration, if appropriate, in a timely manner.

    1. The instructions for completing certification and declaration forms can be found on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) website.

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(d) Ensure that any decision to complete, or not complete, a certification or declaration form is documented in the case file and forwarded to the appropriate prosecutor. Include a copy of any completed form in the case file.

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Aircraft Accidents

412.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy describes situations involving aircraft accidents including responsibilities of personnel, making proper notification and documentation.

412.2 RESPONSIBILITIES

In the event of an aircraft crash the employee responsibilities are as follows:

412.2.1 DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITY

Deputies should treat an aircraft crash site as a crime scene until it is determined that such is not the case. If a military aircraft is involved, additional dangers, such as live ordnance or hazardous materials, may be present. The scene may require additional security due to the potential presence of confidential equipment or information.

The duties of the field deputy at the scene of an aircraft accident include the following:

(a) Determine the nature and extent of the accident.

(b) Request additional personnel and other resources to respond as needed.

(c) Provide assistance for the injured parties until the arrival of fire department personnel and/or other emergency personnel.

(d) Cordon off and contain the area to exclude unauthorized individuals as soon as practicable.

(e) Provide crowd control and other assistance until directed otherwise by a supervisor.

(f) Ensure that the medical examiner’s office is notified if a death occurs.

(g) If there appears to be a large number of fatalities, consider contacting the County Health Department for mass casualty assistance.

Entering an aircraft or tampering with parts or debris is only permissible for the purpose of removing injured or trapped occupants, protecting the wreckage from further damage or protecting the public from danger. If possible, the investigating authority should first be consulted before entering or moving any aircraft or any crash debris. Photographs or sketches of the original positions should be made whenever feasible.

The fire department will be responsible for control of the accident scene until the injured parties are cared for and the accident scene has been rendered safe for containment. Thereafter, sheriff's personnel will be responsible for preserving the scene until relieved by the investigating authority.

Once the scene is relinquished to the investigating authority, personnel from this agency may assist in containment of the scene until the investigation is completed or assistance is no longer needed.

An airport service worker or the airport manager may respond to the scene to assist the on-scene commander with technical expertise, should it be needed during the operation.

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412.2.2 NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has the primary responsibility for investigating accidents involving civil aircraft. In the case of a military aircraft incident the appropriate branch of the military will be involved in the investigation. The NTSB is concerned with several aspects of a crash as described in this section.

Every effort should be made to preserve the scene to the extent possible in the condition in which it was found until such time as NTSB or other authorized personnel arrive to take charge of the scene.

Military personnel will respond to take charge of any military aircraft involved, whether or not injuries or deaths have occurred.

If the accident did not result in a death or injury and the NTSB elects not to respond, the pilot or owner may assume control of the aircraft.

Removal of the wreckage shall be done under the guidance of the NTSB or military authorities or, if the NTSB is not responding for an onsite investigation, at the discretion of the pilot or the owner.

412.2.3 DISPATCH RESPONSIBILITIES

Dispatchers are responsible to make notifications as directed once an aircraft accident has been reported. The notifications will vary depending on the type of accident, extent of injuries or damage, and the type of aircraft involved. Generally, the dispatcher will need to notify the following agencies or individuals when an aircraft accident has occurred.

(a) Fire Department

(b) The affected airport tower

(c) Closest military base if a military aircraft is involved

(d) Ambulances or other assistance as required

When an aircraft accident is reported to the Sheriff Department by the airport tower personnel the dispatcher receiving such information should verify that the tower personnel will contact the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Flight Standards District Office and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). In the event that airport personnel are not involved, the dispatcher should notify the FAA and the NTSB.

412.2.4 SUPPORT SERVICES SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Support Services Supervisor is responsible for the following:

(a) Forward and maintain an approved copy of the accident report to the Oregon Department of Aviation

(b) Forward a copy of the report to the Enforcement Division [Division Commander] and the manager of the affected airport

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412.2.5 PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES
The Department Public Information Officer is responsible for the following:

(a) Obtain information for a press release from the on-scene commander or his or her designee

(b) When practical, the Department Public Information Officer should coordinate with the FAA Press Information Officer to prepare a press release for distribution to the Media

Information released to the press regarding any aircraft accident should be handled by the Department Public Information Officer or in accordance with existing policy.

412.3 DOCUMENTATION

Any aircraft accident (crash) within the County, regardless of whether injuries or deaths occur, shall be documented in a police report.

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Field Training and Evaluation Program

413.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Field Training and Evaluation Program (FTEP) is intended to provide a standardized program to facilitate the deputy's transition from the academic setting to the actual performance of general law enforcement duties of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

It is the policy of this department to assign all new sheriff's deputies to a structured Field Training and Evaluation Program complies with DPSST training requirements and that is designed to prepare the new deputy to perform in a patrol assignment possessing all skills needed to operate in a safe, productive and professional manner.

413.2 FIELD TRAINING OFFICER SELECTION AND TRAINING

The Field Training Officer (FTO) is an experienced deputy trained in the art of supervising, training and evaluating entry level and lateral sheriff's deputies in the application of their previously acquired knowledge and skills.

413.2.1 SELECTION PROCESS

FTO's will be selected based on the following requirements:

(a) Desire to be an FTO

(b) Minimum of four years of patrol experience, two of which shall be with this department

(c) Demonstrated ability as a positive role model

(d) Participate and pass an internal oral interview selection process

(e) Evaluation by supervisors and current FTO's

(f) Possess a DPSST Basic Certificate

413.2.2 TRAINING

A deputy selected as a Field Training Officer shall successfully complete an approved Field Training Officer's Course prior to being assigned as an FTO.

All FTO's must complete a Field Training Officer update course every three years while assigned to the position of FTO.

413.3 FIELD TRAINING AND EVALUATION PROGRAM SUPERVISOR

The FTEP supervisor will be selected from the rank of sergeant or above by the Enforcement Division [Division Commander] or his/her designee and shall possess a DPSST Supervisory Certificate.

The responsibilities of the FTEP supervisor include the following:

(a) Assignment of trainees to FTOs.

(b) Conducting FTO meetings.

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(c) Maintain and ensure FTO/Trainee performance evaluations are completed.

(d) Maintain, update and issue the Field Training Manual to each trainee.

(e) Monitor individual FTO performance.

(f) Monitor overall FTEP Program.

(g) Maintain liaison with FTO Coordinators of other agencies.

(h) Maintain liaison with academy staff on recruit performance during the academy.

(i) Develop ongoing training for FTOs.

413.4 TRAINEE DEFINED

Any entry level or lateral sheriff's deputy newly appointed to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office who has successfully completed a DPSST approved Basic Academy.

413.5 REQUIRED TRAINING

Entry level deputies shall be required to successfully complete the Field Training Program, consisting of a minimum of 16 weeks.

The training period for lateral deputies may be modified depending on the trainee’s demonstrated performance and level of experience, but shall consist of a minimum of eight weeks.

To the extent practicable, entry level and lateral deputies should be assigned to a variety of Field Training Officers, shifts and geographical areas during their Field Training Program.

413.5.1 FIELD TRAINING MANUAL

Each new deputy will be issued a Field Training Manual at the beginning of his/her Primary Training Phase. This manual is an outline of the subject matter and/or skills necessary to properly function as a deputy with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. The deputy shall become knowledgeable of the subject matter as outlined. He/she shall also become proficient with those skills as set forth in the manual.

The Field Training Manual will specifically cover those policies, procedures, rules and regulations enacted by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

413.6 EVALUATIONS

Evaluations are an important component of the training process and shall be completed as outlined below.

413.6.1 FIELD TRAINING OFFICER

The FTO will be responsible for the following:

(a) Complete and submit a written evaluation on the performance of his/her assigned trainee to the FTO program supervisor on a daily basis.

(b) Review the Daily Observation Report (DORs) with the trainee each day.

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(c) Complete a detailed end-of-phase performance evaluation on his/her assigned trainee at the end of each phase of training.

(d) Sign off all completed topics contained in the Field Training Manual, noting the method(s) of learning and evaluating the performance of his/her assigned trainee.

413.6.2 IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR

The immediate supervisor shall review and approve the Daily Observation Reports and forward them to the Field Training Administrator. The supervisor will prepare a bi-weekly supervisor's evaluation and forward it along with the FTO's evaluations.

413.6.3 FIELD TRAINING ADMINISTRATOR

The Field Training Administrator will review and approve the Daily Observation Reports submitted by the FTO through his/her immediate supervisor.

413.7 DOCUMENTATION

All documentation of the Field Training and Evaluation Program will be retained in the deputy's training files and will consist of the following:

(a) Daily Observation Reports

(b) End of phase evaluations

(c) Supervisor's evaluation

(d) The completed Field Training Manual

(e) A Certificate of Completion certifying that the trainee has successfully completed the required number of hours of field training

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Obtaining Air Support

414.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The use of a police helicopter can be invaluable in certain situations. This policy specifies potential situations where the use of a helicopter may be requested and the responsibilities for making a request.

414.2 REQUEST FOR HELICOPTER ASSISTANCE

If a supervisor or deputy in charge of an incident determines that the use of a helicopter would be beneficial, a request to obtain helicopter assistance may be made.

414.2.1 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM ANOTHER AGENCY

After consideration and approval of the request for a helicopter, the Enforcement Lieutenant, or his/her designee, will call the closest agency having helicopter support available. The Enforcement Lieutenant on duty will apprise that agency of the specific details of the incident prompting the request.

414.2.2 CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH AID MAY BE REQUESTED

Police helicopters may be requested under any of the following conditions:

(a) When the helicopter is activated under existing mutual aid agreements

(b) Whenever the safety of law enforcement personnel is in jeopardy and the presence of the helicopters may reduce such hazard

(c) When the use of the helicopters will aid in the capture of a suspected fleeing felon whose continued freedom represents an ongoing threat to the community

(d) When a helicopter is needed to locate a person who has strayed or is lost and whose continued absence constitutes a serious health or safety hazard

(e) Vehicle pursuits

While it is recognized that the availability of helicopter support will generally provide valuable assistance to ground personnel, the presence of a helicopter will rarely replace the need for deputies on the ground.

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Detentions and Photographing Detainees

415.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for conducting field interviews (FI) and pat-down searches and the taking and retention of photographs of persons detained in the field but not arrested. Due to a variety of situations confronting the deputy, the decision to FI or photograph a field detainee shall be left to the discretion of the involved deputy based on the totality of the circumstances available to them at the time of the detention.

415.2 DEFINITIONS

Detention - Occurs when a deputy intentionally, through words, actions or physical force causes an individual to reasonably believe he/she is being required to restrict his/her movement. Detentions also occur when a deputy actually restrains a person's freedom of movement.

Consensual Encounter - Occurs when a deputy contacts an individual but does not create a detention through words, actions or other means. In other words, a reasonable individual would believe that his/her contact with the deputy is voluntary.

Field Interview (FI) - The brief detainment of an individual, whether on foot or in a vehicle, based on reasonable suspicion for the purposes of determining the individual's identity and resolving the deputy's suspicions.

Field Photographs - Field photographs are defined as posed photographs taken of a person during a contact, detention, or arrest in the field. Undercover surveillance photographs of an individual and recordings captured by the normal operation of a Mobile Audio Video (MAV) system when persons are not posed for the purpose of photographing are not considered field photographs.

Frisk or Pat-Down Search - This is the normal type of search used by deputies in the field to check an individual for weapons. It involves a thorough patting down of clothing to locate any weapons or dangerous items that could pose a danger to the deputy, the detainee or others (ORS 131.625).

Reasonable Suspicion - Occurs when, under the totality of the circumstances, a deputy has articulable facts that criminal activity may be afoot and a particular person is connected with that possible criminal activity.

Stop - The brief detainment of an individual, whether on foot or in a vehicle, based on reasonable suspicion that the person has committed, or is about to commit a crime. (ORS 131.615).

415.3 FIELD INTERVIEWS

Deputies may stop individuals for the purpose of conducting an FI where reasonable suspicion is present. In justifying the stop, the deputy should be able to point to specific facts which, when taken together with rational inferences, reasonably warrant the stop. Such facts include, but are not limited to, the following:

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(a) The appearance or demeanor of an individual suggests that he/she is part of a criminal enterprise or is engaged in a criminal act.

(b) The actions of the suspect suggest that he/she is engaged in a criminal activity.

(c) The hour of day or night is inappropriate for the suspect's presence in the area.

(d) The suspect's presence in the particular area is suspicious.

(e) The suspect is carrying a suspicious object.

(f) The suspect's clothing bulges in a manner that suggests he/she is carrying a weapon.

(g) The suspect is located in proximate time and place to an alleged crime.

(h) The deputy has knowledge of the suspect's prior criminal record or involvement in criminal activity.

415.3.1 INITIATING A FIELD INTERVIEW

A deputy may initiate the stop of a person when there is articulable, reasonable suspicion to do so. A person, however, should not be detained longer than is reasonably necessary to resolve the deputy’s suspicions.

Nothing in this policy is intended to discourage consensual contacts. Frequent and random casual contacts with consenting individuals are encouraged by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to strengthen our community involvement, community awareness and problem identification.

415.3.2 WITNESS IDENTIFICATION AND INTERVIEWS

Because potential witnesses to an incident may be lost or the integrity of their statements compromised with the passage of time, deputies should, when warranted by the seriousness of the case, take reasonable steps to promptly coordinate with an on-scene supervisor and/or criminal investigators to utilize available personnel for the following:

(a) Identify all persons present at the scene and in the immediate area.

1. When feasible, a recorded statement should be obtained from those persons who claim not to have witnessed the incident but who were present at the time it occurred.
2. Any potential witness who is unwilling or unable to remain available for a formal interview should not be detained absent reasonable suspicion to detain or probable cause to arrest. Without detaining the individual for the sole purpose of identification, deputies should attempt to identify the witness prior to his/her departure.

(b) Witnesses who are willing to provide a formal interview should be asked to meet at a suitable location where criminal investigators may obtain a recorded statement. Such witnesses, if willing, may be transported by department personnel.

1. A written, verbal or recorded statement of consent should be obtained prior to transporting a witness in a department vehicle. When the witness is a minor, consent should be obtained from the parent or guardian, if available, prior to transportation.

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415.4 FRISK OR PAT-DOWN SEARCHES

A frisk or pat-down search of a detained subject may be conducted whenever a deputy reasonably believes that the person may possess a dangerous or deadly weapon and presents a danger to the deputy or other persons present (Oregon Revised Statutes 131.625). Circumstances that may establish justification for performing a pat-down search include, but are not limited to the following:

(a) The type of crime suspected, particularly in crimes of violence where the use or threat of weapons is involved.

(b) Prior knowledge of the suspect's use of force and/or propensity to carry deadly weapons.

(c) The appearance and demeanor of the suspect.

(d) Visual indications which suggest that the suspect is carrying a firearm or other weapon.

(e) Statements made by the suspect, witnesses or other persons.

415.5 FIELD PHOTOGRAPHS

Before photographing any field detainee, the deputy shall carefully consider, among other things, the factors listed below.

415.5.1 FIELD PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN WITH CONSENT

Field photographs may be taken when the subject of the photograph knowingly and voluntarily gives consent. When taking a consensual photograph, the deputy should have the individual read and sign the appropriate form accompanying the photograph.

415.5.2 FIELD PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN WITHOUT CONSENT

Field photographs may be taken without consent only if they are taken during a detention that is based on reasonable suspicion of criminal activity, and the photograph serves a legitimate law enforcement purpose related to the detention. Mere knowledge or suspicion of gang membership or affiliation is not a sufficient justification for taking a photograph without consent. The deputy must be able to articulate facts that reasonably indicate that the subject was involved in, or was about to become involved in, criminal conduct.

If, prior to taking a photograph, the deputy’s reasonable suspicion of criminal activity has been dispelled, the detention must cease and the photograph should not be taken.

All field photographs and related reports shall be submitted to a supervisor and retained in compliance with this policy.

415.6 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY

While it is recognized that field photographs often become valuable investigative tools, supervisors should monitor such practices in view of the above listed considerations. This is not to imply that supervisor approval is required before each photograph. Access to field photographs shall be strictly limited to law enforcement purposes.

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Criminal Organizations

416.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the Columbia County Sheriff's Office appropriately utilizes criminal intelligence systems and temporary information files to support investigations of criminal organizations and enterprises.

416.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Criminal intelligence system - Any record system that receives, stores, exchanges or disseminates information that has been evaluated and determined to be relevant to the identification of a criminal organization or enterprise, its members or affiliates. This does not include temporary information files.

416.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office recognizes that certain criminal activities, including but not limited to gang crimes and drug trafficking, often involve some degree of regular coordination and may involve a large number of participants over a broad geographical area.

It is the policy of this department to collect and share relevant information while respecting the privacy and legal rights of the public.

416.3 CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS

No department member may create, submit to or obtain information from a criminal intelligence system unless the Sheriff has approved the system for department use.

Any criminal intelligence system approved for department use should meet or exceed the standards of 28 CFR 23.20.

A designated supervisor will be responsible for maintaining each criminal intelligence system that has been approved for department use. The supervisor or the authorized designee should ensure the following:

(a) Members using any such system are appropriately selected and trained.

(b) Use of every criminal intelligence system is appropriately reviewed and audited.

(c) Any system security issues are reasonably addressed.

416.3.1 SYSTEM ENTRIES

It is the designated supervisor’s responsibility to approve the entry of any information from a report, FI, photo or other relevant document into an authorized criminal intelligence system. If entries are made based upon information that is not on file with this department, such as open or public source documents or documents that are on file at another agency, the designated supervisor should ensure copies of those documents are retained by the Records Unit. Any

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supporting documentation for an entry shall be retained by the Records Unit in accordance with the established records retention schedule and for at least as long as the entry is maintained in the system.

The designated supervisor should ensure that any documents retained by the Records Unit are appropriately marked as intelligence information. The Support Services Supervisor may not purge such documents without the approval of the designated supervisor.

416.4 TEMPORARY INFORMATION FILE

No member may create or keep files on individuals that are separate from the approved criminal intelligence system. However, members may maintain temporary information that is necessary to actively investigate whether a person or group qualifies for entry into the department-approved CIS only as provided in this section. Once information qualifies for inclusion, it should be submitted to the supervisor responsible for consideration of CIS entries.

416.4.1 FILE CONTENTS

A temporary information file may only contain information and documents that, within one year, will have a reasonable likelihood to meet the criteria for entry into an authorized criminal intelligence system.

Information and documents contained in a temporary information file:

(a) Must only be included upon documented authorization of the responsible department supervisor.

(b) Should not be originals that would ordinarily be retained by the Records Unit or [Property Bureau], but should be copies of, or references to, retained documents, such as copies of reports, field interview (FI) forms, Dispatch records or booking forms.

(c) Shall not include opinions. No person, organization or enterprise shall be labeled as being involved in crime beyond what is already in the document or information.

(d) May include information collected from publicly available sources or references to documents on file with another government agency. Attribution identifying the source should be retained with the information.

416.4.2 FILE REVIEW AND PURGING

The contents of a temporary information file shall not be retained longer than one year. At the end of one year, the contents must be purged or entered in an authorized criminal intelligence system, as applicable.

The designated supervisor shall periodically review the temporary information files to verify that the contents meet the criteria for retention. Validation and purging of files is the responsibility of the supervisor.

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416.5 INFORMATION RECOGNITION

Department members should document facts that suggest an individual, organization or enterprise is involved in criminal activity and should forward that information appropriately. Examples include, but are not limited to:

(a) Gang indicia associated with a person or residence.

(b) Information related to a drug-trafficking operation.

(c) Vandalism indicating an animus for a particular group.

(d) Information related to an illegal gambling operation.

Department supervisors who utilize an authorized criminal intelligence system should work with the Undersheriff to train members to identify information that may be particularly relevant for inclusion.

416.6 RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Department members shall comply with the rules of an authorized criminal intelligence system regarding inquiries and release of information.

Information from a temporary information file may only be furnished to department members and other law enforcement agencies on a need-to-know basis and consistent with the Records Maintenance and Release Policy.

When an inquiry is made by the parent or guardian of a juvenile as to whether that juvenile's name is in a temporary information file, such information should be provided by the supervisor responsible for the temporary information file, unless there is good cause to believe that the release of such information might jeopardize an ongoing criminal investigation.

416.7 CRIMINAL STREET GANGS

The Enforecement Lieutenant shall ensure that there is a department member who :

(a) Is aware of matters related to criminal street gangs, and maintains an familiarity with criminal street gangs.

(b) Coordinates with other agencies in the region regarding criminal street gang crimes and information.

(c) Trains other members to identify gang indicia and investigate criminal street gang-related crimes.

416.8 TRAINING

The Undersheriff should provide training on best practices in the use of each authorized criminal intelligence system to those tasked with investigating criminal organizations and enterprises. Training should include:

(a) The protection of civil liberties.

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(b) Participation in a multiagency criminal intelligence system.

(c) Submission of information into a multiagency criminal intelligence system or the receipt of information from such a system, including any governing federal and state rules and statutes.

(d) The type of information appropriate for entry into a criminal intelligence system or temporary information file.

(e) The review and purging of temporary information files.

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Enforcement Lieutenants

417.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Each patrol shift must be directed by supervisors who are capable of making decisions and communicating in a manner consistent with departmental policies, procedures, practices, functions and objectives. To accomplish this goal, a lieutenant oversees each watch.

417.2 DESIGNATION AS ACTING ENFORCEMENT LIEUTENANT

When a [lieutenant] is unavailable for duty as Enforcement Lieutenant, in most instances the senior qualified senior deputy shall be designated as acting Enforcement Lieutenant. This policy does not preclude designating senior deputys with less seniority as an acting Enforcement Lieutenant when operational needs require or training permits.

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Mobile Data Terminal Use

418.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) accesses confidential records from the, Regional Justice Information Network (RegJIN), Oregon State Police and Department of Motor Vehicles databases. Employees using the MDT shall comply with all appropriate federal and state rules and regulations.

418.2 MDT USE

The MDT shall be used for official sheriff's communications only. Messages that are of a sexual, racist, or offensive nature, or otherwise critical of any member of the Department are strictly forbidden. use is also subject to the Department Technology Use Policy.

Messages may be reviewed by supervisors at anytime without prior notification. Employees generating or transmitting messages not in compliance with this policy are subject to discipline.

All calls dispatched to patrol units should be communicated by voice and MDT unless otherwise authorized by the Enforcement Lieutenant.

Any agency using a terminal to access the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS), whether directly or through another agency, is responsible for adhering to all applicable LEDS Rules & Policies and must ensure that unauthorized persons are not given access or allowed to view LEDS information.

418.2.1 USE WHILE DRIVING

Use of the MDT by the vehicle operator should generally be limited to times when the vehicle is stopped. When the vehicle is in motion, the operator should only attempt to read messages that are likely to contain information that is required for immediate enforcement, investigative or safety needs.

Short transmissions, such as a license plate check, are permitted if it reasonably appears that it can be done safely. In no case shall an operator attempt to send or review lengthy messages while the vehicle is in motion.

418.2.2 DOCUMENTATION OF ACTIVITY

MDT's and voice transmissions are used to record the deputy's daily activity. To ensure the most accurate recording of these activities, the following are required:

(a) All contacts or activity shall be documented at the time of the contact

(b) Whenever the activity or contact is initiated by voice, it shall be entered into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system by a dispatcher

(c) Whenever the activity or contact is not initiated by voice, the deputy shall record it on the MDT

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418.2.3 STATUS CHANGES

All changes in status (e.g., arrival at scene, meal periods, in service) will be transmitted either verbally over the sheriff's radio or through the MDT system.

Deputies responding to in-progress calls shall advise changes in status verbally over the radio to assist other deputies responding to the same incident.

Other changes in status may be entered by depressing the appropriate keys on the MDT's.

418.2.4 EMERGENCY ACTIVATION OF MDT

If the emergency button is depressed on the MDT, the dispatcher will call the unit and ask if Code-4. If there is no emergency, then he/she should answer "Code-4" and all units will resume their normal activity. If there is no response or the deputy answers in some other way, the dispatcher shall proceed as follows:

(a) If the unit is not on a call, send available units to assist in locating the unit transmitting the emergency. Whenever a location is known, immediately dispatch the nearest available unit Code-3.

(b) Notify the field sergeant and Enforcement Lieutenant of the incident without delay.

Units not responding to the emergency shall refrain from transmitting on the radio until there is a Code-4, unless they are themselves handling an emergency.

418.3 PRIVACY EXPECTATION

Members forfeit any expectation of privacy with regard to messages accessed, transmitted, received or reviewed on any department technology system (see the Information Technology Use Policy for additional guidance).

418.3.1 NON-FUNCTIONING MDT

Whenever possible, deputies will not use units with malfunctioning MDT's. Whenever deputies must drive a unit in which the MDT is not working, they shall notify Dispatch. It shall be responsibility of Dispatch to record all information that will then be transmitted verbally over the sheriff's radio.

418.4 RESTRICTED ACCESS AND USE

MDT use is subject to the Information Technology Use and Protected Information policies.

Members shall not access the MDT system if they have not received prior authorization and the required training. Members shall immediately report unauthorized access or use of the MDT by another member to their supervisors or Enforcement Lieutenants.

Use of the MDT system to access law enforcement databases or transmit messages is restricted to official activities, business-related tasks and communications that are directly related to the business, administration or practices of the Department. In the event that a member has questions about sending a particular message or accessing a particular database, the member should seek prior approval from his/her supervisor.

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Sending derogatory, defamatory, obscene, disrespectful, sexually suggestive, harassing or any other inappropriate messages on the MDT system is prohibited and may result in discipline.

It is a violation of this policy to transmit a message or access a law enforcement database under another member’s name or to use the password of another member to log in to the MDT system unless directed to do so by a supervisor. Members are required to log off the MDT or secure the MDT when it is unattended. This added security measure will minimize the potential for unauthorized access or misuse.

Any agency using a terminal to access the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS), whether directly or through another agency, is responsible for adhering to all applicable LEDS rules and policies and must ensure that unauthorized persons are not given access or allowed to view LEDS information.

418.4.1 USE WHILE DRIVING

Use of the MDT by the vehicle operator should be limited to times when the vehicle is stopped. Information that is required for immediate enforcement, investigative, tactical or safety needs should be transmitted over the radio.

In no case shall an operator attempt to send or review lengthy messages while the vehicle is in motion.

418.5 DOCUMENTATION OF ACTIVITY

Except as otherwise directed by the Enforcement Lieutenant or other department-established protocol, all calls for service assigned by a dispatcher should be communicated by voice over the sheriff's radio and electronically via the MDT unless security or confidentiality prevents such broadcasting.

MDT and voice transmissions are used to document the member's daily activity. To ensure accuracy:

(a) All contacts or activity shall be documented at the time of the contact.

(b) Whenever the activity or contact is initiated by voice, it should be documented by a dispatcher.

(c) Whenever the activity or contact is not initiated by voice, the member shall document it via the MDT.

418.5.1 STATUS CHANGES

All changes in status (e.g., arrival at scene, meal periods, in service) will be transmitted over the sheriff's radio or through the MDT system.

Members responding to in-progress calls should advise changes in status over the radio to assist other members responding to the same incident. Other changes in status can be made on the MDT when the vehicle is not in motion.

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418.5.2 EMERGENCY ACTIVATION

If there is an emergency activation and the member does not respond to a request for confirmation of the need for emergency assistance or confirms the need, available resources will be sent to assist in locating the member. If the location is known, the nearest available deputy should respond in accordance with the Deputy Response to Calls Policy.

Members should ensure a field supervisor and the Enforcement Lieutenant are notified of the incident without delay.

Deputies not responding to the emergency shall refrain from transmitting on the sheriff's radio until a no-further-assistance broadcast is made or if they are also handling an emergency.

418.6 EQUIPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

418.6.1 BOMB CALLS

When investigating reports of possible bombs, members should not communicate on their MDTs when in the evacuation area of a suspected explosive device. Radio frequency emitted by the MDT could cause some devices to detonate.

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Portable Audio/Video Recorders

419.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for the use of portable audio/video recording devices by members of this department while in the performance of their duties. Portable audio/video recording devices include all recording systems whether body-worn, hand held or integrated into portable equipment (ORS 133.741).

This policy does not apply to mobile audio/video recordings, interviews or interrogations conducted at any Columbia County Sheriff's Office facility, authorized undercover operations, wiretaps or eavesdropping (concealed listening devices).

419.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will provide members with access to portable recorders, either audio or video or both, for use during the performance of their duties. The use of recorders is intended to enhance the mission of the Department by accurately capturing contacts between members of the Department and the public.

Deputies will audio and video record all activities when responding to calls for service and during all law enforcement related encounters and activities that occur while the officer is on duty. Deputies are authorized to suspend or forego recording when, in their discretion, it appears that recording an encounter or event will be detrimental to the investigation or will otherwise compromise any act of the deputy or the agency. This might include privacy concerns of a member of the public, a juvenile or speaking with an informant whose identity needs to be protected. For purposes of this section, some inconsequential contacts with the public need not be recorded. These inconsequential acts include such things as providing directions to a motorist. Should an inconsequential contact devolve into a confrontational, aggressive or violent contact, the requirement to record returns.

419.2.1 DEPARTMENT OWNED EQUIPMENT

All Portable Audio / Video Recorders as addressed in this section shall be department owned equipment and only department-owned equipment is authorized for use except in extreme situations where there is an urgent need to record an event and no department-owned equipment is available.

419.2.2 BODY-WORN CAMERAS BY DUTY ASSIGNMENT

Body-worn cameras will be worn by enforcement and corrections staff. Deputies assigned to enforcement and corrections divisions, in the assignments listed below, will be issued body-worn devices intended to be worn as a part of your day to day equipment with use anticipated to be high.

Deputies equipped with high-use cameras are:

- Enforcement Division assigned to a patrol function
- Enforcement Division assigned to a marine function

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- Corrections Division assigned to the jail
- Animal Control

Deputies assigned to enforcement or corrections divisions, in the assignments listed below, will be issued equipment intended for low frequency or occasional use. Deputies equipped with low-use cameras are:

- Enforcement Supervisors
- Enforcement Division assigned to a Detective function
- Enforcement Division assigned to a Civil Deputy function
- Corrections Supervisors
- Corrections Division assigned to a Court Security function
- Corrections Division assigned to a Transport function

419.2.3 WEARING BODY-WORN CAMERAS

The default location for wearing body-worn cameras that are considered high-use (see 420.2.2) will be on the deputy's head. A position somewhere on the head provides the best view point for the camera and provides the ability for the camera to photograph in the same general direction as the eyes. Wearing of the high-use body-worn camera at a location on the body other than the head requires supervisory approval.

The body-worn camera may be worn on the head using three different mount systems. The first method, and seemingly the most efficient method of attachment, is to mount the camera on eyeglasses or on the tactical helmet, when deployed. The second method of attachment is to mount the camera on a ball-cap. The third method of attachment is to use the head-band mount system that is available with the camera.

Body-worn cameras that are considered low-use (see 420.2.2) will be worn on the exterior of the uniform or clothing in the upper chest / neck / shoulder area. Attachment will be made using the clip system attached to the camera.

419.3 MEMBER PRIVACY EXPECTATION

All recordings made by members acting in their official capacity shall remain the property of the Department regardless of whether those recordings were made with department-issued or personally owned recorders. Members shall have no expectation of privacy or ownership interest in the content of these recordings, regardless of whether the recording is stored in the media / memory of the recording device or when the recording is stored on a Columbia County Sheriff's Office computer or within the Columbia County Sheriff's Office computer network.

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419.4 MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Prior to going into service, each member will be responsible for making sure that he/ she is equipped with a portable recorder issued by the Department, and that the recorder is in good working order. If the recorder is not in working order or malfunctions at any time, the member shall promptly report the failure to his/her supervisor and obtain a functioning device as soon as practicable. The recorder shall be worn as set forth in section 420.2.3 above.

Deputies will audio and video record all activities when responding to calls for service and during all law enforcement related encounters and activities that occur while the officer is on duty. Deputies are authorized to suspend or forego recording when, in their discretion, it appears that recording an encounter or event will be detrimental to the investigation or will otherwise compromise any act of the deputy or the agency. This might include privacy concerns of a member of the public, a juvenile or speaking with an informant whose identity needs to be protected. For purposes of this section, some inconsequential contacts with the public need not be recorded. These inconsequential acts include such things as providing directions to a motorist. Should an inconsequential contact devolve into a confrontational, aggressive or violent contact, the requirement to record returns.

Members shall document the existence of a recording in any report or other official record of the contact and include information on any instance where the recorder malfunctioned or the member intentionally deactivated the recording or chose not to make a recording, including the reasons for failing to make a recording.

Anytime the recorder is activated, the member will advise all persons present that their conversation / statements are being recorded. The Deputy may request consent from the persons present to record the conversation when the circumstances permit. Absence of consent does not require that the recording be terminated. The member will then document the advice and the presence / absence of consent in their report or other official record of the contact, including traffic citations.

Once the camera is activated and is recording, the camera shall remain in recording mode until such time as the incident or event being recorded is concluded or until the member determines, in their discretion, that continuation of the recording will be detrimental to the investigation, create an unsafe situation or will otherwise compromise any act of the deputy or the agency.

419.4.1 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

In the event of a critical incident, for example, a use of force or a personnel complaint, the supervisor should take possession of the members recording device for subsequent download and for possible special retention consideration.

Supervisors should access member’s stored recordings when needed. Some examples of times when review of recordings made by a member might be of use is during preparation of Performance

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Evaluations, during investigations of personnel complaints or during routine monitoring of an employee's job performance.

419.4.2 CORRECTIONS DIVISION RESPONSIBILITIES

Deputies assigned to wear body-worn cameras in the jail shall record all interactions with inmates, except those interactions that are prohibited for recording as identified in this policy.

As inmates are notified in writing that they are subject to audio and video recording, It is not necessary for deputies to notify the inmate, or inmates, that the interaction is being recorded.

When in booking, the only time the camera should be in "record mode" is when a member is actually interacting with an inmate. Members shall diligently work to insure that no criminal justice information is inadvertently recorded though information available in LEDS/NCIC. This would include but is not limited to warrant information, criminal history information, DMV information.

During intatke, No medical and/or PREA questioning shall be recorded through audio/video records.

When roving, the camera should be in "record mode" any time the deputy interacts with, or may interact with an inmate. This would include but is not limited to the housing units, the kitchen, the laundry facility, inmate visiting, outdoor rec, escorting an inmate throughout the facility, etc.

The following interactions shall NOT be recorded:

- Unclothed searches.
- Interactiions with inmates while in medical—unless he recording is in response to a call to assist with a non-compliant or combative inmate.
- Court proceedings — whether it be in a court room or via video court.
- Interactions with individuals who are not inmates, unless authorized by a supervisor.
    - Recorded Interactions with individuals who are not inmates require that notification of said recording be given to all persons involved.

419.5 ACTIVATION OF THE PORTABLE RECORDER

Deputies will audio and video record all activities when responding to calls for service and during all law enforcement related encounters and activities that occur while the officer is on duty. Deputies are authorized to suspend or forego recording when, in their discretion, it appears that recording an encounter or event will be detrimental to the investigation or will otherwise compromise any act of the deputy or the agency. This might include privacy concerns of a member of the public, a juvenile or speaking with an informant whose identity needs to be protected. For purposes of this section, some inconsequential contacts with the public need not be recorded. These inconsequential acts include such things as providing directions to a motorist. Should an inconsequential contact devolve into a confrontational, aggressive or violent contact, the requirement to record returns.

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Members shall notify all parties to the conversation that a recording is being made unless pursuant to a court order or the limited exceptions in ORS 165.540 subsections (2) through (7) and ORS 133.726 (prostitution offenses, felonies when exigency makes obtaining a warrant unreasonable, certain felony drug offenses, felonies that endangers human life (ORS 165.540)).

At no time is a member expected to jeopardize his/her safety in order to activate a portable recorder or change the recording media. However, the recorder should be activated in situations described above as soon as practicable.

419.5.1 SURREPTITIOUS USE OF THE PORTABLE RECORDER

Oregon law generally prohibits any individual from surreptitiously recording any conversation, except as provided in ORS 165.540 and ORS 165.543.

Members shall not surreptitiously record another department member without a court order unless lawfully authorized by the Sheriff or the authorized designee.

419.5.2 CESSATION OF RECORDING

Once the camera is activated and is recording, the camera shall remain in recording mode until such time as the incident or event being recorded is concluded or until the member determines, in their discretion, that continuation of the recording will be detrimental to the investigation, create an unsafe situation or will otherwise compromise any act of the deputy or the agency.

419.5.3 EXPLOSIVE DEVICE

Many portable recorders, including body-worn cameras and audio/video transmitters, emit radio waves that could trigger an explosive device. Therefore, these devices should not be used where an explosive device may be present.

419.6 PROHIBITED USE OF PORTABLE RECORDERS

Members are prohibited from using department-issued portable recorders and recording media for personal use and are prohibited from making personal copies of recordings created while on-duty or while acting in their official capacity.

Members are also prohibited from retaining recordings of activities or information obtained while on-duty, whether the recording was created with department-issued or personally owned recorders. Members shall not duplicate or distribute such recordings, except for authorized legitimate department business purposes. All recordings shall be retained at the Department or by a Department-approved third-party vendor.

Members are prohibited from using personally owned recording devices while on-duty without the express consent of the Enforcement Lieutenant. Any member who uses a personally owned recorder for department-related activities shall comply with the provisions of this policy, including retention and release requirements, and should notify the on-duty supervisor of such use as soon as reasonably practicable.

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Recordings shall not be used by any member for the purpose of embarrassment, harassment or ridicule.

419.6.1 PROHIBITED USE OF BODY-WORN CAMERA RECORDINGS

Recordings from body-worn video cameras shall not be analyzed with facial recognition or other biometric matching technology (ORS 133.741).

419.7 RETENTION OF RECORDINGS

Members shall download data from audio/video recorders as soon as practicable after making the recording, but not less than once per scheduled shift for deputies with high-use cameras and not less than once per calendar week for deputies with low-use cameras. Exceptions must be authorized by a supervisor.

All recorded data will be downloaded as specified later in this section. No data shall be omitted from download or deleted.

All recordings will be evaluated by the recording member and identified as either Evidentiary or Non-Evidentiary, as defined in 420.7.1.

All recordings will be downloaded from the department-issued camera to department computer(s).

Recordings will be downloaded by the member as specified in 420.7.1.

Recordings identified as both EVIDENTIARY and NON-EVIDENTIARY will be retained in the 30 MONTH - DAILY file. This file is the primary storage of all original recordings and shall not be moved or removed or altered in any way. Retention of the stored recordings will be for a period of thirty months from the date of download.

Recordings identified as EVIDENTIARY are **copied** from the 30 MONTH - DAILY file and pasted into the 30 MONTH- EVENT file for retention. Retention period within this file is for thirty months from the date of download.

All recordings related to a death or death investigation will be labeled as EVIDENTIARY and will be retained in the the 99 YEAR file. Members who download recordings related to a death into the 30 MONTH - DAILY file will immediately notify a supervisor, who will then facilitate transfer of a copy of the death-related file into the 99 YEAR file.

Recordings that are deemed to be of value for training purposes may be copied by a supervisor from the 30 MONTH - DAILY file and pasted into the TRAINING file. Members are encouraged to review recordings posted in the TRAINING file. Retention period for the TRAINING file is considered permanent, however a supervisor may remove files when deemed necessary.

419.7.1 DOWNLOAD OF DATA FROM BODY-WORN CAMERAS

Body-worn cameras will be started and stopped repeatedly during the deputy’s tour of duty. Each activation of the body-worn camera will create a separate and distinct file that contains the data collected between the activation and the deactivation. A re-activation creates a new file. The stored

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data must be sorted and stored properly so that valuable recordings can be located, copied and retained as required.

Two types of recorded data will exist and must be separated appropriately. The first type is EVIDENTIARY. These are recordings that depict the commission of a crime, evidence of a crime, use of force or some other incident where a recording would help to clarify or illustrate the facts of the event. The second type is NON-EVIDENTIARY. These recordings will include all recordings other than EVIDENTIARY recordings.

Each deputy will download the contents of their body-worn cameras as soon as is practicable, but not less than once per scheduled shift for deputies with high-use cameras and not less than once per calendar week for deputies with low-use cameras. Exceptions must be authorized by a supervisor. In certain circumstance, for example a use of force situation, a supervisor may download recordings in place of the deputy. The deputy may not download their assigned body-worn camera at any location other than a Sheriff’s Office computer. Assigned body-worn cameras may be charged at the deputy’s residence using only the wall charger. At no time shall the recording device be connected to a home computer, not even for the purpose of charging the battery of said camera.

When the deputy prepares to download data on the camera, the camera must be properly attached via USB cable to the designated Sheriff’s Office computer. Once connected to a Sheriff's Office computer, the deputy will open the " Sync" software. The Sync software will locate and identify the camera attached. The deputy then clicks on the Sync button in the top left corner of the window and selects the Data Folder command from the drop down menu. This provides the deputy with the options "Open" or "Change." The deputy should select the Change button. This will open the Sheriff's Office computer network and allow the deputy to open the M: Drive; followed by the "Body Cam Download" folder; followed by either the "Enforcement" or the "Corrections" folder; followed by the "30 Month - Daily" folder.

In the 30 Month Daily folder, the deputy should create a new folder and label it with the deputy's last name followed by a period and then the date in six character format (Salle.052015). The deputy then goes back to the Sync window and selects the files to be downloaded by placing an X in the small box to the left of each video file and download them by pushing the "Download Selected" button, which copies the files to the new folder you made in the 30 Month - Daily folder. This will end the deputy’s responsibilities for storage of NON-EVIDENTIARY data.

The deputy should then delete the files from the camera that are no longer needed on the camera. This is done by placing an X into the small box to the left of each of the video files that are no longer needed on the camera, and then pushing the Selected Delete button at the bottom of the SYNC window. The SYNC software can now be closed and any remaining movement of files is done using the Windows Explorere software on the Sheriff's Office computer.

Should the data downloaded from the camera include data identified as EVIDENTIARY, the deputy will next open the "30 Month - Event" folder and create a new folder within. The new folder will be named as follows;

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The CAD number followed by a period; the deputy's name followed by a period; the suspect's last name followed by a period; and a one-word title or code that best identifies the incident.

The deputy then returns to the 30 Month - Daily file and selects and COPIES the EVIDENTIARY video file(s). The deputy then returns to the new folder made within the 30 Month - Event file and pastes the evidentiary file(s) into the folder.

Should the data downloaded from the camera include data that has been identified as EVIDENTIARY that also needs to be stored in the "99 Year" file on the M: Drive, the deputy should then open the 99 Year file and create and name a folder as described in the 30 Month - Event folder above, using the same naming system, and then copy and paste the apporpriate file into the 99 Year file.

The folders created by the deputy, as described above, will contain the data based on the date of the download and not on the date the data was recorded by the camera. The downloaded data may contain recordings from more than one calendar date.

No person may copy, print, delete, modify or in any way alter any recording obtained by way of body-worn camera. The deputy’s authority to manipulate audio/video recordings is strictly limited to downloading, naming, renaming, viewing and moving recordings within only the TEMPORARY DOWNLOAD file, the 30 MONTH - DAILY file and the 30 MONTH - EVENT file. Any legitimate need to alter or otherwise manipulate a recording should be summarized in writing and submitted to a supervisor for consideration.

419.7.2 STORAGE OF DATA BY VENDORS

Any contract with a third-party vendor for data storage of recordings from body-worn video cameras must state that all recordings are the property of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, not owned by the vendor, and cannot be used by the vendor for any purpose inconsistent with the policies and procedures of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office (2015 Oregon Laws c. 550, § 1).

419.8 REVIEW OF RECORDED MEDIA FILES

When preparing written reports, members should review their recordings as a resource (see the Officer-Involved Shootings and Deaths Policy for guidance in those cases). However, members shall not retain personal copies of recordings. Members should not use the fact that a recording was made as a reason to write a less detailed report.

Supervisors are authorized to review relevant recordings any time they are investigating alleged misconduct or reports of meritorious conduct or whenever such recordings would be beneficial in reviewing the member’s performance.

Recorded files may also be reviewed:

(a) Upon approval by a supervisor, by any member of the Department who is participating in an official investigation, such as a personnel complaint, administrative investigation or criminal investigation.

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(b) Pursuant to lawful process or by court personnel who are otherwise authorized to review evidence in a related case.

(c) By media personnel with permission of the Sheriff or the authorized designee.

(d) In compliance with a public records request, if permitted, and in accordance with the Records Maintenance and Release Policy.

All recordings should be reviewed by the Custodian of Records prior to public release (see the Records Maintenance and Release Policy). Recordings that unreasonably violate a person's privacy or sense of dignity should not be publicly released unless disclosure is required by law or order of the court.

419.8.1 RELEASE OF RECORDINGS CONTENT TO MEDIA OR PUBLIC

Any requested release of recordings to the media or to any member of the public shall be evaluated based on the Columbia County Public Records Request Policy and any release shall be compliant with those regulations.

Person requesting public release of recordings shall be required to pay the production costs for complying with the request and for any necessary edits or redactions made.

Reasonable effort should be made to gain written consent from persons depicted in a recording being released to the public prior to the release. Written consent should be requested from members who are depicted in recordings prior to recordings being released to the public.

Based on the totality of the circumstances surrounding the case depicted on the recording to be released to the public, intentional blurring of the faces of person depicted should be considered.

419.9 BODY-WORN CAMERA TRAINING

Training will be provided to members required to use body-worn cameras. The training will include camera operation, relevant laws, download of recording data, reviewing stored data, preparing digital data for court presentation and proper storage of the recordings data.

Members receiving training will include, but not be limited to, supervisors, detectives and internal affairs investigators. Non-members should also be included in the training, for example, prosecutors and judges

Annual refresher training on the use and operation of the system will be provided.

A training manual will be created and made available on the agency computer network.

419.10 BODY-WORN CAMERA PROGRAM

The program of providing and deploying body-worn cameras represents a very significant investment of time and money and is intended to better serve the public while making the job of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office more efficient, transparent and effective.

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As part of the program, statistical data will be collected to help measure the efficiency and effectiveness of the program. As part of this effort, deputies shall be required to fully complete a Use of Force report every time some use of force, as defined in this manual, occurs. Part of the completion of that report includes indicating on the face of the report if a video recording was made during the incident. Those data will be collected and evaluated annually and as part of the annual use of force report required elsewhere in this manual.

Body-worn camera policies and protocols will be evaluated annually for needed revisions or updates.

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Foot Pursuits

420.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines to assist deputies in making the decision to initiate or continue the pursuit of suspects on foot.

420.2 DECISION TO PURSUE

The safety of department members and the public should be the primary consideration when determining whether a foot pursuit should be initiated or continued. Deputies must be mindful that immediate apprehension of a suspect is rarely more important than the safety of the public and department members.

Deputies may be justified in initiating a foot pursuit of any individual that the deputy reasonably believes is about to engage in, is engaging in or has engaged in criminal activity. The decision to initiate or continue such a foot pursuit, however, must be continuously re-evaluated in light of the circumstances presented at the time.

Mere flight by a person who is not suspected of criminal activity alone shall not serve as justification for engaging in an extended foot pursuit without the development of reasonable suspicion regarding the individual's involvement in criminal activity or being wanted by law enforcement.

Deciding to initiate or continue a foot pursuit is a decision that a deputy must make quickly and under unpredictable and dynamic circumstances. It is recognized that foot pursuits may place department members and the public at significant risk. Therefore, no deputy or supervisor shall be criticized or disciplined for deciding not to engage in a foot pursuit because of the perceived risk involved.

If circumstances permit, surveillance and containment are generally the safest tactics for apprehending fleeing persons. In deciding whether to initiate or continue a foot pursuit, deputies should continuously consider reasonable alternatives to pursuit based upon the circumstances and resources available, such as the following:

(a) Containment of the area.

(b) Saturation of the area with law enforcement personnel, including assistance from other agencies.

(c) A canine search.

(d) Thermal imaging or other sensing technology.

(e) Air support

(f) Apprehension at another time when the identity of the suspect is known or there is information available that would likely allow for later apprehension, and the need to immediately apprehend the suspect does not reasonably appear to outweigh the risk of continuing the pursuit.

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420.3 GENERAL GUIDELINES

When reasonably practicable, deputies should consider alternatives to engaging in or continuing a foot pursuit when:

(a) Directed by a supervisor to terminate the foot pursuit. Such an order shall be considered mandatory.

(b) The deputy is acting alone.

(c) Two or more deputies become separated, lose visual contact with one another or obstacles separate them to the degree that they cannot immediately assist each other should a confrontation take place. In such circumstances, it is generally recommended that a single deputy keep the suspect in sight from a safe distance and coordinate the containment effort.

(d) The deputy is unsure of his/her location and direction of travel.

(e) The deputy is pursuing multiple suspects and it is not reasonable to believe that the deputy would be able to control the suspect should a confrontation occur.

(f) The physical condition of the deputy renders them incapable of controlling the suspect if apprehended.

(g) The deputy loses radio contact with the dispatcher or with assisting or backup deputies.

(h) The suspect enters a building, structure, confined space, isolated area or dense or difficult terrain, and there are insufficient deputies to provide backup and containment. The primary deputy should consider discontinuing the pursuit and coordinating containment pending the arrival of sufficient resources.

(i) The deputy becomes aware of unanticipated or unforeseen circumstances that unreasonably increases the risk to or the public.

(j) The deputy reasonably believes that the danger to the pursuing deputies or public outweighs the objective of immediate apprehension.

(k) The deputy loses possession of his/her firearm or other essential equipment.

(l) The deputy or a third party is injured during the foot pursuit, requiring immediate assistance, and there are no other emergency personnel available to render assistance.

(m) The suspect’s location is no longer known.

(n) The identity of the suspect is established or other information exists that will allow for the suspect’s apprehension at a later time, and it reasonably appears that there is no immediate threat to department members or the public if the suspect is not immediately apprehended.

(o) The deputy’s ability to safely continue the foot pursuit is impaired by inclement weather, darkness or other environmental conditions.

420.4 RESPONSIBILITIES IN FOOT PURSUITS

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420.4.1 INITIATING DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITIES

Unless relieved by another deputy or a supervisor, the initiating deputy shall be responsible for coordinating the progress of the pursuit and containment. When acting alone and when practicable, the initiating deputy should not attempt to overtake and confront the suspect but should attempt to keep the suspect in sight until sufficient deputies are present to safely apprehend the suspect.

Early communication of available information from the involved deputies is essential so that adequate resources can be coordinated and deployed to bring a foot pursuit to a safe conclusion. Deputies initiating a foot pursuit should, at a minimum, broadcast the following information as soon as it becomes practicable and available:

(a) Location and direction of travel

(b) Call sign identifier

(c) Reason for the foot pursuit, such as the crime classification

(d) Number of suspects and description, to include name if known

(e) Whether the suspect is known or believed to be armed with a dangerous weapon

Deputies should be mindful that radio transmissions made while running may be difficult to understand and may need to be repeated.

Absent extenuating circumstances, any deputies unable to promptly and effectively broadcast this information should terminate the foot pursuit. If the foot pursuit is discontinued for any reason, immediate efforts for containment should be established and alternatives considered based upon the circumstances and available resources.

When a foot pursuit terminates, the deputy will notify the dispatcher of his/her location and the status of the pursuit termination (e.g., suspect in custody, lost sight of suspect), and will direct further actions as reasonably appear necessary, to include requesting media aid as needed for deputies, suspects or members of the public.

420.4.2 ASSISTING DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITIES

Whenever any deputy announces that he/she is engaged in a foot pursuit, all other deputies should minimize non-essential radio traffic to permit the involved deputies maximum access to the radio frequency.

Any deputies who are in a position to intercept a fleeing suspect, or who can assist the primary deputy with the apprehension of the suspect, shall act reasonably and in accordance with department policy, based upon available information and his/her own observations.

420.4.3 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Upon becoming aware of a foot pursuit, the supervisor shall make every reasonable effort to ascertain sufficient information necessary to direct responding resources and to take command, control and coordination of the foot pursuit. The supervisor should respond to the area whenever

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possible; the supervisor does not, however, need to be physically present to exercise control over the pursuit. The supervisor shall continuously assess the situation in order to ensure the foot pursuit is conducted within established department guidelines.

The supervisor shall terminate the foot pursuit when the danger to pursuing deputies or the public appears to unreasonably outweigh the objective of immediate apprehension of the suspect.

Upon apprehension of the suspect, the supervisor shall promptly proceed to the termination point to direct the post-foot pursuit activity.

420.4.4 DISPATCH RESPONSIBILITIES

Upon being notified or becoming aware that a foot pursuit is in progress, the dispatcher is responsible for:

(a) Clearing the radio channel of non-emergency traffic.

(b) Coordinating pursuit communications of the involved deputies.

(c) Broadcasting pursuit updates as well as other pertinent information as necessary.

(d) Ensuring that a field supervisor is notified of the foot pursuit.

(e) Notifying and coordinating with other involved or affected agencies as practicable.

(f) Notifying the Enforcement Lieutenant as soon as practicable.

(g) Assigning an incident number and logging all pursuit activities.

420.5 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The initiating deputy shall complete the appropriate crime/arrest reports documenting, at minimum, the following:

(a) Date and time of the foot pursuit.

(b) Initial reason and circumstances surrounding the foot pursuit.

(c) Course and approximate distance of the foot pursuit.

(d) Alleged offenses.

(e) Involved vehicles and deputies.

(f) Whether a suspect was apprehended as well as the means and methods used.

    1. Any use of force shall be reported and documented in compliance with the Use of Force Policy.

(g) Any injuries and/or medical treatment.

(h) Any property or equipment damage.

(i) Name of the supervisor at the scene or who handled the incident.

Assisting deputies taking an active role in the apprehension of the suspect shall complete supplemental reports as necessary or as directed.

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The supervisor reviewing the report will make a preliminary determination that the pursuit appears to be in compliance with this policy or that additional review and/or follow-up is warranted.

In any case in which a suspect is not apprehended and there is insufficient information to support further investigation, a supervisor may authorize that the initiating deputy need not complete a formal report.

420.6 POLICY

It is the policy of this department that deputies, when deciding to initiate or continue a foot pursuit, continuously balance the objective of apprehending the suspect with the risk and potential for injury to department members, the public or the suspect.

Deputies are expected to act reasonably, based on the totality of the circumstances.

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Homeless Persons

421.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that personnel understand the needs and rights of the homeless and to establish procedures to guide deputies during all contacts with the homeless, whether consensual or for enforcement purposes. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office recognizes that members of the homeless community are often in need of special protection and services. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will address these needs in balance with the overall missions of this department. Therefore, deputies will consider the following policy sections when serving the homeless community.

421.1.1 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services to all members of the community while protecting the rights, dignity and private property of the homeless. Homelessness is not a crime and members of this department will not use homelessness solely as a basis for detention or law enforcement action.

421.2 HOMELESS COMMUNITY LIAISON

The Sheriff will designate a member of this department to act as the Homeless Liaison Deputy. The responsibilities of the Homeless Liaison Deputy include the following:

(a) Maintain and make available to all department employees a list of assistance programs and other resources that are available to the homeless.

(b) Meet with Social Services and representatives of other organizations that render assistance to the homeless.

(c) Maintain a list of those areas within and near this jurisdiction that are used as frequent homeless encampments.

(d) Remain abreast of laws dealing with the removal and/or destruction of the personal property of the homeless. This will include the following:

    1. Proper posting of notices of trespass and clean-up operations.

    2. Proper retention of property after clean-up, to include procedures for owners to reclaim their property in accordance with Policy Section 804 and other established procedures.

(e) Be present during any clean-up operation conducted by this department involving the removal of personal property of the homeless to ensure the rights of the homeless are not violated.

(f) Develop training to assist deputies in understanding current legal and social issues relating to the homeless.

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421.3 FIELD CONTACTS

Deputies are encouraged to contact the homeless for purposes of rendering aid, support and for community-oriented policing purposes. Nothing in this policy is meant to dissuade a deputy from taking reasonable enforcement action when facts support a reasonable suspicion of criminal activity. However, when encountering a homeless person who has committed a non-violent misdemeanor and continued freedom is not likely to result in a continuation of the offense or a breach of the peace deputies are encouraged to consider long-term solutions to problems that may relate to the homeless, such as shelter referrals and counseling in lieu of physical arrest.

Deputies should provide homeless persons with resource and assistance information whenever it is reasonably apparent such services may be appropriate.

421.3.1 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Homeless members of the community will receive the same level and quality of service provided to other members of the community. The fact that a victim or witness is homeless can, however, require special considerations for a successful investigation and prosecution. Deputies should consider the following when handling investigations involving homeless victims, witnesses or suspects:

(a) Document alternate contact information. This may include obtaining addresses and phone numbers of relatives and friends.

(b) Document places the homeless person may frequent.

(c) Provide homeless victims with victim/witness resources when appropriate.

(d) Obtain statements from all available witnesses in the event a homeless victim is unavailable for a court appearance.

(e) Consider whether the person may be a dependent adult or elder and if so, proceed in accordance with the Adult Abuse Policy.

(f) Arrange for transportation for investigation related matters, such as medical exams and court appearances.

(g) Consider whether a crime should be reported and submitted for prosecution even when a homeless victim indicates he/she does not desire prosecution.

421.4 HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS

Deputies who encounter encampments, bedding or other personal property in public areas that reasonably appears to belong to a homeless person should not immediately remove or destroy such property and should inform the department Homeless Liaison Deputy if such property appears to involve a trespass, blight to the community or is the subject of a complaint. When practicable, requests by the public for clean-up operations of a homeless encampment should be referred to the Homeless Liaison Deputy.

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421.4.1 HOMELESS CAMPS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Prior to removing homeless individuals from an established campsite on public property, deputies shall:

(a) If individuals are present, advise violators that they are camping on public property and such encampments are illegal.

(b) Post the area with a notice in English and Spanish advising the violators to vacate within 24 hours. This same notice shall list a local agency that delivers social services to homeless individuals.

(c) Notify the agency listed on the posting of the campsite's location.

(d) Obtain a case number and prepare a police report documenting the incident.

The 24-hour warning notice requirement is not necessary if deputies reasonably believe that illegal activity unrelated to the camping violation is occurring or in the event of an exceptional emergency such as a possible site contamination by hazardous materials, or when there is immediate danger to human life or safety (ORS 203.079).

421.4.2 CAMPING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Camping on private property without the owner's permission should be handled as a trespass complaint. Owners of private property may allow individuals to camp, provided they do so in a manner consistent with provisions of the Columbia Camping Ordinance.

421.4.3 CAMPING IN COUNTY PARKS

Illegal campers found in County parks during hours the parks are closed may be cited or arrested for violation of park rules.

421.5 PERSONAL PROPERTY

The personal property of homeless persons must not be treated differently than the property of other members of the public. Deputies should use reasonable care when handling, collecting and retaining the personal property of homeless persons and should not destroy or discard the personal property of a homeless person.

When a homeless person is arrested, or otherwise removed from a public place, deputies should make reasonable accommodations to permit the person to lawfully secure his/her personal property. Otherwise, the arrestee's personal property should be collected for safekeeping. If the arrestee has more personal property than can reasonably be collected and transported by the deputy, a supervisor should be consulted. The property should be photographed and measures should be taken to remove or secure the property. It will be the supervisor's responsibility to coordinate the removal and safekeeping of the property. Items that have no apparent utility or are in an unsanitary condition may be immediately discarded upon removal of the homeless individual(s) from the camp site (ORS 203.079(d)).

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All property collected for safekeeping shall be stored for a minimum of 30 days. The evidence technician shall ensure that reasonable efforts are made to inform the owner of status of the property and inform him/her of how and when such property may be claimed (ORS 203.079(d)).

Deputies should not conduct or assist in clean-up operations of belongings that reasonably appear to be the property of homeless persons without the prior authorization of a supervisor or the department Homeless Liaison Deputy.

421.6 MENTAL ILLNESSES AND MENTAL IMPAIRMENTS

Some homeless persons may suffer from a mental illness or a mental impairment. Deputies shall not detain a homeless person under a mental illness commitment unless facts and circumstances warrant such a detention.

When a mental illness hold is not warranted, the contacting deputy should provide the homeless person with contact information for mental health assistance as appropriate. In these circumstances, deputies may provide transportation to a mental health specialist if the person consents and approved by a supervisor.

421.7 ECOLOGICAL ISSUES

Sometimes homeless encampments can impact the ecology and natural resources of the community and may involve criminal offenses beyond mere littering. Deputies are encouraged to notify other appropriate agencies or departments when a significant impact to the environment has or is likely to occur. Significant impacts to the environment may warrant a crime report, investigation, supporting photographs and supervisor notification.

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Public Recording of Law Enforcement Activity

422.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for handling situations in which members of the public photograph or audio/video record law enforcement actions and other public activities that involve members of this department. In addition, this policy provides guidelines for situations where the recordings may be evidence.

422.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office recognizes the right of persons to lawfully record members of this department who are performing their official duties. Members of this department will not prohibit or intentionally interfere with such lawful recordings. Any recordings that are deemed to be evidence of a crime or relevant to an investigation will only be collected or seized lawfully.

Deputies should exercise restraint and should not resort to highly discretionary arrests for offenses such as interference, failure to comply or disorderly conduct as a means of preventing someone from exercising the right to record members performing their official duties.

422.3 RECORDING LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

Members of the public who wish to record law enforcement activities are limited only in certain aspects.

(a) Recordings may be made from any public place or any private property where the individual has the legal right to be present (ORS 165.540).

(b) Beyond the act of photographing or recording, individuals may not interfere with the law enforcement activity. Examples of interference include, but are not limited to:

1. Tampering with a witness or suspect.
2. Inciting others to violate the law.
3. Being so close to the activity as to present a clear safety hazard to the deputies.
4. Being so close to the activity as to interfere with a deputy’s effective communication with a suspect or witness.

(c) The individual may not present an undue safety risk to the deputies, him/herself or others.

422.4 OFFICER/DEPUTY RESPONSE

Deputies should promptly request that a supervisor respond to the scene whenever it appears that anyone recording activities may be interfering with an investigation or it is believed that the recording may be evidence. If practicable, deputies should wait for the supervisor to arrive before taking enforcement action or seizing any cameras or recording media.

Whenever practicable, deputies or supervisors should give clear and concise warnings to individuals who are conducting themselves in a manner that would cause their recording or behavior to be unlawful. Accompanying the warnings should be clear directions on what an

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individual can do to be compliant; directions should be specific enough to allow compliance. For example, rather than directing an individual to clear the area, a deputy could advise the person that he/she may continue observing and recording from the sidewalk across the street.

If an arrest or other significant enforcement activity is taken as the result of a recording that interferes with law enforcement activity, deputies shall document in a report the nature and extent of the interference or other unlawful behavior and the warnings that were issued.

422.5 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

A supervisor should respond to the scene when requested or any time the circumstances indicate a likelihood of interference or other unlawful behavior.

The supervisor should review the situation with the deputy and:

(a) Request any additional assistance as needed to ensure a safe environment.

(b) Take a lead role in communicating with individuals who are observing or recording regarding any appropriate limitations on their location or behavior. When practical, the encounter should be recorded.

(c) When practicable, allow adequate time for individuals to respond to requests for a change of location or behavior.

(d) Ensure that any enforcement, seizure or other actions are consistent with this policy and constitutional and state law.

(e) Explain alternatives for individuals who wish to express concern about the conduct of Department members, such as how and where to file a complaint.

422.6 SEIZING RECORDINGS AS EVIDENCE

Deputies should not seize recording devices or media unless ("First Amendment Privacy Protection, Unlawful Acts", 42 USC § 2000aa):

(a) There is probable cause to believe the person recording has committed or is committing a crime to which the recording relates, and the recording is reasonably necessary for prosecution of the person.

    1. Absent exigency or consent, a warrant should be sought before seizing or viewing such recordings. Reasonable steps may be taken to prevent erasure of the recording.

(b) There is reason to believe that the immediate seizure of such recordings is necessary to prevent serious bodily injury or death of any person.

(c) The person consents.

    1. To ensure that the consent is voluntary, the request should not be made in a threatening or coercive manner.

    2. If the original recording is provided, a copy of the recording should be provided to the recording party, if practicable. The recording party should be permitted to be present while the copy is being made, if feasible. Another way to obtain the evidence is to transmit a copy of the recording from a device to a department-owned device.

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Recording devices and media that are seized will be submitted within the guidelines of the Property and Evidence Policy.

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First Amendment Assemblies

423.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidance for responding to public assemblies or demonstrations.

423.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office respects the rights of people to peaceably assemble. It is the policy of this department not to unreasonably interfere with, harass, intimidate or discriminate against persons engaged in the lawful exercise of their rights, while also preserving the peace, protecting life and preventing the destruction of property.

423.3 GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Individuals or groups present on the public way, such as public facilities, streets or walkways, generally have the right to assemble, rally, demonstrate, protest or otherwise express their views and opinions through varying forms of communication, including the distribution of printed matter. These rights may be limited by laws or ordinances regulating such matters as the obstruction of individual or vehicle access or egress, trespass, noise, picketing, distribution of handbills and leafleting, and loitering. However, deputies shall not take action or fail to take action based on the opinions being expressed.

Participant behavior during a demonstration or other public assembly can vary. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Lawful, constitutionally protected actions and speech.
- Civil disobedience (typically involving minor criminal acts).
- Rioting.

All of these behaviors may be present during the same event. Therefore, it is imperative that law enforcement actions are measured and appropriate for the behaviors deputies may encounter. This is particularly critical if force is being used. Adaptable strategies and tactics are essential.

The purpose of a law enforcement presence at the scene of public assemblies and demonstrations should be to preserve the peace, to protect life and prevent the destruction of property.

Deputies should not:

(a) Engage in assembly or demonstration-related discussion with participants.

(b) Harass, confront or intimidate participants.

(c) Seize the cameras, cell phones or materials of participants or observers unless a deputy is placing a person under lawful arrest.

Supervisors should continually observe department members under their commands to ensure that members' interaction with participants and their response to crowd dynamics is appropriate.

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423.3.1 PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO RECORDINGS

Photographs and video recording, when appropriate, can serve a number of purposes, including support of criminal prosecutions by documenting criminal acts; assistance in evaluating department performance; serving as training material; recording the use of dispersal orders; and facilitating a response to allegations of improper law enforcement conduct.

Photographs and videos will not be used or retained for the sole purpose of collecting or maintaining information about the political, religious or social views of associations, or the activities of any individual, group, association, organization, corporation, business or partnership, unless such information directly relates to an investigation of criminal activities and there is reasonable suspicion that the subject of the information is involved in criminal conduct.

423.4 UNPLANNED EVENTS

When responding to an unplanned or spontaneous public gathering, the first responding deputy should conduct an assessment of conditions, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Location
- Number of participants
- Apparent purpose of the event
- Leadership (whether it is apparent and/or whether it is effective)
- Any initial indicators of unlawful or disruptive activity
- Indicators that lawful use of public facilities, streets or walkways will be impacted
- Ability and/or need to continue monitoring the incident

Initial assessment information should be promptly communicated to Dispatch, and the assignment of a supervisor should be requested. Additional resources should be requested as appropriate. The responding supervisor shall assume command of the incident until command is expressly assumed by another, and the assumption of command is communicated to the involved members. A clearly defined command structure that is consistent with the Incident Command System (ICS) should be established as resources are deployed.

423.5 PLANNED EVENT PREPARATION

For planned events, comprehensive, incident-specific operational plans should be developed. The ICS should be considered for such events.

423.5.1 INFORMATION GATHERING AND ASSESSMENT

In order to properly assess the potential impact of a public assembly or demonstration on public safety and order, relevant information should be collected and vetted. This may include:

- Information obtained from outreach to group organizers or leaders.
- Information about past and potential unlawful conduct associated with the event or similar events.

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- The potential time, duration, scope and type of planned activities.
- Any other information related to the goal of providing a balanced response to criminal activity and the protection of public safety interests.

Information should be obtained in a transparent manner, and the sources documented. Relevant information should be communicated to the appropriate parties in a timely manner.

Information will be obtained in a lawful manner and will not be based solely on the purpose or content of the assembly or demonstration, or the race, ethnicity, national origin or religion of the participants (or any other characteristic that is unrelated to criminal conduct or the identification of a criminal subject).

423.5.2 OPERATIONAL PLANS

An operational planning team with responsibility for event planning and management should be established. The planning team should develop an operational plan for the event.

The operational plan will minimally provide for:

(a) Command assignments, chain of command structure, roles and responsibilities.

(b) Staffing and resource allocation.

(c) Management of criminal investigations

(d) Designation of uniform of the day and related safety equipment (e.g., helmets, shields).

(e) Deployment of specialized resources.

(f) Event communications and interoperability in a multijurisdictional event.

(g) Liaison with demonstration leaders and external agencies.

(h) Liaison with County government and legal staff.

(i) Media relations.

(j) Logistics: food, fuel, replacement equipment, duty hours, relief and transportation.

(k) Traffic management plans.

(l) First aid and emergency medical service provider availability.

(m) Prisoner transport and detention.

(n) Review of policies regarding public assemblies and use of force in crowd control.

(o) Parameters for declaring an unlawful assembly.

(p) Arrest protocol, including management of mass arrests.

(q) Protocol for recording information flow and decisions.

(r) Rules of engagement, including rules of conduct, protocols for field force extraction and arrests, and any authorization required for the use of force.

(s) Protocol for handling complaints during the event.

(t) Parameters for the use of body-worn cameras and other portable recording devices.

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423.5.3 MUTUAL AID AND EXTERNAL RESOURCES
The magnitude and anticipated duration of an event may necessitate interagency cooperation and coordination. The assigned Incident Commander should ensure that any required memorandums of understanding or other agreements are properly executed, and that any anticipated mutual aid is requested and facilitated (see the Outside Agency Assistance Policy).

423.6 UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY DISPERSAL ORDERS

If a public gathering or demonstration remains peaceful and nonviolent, and there is no reasonably imminent threat to persons or property, the Incident Commander should generally authorize continued monitoring of the event.

Should the Incident Commander make a determination that public safety is presently or is about to be jeopardized, he/she or the authorized designee should attempt to verbally persuade event organizers or participants to disperse of their own accord. Warnings and advisements may be communicated through established communications links with leaders and/or participants or to the group.

When initial attempts at verbal persuasion are unsuccessful, the Incident Commander or the authorized designee should make a clear standardized announcement to the gathering that the event is an unlawful assembly, and should order the dispersal of the participants. The announcement should be communicated by whatever methods are reasonably available to ensure that the content of the message is clear and that it has been heard by the participants. The announcement should be amplified, made in different languages as appropriate, made from multiple locations in the affected area and documented by audio and video. The announcement should provide information about what law enforcement actions will take place if illegal behavior continues and should identify routes for egress. A reasonable time to disperse should be allowed following a dispersal order.

423.7 USE OF FORCE

Use of force is governed by current department policy and applicable law (see the Use of Force, Handcuffing and Restraints, Control Devices and Techniques, and Conducted Energy Device policies).

Individuals refusing to comply with lawful orders (e.g., nonviolent refusal to disperse) should be given a clear verbal warning and a reasonable opportunity to comply. If an individual refuses to comply with lawful orders, the Incident Commander shall evaluate the type of resistance and adopt a reasonable response in order to accomplish the law enforcement mission (such as dispersal or arrest of those acting in violation of the law). Control devices and [EMDT device]s should be considered only when the participants' conduct reasonably appears to present the potential to harm deputies, themselves or others, or will result in substantial property loss or damage (see the Control Devices and Techniques and the Conducted Energy Device policies).

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Force or control devices, including oleoresin capsaicin (OC), should be directed toward individuals and not toward groups or crowds, unless specific individuals cannot reasonably be targeted due to extreme circumstances, such as a riotous crowd.

Any use of force by a member of this department shall be documented promptly, completely and accurately in an appropriate report. The type of report required may depend on the nature of the incident.

423.8 ARRESTS

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office should respond to unlawful behavior in a manner that is consistent with the operational plan. If practicable, warnings or advisements should be communicated prior to arrest.

Mass arrests should be employed only when alternate tactics and strategies have been or reasonably appear likely to be unsuccessful. Mass arrests shall only be undertaken upon the order of the Incident Commander or the authorized designee. There must be probable cause for each arrest.

If employed, mass arrest protocols should fully integrate:

(a) Reasonable measures to address the safety of deputies and arrestees.

(b) Dedicated arrest, booking and report writing teams.

(c) Timely access to medical care.

(d) Timely access to legal resources.

(e) Timely processing of arrestees.

(f) Full accountability for arrestees and evidence.

(g) Coordination and cooperation with the prosecuting authority, jail and courts (see the Citation Releases Policy).

423.9 MEDIA RELATIONS

The Public Information Officer should use all available avenues of communication, including press releases, briefings, press conferences and social media to maintain open channels of communication with media representatives and the public about the status and progress of the event, taking all opportunities to reassure the public about the professional management of the event (see the Media Relations Policy).

423.10 DEMOBILIZATION

When appropriate, the Incident Commander or the authorized designee should implement a phased and orderly withdrawal of law enforcement resources. All relieved personnel should promptly complete any required reports, including use of force reports, and account for all issued equipment and vehicles to their supervisors prior to returning to normal operational duties.

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423.11 POST EVENT

The Incident Commander should designate a member to assemble full documentation of the event, to include the following:

(a) Operational plan

(b) Any incident logs

(c) Any assignment logs

(d) Vehicle, fuel, equipment and supply records

(e) Incident, arrest, use of force, injury and property damage reports

(f) Photographs, audio/video recordings, Dispatch records/tapes

(g) Media accounts (print and broadcast media)

423.11.1 AFTER-ACTION REPORTING

The Incident Commander should work with County legal counsel, as appropriate, to prepare a comprehensive after-action report of the event, explaining all incidents where force was used including the following:

(a) Date, time and description of the event

(b) Actions taken and outcomes (e.g., injuries, property damage, arrests)

(c) Problems identified

(d) Significant events

(e) Recommendations for improvement; opportunities for training should be documented in a generic manner, without identifying individuals or specific incidents, facts or circumstances.

423.12 TRAINING

Department members should receive periodic training regarding this policy, as well as the dynamics of crowd control and incident management. The Department should, when practicable, train with its external and mutual aid partners.

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Chapter 5 - Traffic Operations

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Traffic Function and Responsibility

500.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The ultimate goal of traffic law enforcement is to reduce traffic collisions. This may be achieved through the application of such techniques as geographic/temporal assignment of personnel and equipment and the establishment of preventive patrols to deal with specific categories of unlawful driving behavior. Traffic enforcement techniques are based on accident data, enforcement activity records, traffic volume, and traffic conditions. This department provides enforcement efforts toward violations, not only in proportion to the frequency of their occurrence in accident situations, but also in terms of traffic-related needs.

500.2 TRAFFIC PATROL DEPLOYMENT

Several factors are considered in the development of deployment schedules for deputies of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. Information provided by the Department of Motor Vehicles and Oregon Department of Transportation is a valuable resource for traffic accident occurrences and therefore deputy deployment. Some of the factors for analysis include:

- Location
- Time
- Day
- Violation factors

All deputies assigned to patrol or traffic enforcement functions will emphasize enforcement of accident causing violations during high accident hours and at locations of occurrence. All deputies will take directed enforcement action on request, and random enforcement action when appropriate against violators as a matter of routine. All deputies shall maintain high visibility while working general enforcement, especially at high accident locations.

Other factors to be considered for deployment are citizen requests, construction zones or special events.

500.3 ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement actions are commensurate with applicable laws and take into account the degree and severity of the violation committed. This department does not establish ticket quotas and the number of arrests or citations issued by any deputy shall not be used as the sole criterion for evaluating a deputy's overall performance. The visibility and quality of a deputy’s work effort will be commensurate with the philosophy of this policy. Deputies attempting to enforce traffic laws shall be in Columbia County Sheriff's Office uniform or shall conspicuously display an official identification card showing the deputy's lawful authority (ORS 810.400). Several methods are effective in the reduction of collisions:

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500.3.1 WARNINGS

Warnings or other non-punitive enforcement actions should be considered in each situation and substituted for arrests or citations when circumstances warrant, especially in the case of inadvertent violations.

500.3.2 CITATIONS

Citations may be issued when a deputy believes it is appropriate. It is essential that deputies fully explain the rights and requirements imposed on motorists upon issuance of a citation for a traffic violation. Deputies should provide the following information at a minimum:

(a) Explanation of the violation or charge.

(b) Court appearance procedure including the optional or mandatory appearance by the motorist.

(c) Notice of whether the motorist can enter a plea and pay the fine by mail or at the court.

Deputies at the scene of a traffic accident and, based upon the deputy's personal investigation, having reasonable grounds to believe that a person involved in the accident has committed a traffic offense in connection with the accident, may issue the person a citation for that offense (ORS 810.410(4)).

500.3.3 PHYSICAL ARREST

Deputy may arrest or issue a citation to a person for a traffic crime at any place within the state. Generally, physical arrests are limited to major traffic offenses such as:

(a) Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants.

(b) Hit-and-Run.

(c) Attempting to Elude.

(d) Reckless Driving with extenuating circumstances.

(e) Situations where a violator refuses or cannot satisfactorily identify him/herself and therefore cannot be issued a citation.

500.4 SUSPENDED OR REVOKED DRIVERS LICENSES

If a deputy contacts a traffic violator for driving on a suspended or revoked license, the deputy may issue a traffic citation pursuant to ORS 810.410.

Deputies should attempt to interview the violator to obtain evidence that the violator knew their license was suspended. Ask if the violator is still living at the address on file with DMV and if not, how long since they moved and why they haven't notified DMV of their new address.

If a computer check of a traffic violator's license status reveals a suspended or revoked drivers license and the traffic violator still has his or her license in possession, the license shall be seized by the deputy and the violator may also be cited for Failure to Return a Suspended License if evidence shows they knew they were suspended (ORS 809.500).

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500.5 HIGH-VISIBILITY VESTS

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office has provided American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Class II high-visibility vests to increase the visibility of department members who may be exposed to hazards presented by passing traffic, maneuvering or operating vehicles, machinery and equipment (23 CFR 655.601).

Although intended primarily for use while performing traffic related assignments, high-visibility vests should be worn at any time increased visibility would improve the safety or efficiency of the member.

500.5.1 REQUIRED USE

Except when working in a potentially adversarial or confrontational role, such as during vehicle stops, high-visibility vests should be worn at any time it is anticipated that an employee will be exposed to the hazards of approaching traffic or construction and recovery equipment. Examples of when high-visibility vests should be worn include traffic control duties, accident investigations, lane closures and while at disaster scenes, or anytime high visibility is desirable. When emergency conditions preclude the immediate donning of the vest, deputies should retrieve and wear the vest as soon as conditions reasonably permit. Use of the vests shall also be mandatory when directed by a supervisor.

Vests maintained in the investigation units may be used any time a plainclothes deputy might benefit from being readily identified as a member of law enforcement.

500.5.2 CARE AND STORAGE OF HIGH-VISIBILITY VESTS

A high-visibility vest shall be maintained in the trunk of each patrol and investigation unit, in the side box of each sheriff's motorcycle and in the saddlebag or gear bag of each sheriff's bicycle. Each vest should be stored inside the resealable plastic bag provided to protect and maintain the vest in a serviceable condition. Before going into service each employee shall ensure a serviceable high-visibility vest is properly stored.

A supply of high-visibility vests will be maintained in the equipment room for replacement of damaged or unserviceable vests. The Undersheriff should be promptly notified whenever the supply of vests in the equipment room needs replenishing.

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Traffic Collision Reporting

501.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office prepares traffic collision reports in compliance with Oregon Revised Statutes 810.460 relating to reports of traffic accidents to the Oregon Department of Transportation and, as a public service makes traffic collision reports available to the community with some exceptions.

501.2 REPORTING SITUATIONS

501.2.1 TRAFFIC COLLISIONS INVOLVING COUNTY VEHICLES

Traffic collision investigation reports shall be taken when a County-owned vehicle is involved in a traffic collision upon a roadway or highway wherein any damage or injury results. A general information report may be taken in lieu of a traffic collision report at the direction of a supervisor when the collision occurs on private property or does not involve another vehicle. Whenever there is damage to a County vehicle, a Vehicle Damage Report shall be completed and forwarded to the appropriate supervisor.

Photographs of the collision scene and vehicle damage shall be taken.

501.2.2 TRAFFIC COLLISIONS INVOLVING DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

When an employee of this department, either on-duty or off-duty, is involved in a traffic collision within the County limits of Columbia resulting in a serious injury or fatality, the Enforcement Lieutenant may notify the Oregon State Police for assistance.

The term serious injury is defined as any injury that results in hospitalization.

501.2.3 TRAFFIC COLLISIONS INVOLVING OTHER COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OFFICIALS

The Enforcement Lieutenant may request assistance from the Oregon State Police for the investigation of any traffic collision involving any Columbia official or employee where a serious injury or fatality has occurred.

501.2.4 TRAFFIC COLLISIONS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Traffic collision reports shall not be taken for collisions occurring on private property unless there is a death or injury to any person involved, a hit-and-run violation, or a deputy issues a citation for a traffic violation. A Miscellaneous Report may be taken at the discretion of any supervisor.

501.2.5 TRAFFIC COLLISIONS ON ROADWAYS OR HIGHWAYS

Traffic collision reports shall be taken when they occur on a roadway or highway within this jurisdiction in the following cases:

(a) There is a death, or injury to any person involved in the collision.

(b) A deputy issues a citation for a violation of the Vehicle Code.

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(c) The accident is initially reported by a garage operator who has received a vehicle involved in a serious accident or exhibiting evidence of having been struck by a bullet (Oregon Revised Statutes 822.600).

(d) All hit-and-run violations as defined by Oregon Revised Statutes 811.700 and 811.705.

501.2.6 TOWING VEHICLES INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

A collision report will be required if a vehicle is damaged in a collision and a tow truck is necessary. Towing of a vehicle from a collision scene at the request of the driver when the vehicle would not otherwise be in need of towing, does not require a traffic collision report under this policy unless the incident meets the criteria in the Vehicle Towing policy.

501.3 NOTIFICATION OF SUPERVISOR

In the event of a serious injury or death related traffic collision, the Enforcement Lieutenant may request a Crash Reconstructionist from the Oregon State Police to investigate the traffic collision. The OSP Crime Lab may also be requested to assist with a fatal accident.

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Vehicle Towing

502.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides the procedures for towing a vehicle by or at the direction of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

502.1.1 DEFINITIONS

The sections below deal with two types of actions the Deputy might take. They are;

(a) **Tow:** A tow is the removal of a vehicle for the purpose of clearing a roadway or eliminating an obstruction. The vehicle is usually towed to a tow yard. The Deputy generally has no further interest in the vehicle and the only requirement for the owner to recover the vehicle is to appear at the Sheriff's Office and prove ownership, valid insurance coverage and a valid driver's license.

(b) **Impound:** An impound is a detention of the vehicle for some additional purpose beyond a simple tow. The impound of a vehicle requires legal justification for the impound and requires a fee be paid upon release.

502.2 RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of those deputies impounding or towing a vehicle are as follows.

502.2.1 VEHICLES CONSTITUTING A HAZARD OR OBSTRUCTION

Deputies may take custody of and tow a vehicle that is disabled, abandoned, parked or left standing unattended when it creates a hazard or obstruction. Hazards and obstructions may include vehicles that are (ORS 819.120):

(a) Parked so that any part of the vehicle extends into the paved portion of the travel lane.

(b) Parked so that any part of the vehicle extends into the highway shoulder or bicycle lane of any freeway ORS 819.120 (2)(b).

Deputies should use sound judgment in balancing the need to correct a hazardous situation with the potential hardship to a vehicle owner/operator before towing such a vehicle.

Deputies towing a vehicle shall complete a Towed vehicle Report. A copy is to be given to the operator of the towed vehicle or left with the vehicle and the original is to be submitted along with the incident report to the Records Unit as soon as practicable .

Records Division personnel shall promptly enter pertinent data from the completed vehicle impound report into the state’s Law Enforcement Data Systems (LEDS).

Once a Towed Vehicle Report is approved and forwarded to the Records Unit, it shall be placed into the auto-file at the front desk to be immediately available for release or for information should inquiries be made.

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502.2.2 REMOVAL OF VEHICLE DISABLED IN A TRAFFIC COLLISION

When a vehicle has been involved in a traffic collision and must be removed from the scene, the deputy shall have the driver select a towing company, if possible, and shall relay the request for the specified towing company to the dispatcher. When there is no preferred company requested, a company will be selected from the no preference towing company list in Dispatch.

If the owner is incapacitated, or for any reason it is necessary for the Department to assume responsibility for a vehicle involved in a collision, the deputy shall request the dispatcher to call a no preference towing company. The deputy will then have the vehicle towed to the tow company's storage lot for safekeeping, and complete a Towed Vehicle Report.

502.2.3 DRIVING A NON-COUNTY VEHICLE

Vehicles which have been towed by or at the direction of the Sheriff Department should not be driven by sheriff's personnel unless it is necessary to move the vehicle a short distance to eliminate a hazard, to prevent the obstruction of a fire hydrant, or to comply with posted signs.

502.2.4 DISPATCHER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Upon receiving a request for towing, the dispatcher shall promptly telephone the specified authorized towing service. The deputy shall be advised when the request has been made and the towing service has been dispatched.

502.2.5 NOTICE TO OWNERS

When a vehicle is impounded and towed, records personnel shall mail a copy of the vehicle impound notification letter, along with information describing the location of the vehicle and the procedures for its release, to the legal and registered owners of the stored vehicle within 48 hours after it has been stored, not including Saturdays, Sundays or holidays, unless the vehicle has been previously released (ORS 819.180). The notice shall include:

(a) That the vehicle has been taken into custody and towed; the identity of the appropriate towing authority and the statute, ordinance or rule under which the vehicle has been taken into custody and towed.

(b) The location of the vehicle, or the telephone number and address of the authority that will provide that information.

(c) That the vehicle is subject to towing and storage charges, the amount of charges that have accrued to the date of the notice and the daily storage charges, or the contact name and phone number so that the owners may acquire that information..

(d) That the vehicle and its contents are subject to a lien for payment of the towing and storage charges and that the vehicle and its contents will be sold to cover the charges if the charges are not paid by a date specified by the appropriate authority.

(e) That the owner, possessor or person having an interest in the vehicle and its contents is entitled to a prompt hearing to contest the validity of taking the vehicle into custody and

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towing it, and to contest the reasonableness of the charges for towing and storage if a hearing is requested in a timely manner.

(f) The time within which a hearing must be requested and the method for requesting a hearing.

(g) That the vehicle and its contents may be immediately reclaimed by presentation to the appropriate authority of satisfactory proof of ownership or right to possession, and either payment of the towing and storage charges or the deposit of cash security or a bond equal to the charges with the appropriate authority.

502.2.6 VEHICLE IMPOUNDED AS EVIDENCE

When a vehicle is impounded for evidence, it will generally be towed to the Sheriff's Office and held in a secure storage location, pending further investigation. The owner, possessor or driver of the vehicle should be provided a receipt at the time of the evidence seizure. If no such person was available, records staff should notify the owner(s) of the vehicle that the vehicle has been impounded as evidence using the same notification process as described in section 502.2.5 of this chapter. When contact is made with the person who has a right to possess the vehicle, a receipt should be provided at that time.

502.3 TOWING SERVICES

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office participates in a county-wide system that provides tow services for law enforcement. The Deputy interacts with the Columbia 911 Communications District (CCOM) to arrange for tows. When a Deputy has need of tow services, CCOM will provide the next tow provider on the rotation list for that particular region of the county. Should a Deputy desire a specific tow provider for a needed tow, the Deputy may specify which provider is desired for that tow.

502.3.1 NO PREFERENCE TOW SERVICES

A NON-PREFERENCE tow should be requested from CCOM whenever a tow is desired and no specific tow provider is desired.

Any complaint alleging misconduct by tow operator shall be referred to CCOM for follow-up.

The department will assist citizens by calling any towing company desired. If the citizen has no preference and requests towing service, a non-preference tow should be requested for them.

All deputies are specifically prohibited from directly or indirectly soliciting for or recommending any garage or tow service.

502.4 IMPOUND AT ARREST SCENES

Whenever a person in charge or in control of a vehicle is arrested, it is the policy of this department to provide reasonable safekeeping by leaving the vehicle secured and lawfully parked at the scene or storing the arrestee’s vehicle subject to the exceptions described below. However, the vehicle shall be impounded and stored at the Sheriff's Office, subject to applicable laws and warrant requirements, whenever it is needed for the furtherance of an investigation or prosecution of the case. When the community caretaker doctrine reasonably suggests that the vehicle should be

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stored (e.g., the vehicle would present a traffic hazard if not removed or, due to a high crime area, the vehicle would be in jeopardy of theft or damage if left at the scene).

While the Oregon Revised Statutes may authorize the impoundment of a vehicle for issues such as driving with a suspended or revoked license (ORS 809.720), impounds are only authorized if, in such cases, leaving the vehicle would create a hazard, obstruction or a risk of loss.

The following are examples of situations where the arrestee's vehicle should not be stored, provided the vehicle can be legally parked, left in a reasonably secured and safe condition and the vehicle is not needed for the furtherance of an investigation:

- The vehicle is parked on private property on which the registered owner or operator is legally residing, or the property owner does not object to the vehicle being left parked at that location.
- When the arrestee or a passenger is the registered or legal owner of the vehicle and requests that the vehicle be released to a person who is present, willing and able to legally take control of the vehicle.
- Whenever the vehicle is legally parked and otherwise does not need to be stored and the owner requests that it be left at the scene.

In such cases, the handling employee shall inform the arrestee and note in the report that the Department will not be responsible for theft or damages.

502.5 IMPOUNDS RELATED TO CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Deputies should impound vehicles that are needed for the furtherance of an investigation or prosecution of a case or are otherwise appropriate for seizure under ORS 133.535. State law requires the impounding deputy to take reasonable steps to protect against loss or damage to impounded vehicles and any contents that may have been taken as evidence (ORS 133.537). Deputies should make reasonable efforts to return a recovered stolen vehicle to its owner rather than store it, so long as the vehicle is not needed for evidence.

502.6 VEHICLE INVENTORIES

The contents of all impounded vehicles shall be inventoried in accordance with the following procedure:

(a) An inventory of personal property and the contents of open containers will be conducted throughout the passenger and engine compartments of the vehicle including, but not limited to, the glove box, other accessible areas under or within the dashboard area, any pockets in the doors or in the back of the front seat, in any console between the seats, under any floor mats and under the seats.

(b) In addition to the passenger and engine compartments as described above, an inventory of personal property and the contents of open containers will also be conducted in the following locations:

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1. Any other type of unlocked compartments that are a part of the vehicle including, but not limited to, unlocked glove compartments, unlocked vehicle trunks and unlocked car top containers; and
2. Any locked compartments including, but not limited to, locked glove compartments, locked vehicle trunks, locked hatchbacks and locked car-top containers, provided the keys are available and are to be released with the vehicle to the third-party towing company or an unlocking mechanism for such compartment is available within the vehicle.

(c) Closed containers located either within the vehicle or any of the vehicle's compartments will not be opened for inventory purposes except for the following, which shall be opened for inventory: wallets, purses, coin purses, fanny packs, personal organizers, briefcases or other closed containers designed for carrying money or small valuables, or closed containers which are designed for hazardous materials.

(d) Other closed containers shall be opened and inventoried if the owner acknowledges they contain cash in excess of $10, valuables or a hazardous material.

(e) Any valuables, to include cash in excess of $10 or property valued at more than $200, located during the inventory process will be listed on a property receipt and stored in this agency's property/evidence room. A copy of the property receipt will either be left in the vehicle or tendered to the person in control of the vehicle if such person is present.

(f) The inventory is not a search for evidence of a crime, however, deputies shall seize evidence or contraband located during the inventory. Items should be scrutinized to the extent necessary to complete the inventory.

(g) Tow truck operators are to receive a copy of the tow report.

These inventory procedures are for the purpose of protecting an owner's property while in sheriff's custody, to provide for the safety of deputies, and to protect the Department against fraudulent claims of lost, stolen, or damaged property.

502.7 VEHICLE SEARCHES

Case law regarding search and seizure is ever changing and frequently subject to interpretation under the varying facts of each situation. Vehicle searches should be handled according to current training and a deputy's familiarity with relevant case law. Generally, a search warrant should be sought prior to conducting a search of a vehicle.

Because circumstances under which a warrantless search of a vehicle might be permissible are very limited, and because vehicle searches are subject to many restrictions, deputies should, whenever possible, seek supervisory approval before conducting a warrantless search of a vehicle.

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502.8 SECURITY OF VEHICLES AND PROPERTY

After a thorough inventory of the vehicle has been completed and all contraband, evidence and weapons have been removed the deputy should make reasonable accommodations to permit a driver or owner to retrieve small items of value or personal need (e.g., cash, jewelry, cell phone, prescriptions).

If a search of a vehicle leaves the vehicle or any property contained therein vulnerable to unauthorized entry, theft or damage, search personnel shall take such steps as are reasonably necessary to secure and/or preserve the vehicle or property from such hazards.

502.9 RELEASE CRITERIA

A vehicle impounded under this section shall be released to a person entitled to lawful possession of the vehicle upon compliance with the following:

(a) Proof that a person with valid driving privileges will be operating the vehicle.

(b) Proof of compliance with financial responsibility requirements for the vehicle.

(c) Payment of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office administrative fee and any towing and storage charges.

(d) A security interest holder in the vehicle is not required to comply with (a) and (b) and may obtain release by paying the administrative fee, towing and storage fees.

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Vehicle Impound Hearings

503.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes a procedure for the requirement to provide vehicle storage or impound hearings.

503.2 IMPOUND HEARING

When a vehicle is impounded by any member of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, a hearing will be conducted upon the request of the registered or legal owner of the vehicle or his/her agent.

503.2.1 HEARING PROCEDURES

When requested, a hearing to contest the validity of the impoundment and the reasonableness of the tow will be held as follows (ORS 819.190).

Requests for a hearing on an impounded vehicle shall be submitted in writing to the person designated by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to receive such requests, within five days of the postmarked date on the notice of impound. The request shall state the grounds upon which the person requesting the hearing believes that the custody and towing of the vehicle was not justified.

An impound hearings officer, designated by this department, will set a time for the hearing within 72 hours of the receipt of the request, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The hearings officer will provide notice of the hearing to the person requesting the hearing, to the impounding deputy and to any owner, lessor or security interest holder shown in the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) records.

An impound hearings officer, designated by this department, shall consider all information provided and shall determine the validity of the impound based on substantial evidence on the record, according to applicable law and department policy. The hearings officer shall then render a decision. The deputy who caused the removal of the vehicle may submit an affidavit to the hearings officer in lieu of a personal appearance.

If the hearings officer decides that the impound was valid, he/she shall order the vehicle held in custody until the cost of the hearing and all reasonable towing and storage costs are paid by the party claiming the vehicle.

If the hearings officer decides that the impound was invalid, he/she shall order the immediate release of the vehicle to the owner or person with right of possession. Such person is not liable for towing or storage charges and shall be reimbursed for such charges if they have already been paid. New storage costs will not start to accrue until more than 24 hours after the time the vehicle is officially released (ORS 819.190).

If a decision is made that the impound was invalid and the vehicle has been released with fees having been paid, the receipt for such fees will be forwarded to the appropriate [Division Commander] for reimbursement by this department to the appropriate party.

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Impaired Driving

504.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidance to those department members who play a role in the detection and investigation of driving under the influence (DUI).

504.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office is committed to the safety of the roadways and the community and will pursue fair but aggressive enforcement of Oregon’s impaired driving laws.

504.3 INVESTIGATIONS

Deputies should not enforce DUI laws to the exclusion of their other duties unless specifically assigned to DUI enforcement. All deputies are expected to enforce these laws with due diligence.

The Enforcement Lieutenant will develop and maintain, in consultation with the prosecuting attorney, report forms with appropriate checklists to assist investigating deputies in documenting relevant information and maximizing efficiency. Any DUI investigation will be documented using these forms. Information documented elsewhere on the form does not need to be duplicated in the report narrative. Information that should be documented includes, at a minimum:

(a) The field sobriety tests (FSTs) administered and the results.

(b) The deputy’s observations that indicate impairment on the part of the individual, and the deputy’s health-related inquiries that may help to identify any serious health concerns (e.g., diabetic shock).

(c) Sources of additional information (e.g., reporting party, witnesses) and their observations.

(d) Information about any audio and/or video recording of the individual’s driving or subsequent actions.

(e) The location and time frame of the individual’s vehicle operation and how this was determined.

(f) Any prior related convictions in Oregon or another jurisdiction.

504.4 CHEMICAL TESTS

A person implies consent under Oregon law to a chemical test or tests, and to providing the associated chemical sample, under any of the following (ORS 813.100):

(a) The arresting deputy has reasonable grounds to believe that the person was DUI.

(b) The person is arrested for DUI and takes a breath test that discloses a blood alcohol content of less than 0.08 percent (ORS 813.131).

(c) The person is arrested for DUI and was involved in an accident resulting in injury or property damage (ORS 813.131).

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(d) The person is receiving medical care at a health care facility immediately after a motor vehicle accident and the arresting deputy has reasonable grounds to believe that the person was DUI.

If a person withdraws this implied consent, or is unable to withdraw consent (e.g., the person is unconscious), the deputy should consider implied consent revoked and proceed as though the person has refused to provide a chemical sample.

504.4.1 BREATH SAMPLES

The Enforcement Lieutenant should ensure that all devices used for the collection and analysis of breath samples are properly serviced and tested, and that a record of such service and testing is properly maintained.

Deputies obtaining a breath sample should monitor the device for any sign of malfunction. Any anomalies or equipment failures should be noted in the appropriate report and promptly reported to the Enforcement Lieutenant.

504.4.2 BLOOD SAMPLES

Only persons authorized by law to draw blood shall collect blood samples (ORS 813.160). The blood draw should be witnessed by the assigned deputy. No deputy, even if properly certified, should perform this task.

Deputies should inform an arrestee that if he/she chooses to provide a blood sample, a separate sample can be collected for alternate testing. Unless medical personnel object, two samples should be collected and retained as evidence, so long as only one puncture is required.

The blood sample shall be packaged, marked, handled, stored and transported as required by the testing facility.

If an arrestee cannot submit to a blood test because he/she has a bleeding disorder or has taken medication that inhibits coagulation, he/she shall not be required to take a blood test. Such inability to take a blood test should not be considered a refusal. However, that arrestee may be required to complete another available and viable test.

504.4.3 URINE SAMPLES

If a urine test will be performed, the arrestee should be promptly transported to the appropriate testing site. The deputy shall follow any directions accompanying the urine evidence collection kit.

The sample shall be packaged, marked, handled, stored and transported as required by the testing facility.

504.4.4 STATUTORY NOTIFICATIONS

Prior to administering any tests, the person shall be informed of the rights and consequences for DUI and refusals of testing (ORS 813.100; ORS 813.130; ORS 813.135).

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504.4.5 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR URINE SAMPLES
A deputy may not request that a person submit to a urine test unless the deputy is certified by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training as having completed the required training in the recognition of drug impaired driving. The deputy must also have a reasonable suspicion to believe that the person arrested has been driving under the influence of a controlled substance, an inhalant or any combination of an inhalant, a controlled substance and intoxicating liquor (ORS 813.131).

The person providing the urine sample shall be given privacy and may not be observed by the deputy when providing the sample (ORS 813.131).

504.4.6 ADDITIONAL TESTING
A deputy requesting that a person submit to a chemical test shall also provide the person, upon request, with a reasonable opportunity to have a qualified medical professional of their choosing administer an additional chemical test. The test may be of the person's breath or blood if alcohol concentration is in issue or of the person's blood or urine if the presence of a controlled substance or inhalant in the person's body is in issue (ORS 813.150).

504.5 REFUSALS
When an arrestee refuses to provide a chemical sample, deputies should:

(a) Advise the arrestee of the requirement to provide a sample (ORS 813.100; ORS 813.130; ORS 813.131; ORS 813.135).

(b) Audio- and/or video-record the admonishment and the response when it is legal and practicable.

(c) Document the refusal in the appropriate report.

504.5.1 STATUTORY NOTIFICATIONS UPON REFUSAL
Upon refusal to submit to a chemical test as required by law, deputies shall personally serve the written notice of intent to suspend upon the person and take possession of any state-issued license to operate a motor vehicle that is held by that person (ORS 813.100).

504.5.2 BLOOD SAMPLE WITHOUT CONSENT
A blood sample may be obtained from a person who refuses a chemical test when any of the following conditions exist:

(a) A search warrant has been obtained (ORS 813.100).

(b) The deputy can articulate that exigent circumstances exist. Exigency does not exist solely because of the short time period associated with the natural dissipation of alcohol or controlled or prohibited substances in the person's bloodstream. Exigency can be established by the existence of special facts, such as a lengthy time delay in obtaining a blood sample due to an accident investigation or medical treatment of the person.

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504.5.3 FORCED BLOOD SAMPLE

If an arrestee indicates by word or action that he/she will physically resist a blood draw, the deputy should request a supervisor to respond.

The responding supervisor should:

(a) Evaluate whether using force to obtain a blood sample is appropriate under the circumstances.

(b) Ensure that all attempts to obtain a blood sample through force cease if the person agrees to, and completes a viable form of testing in a timely manner.

(c) Advise the person of his/her duty to provide a sample (even if this advisement was previously done by another deputy) and attempt to persuade the individual to submit to such a sample without physical resistance.

    1. This dialogue should be recorded on audio and/or video when legal and practicable.

(d) Ensure that the blood sample is taken in a medically approved manner.

(e) Ensure the forced blood draw is recorded on audio and/or video when practicable.

(f) Monitor and ensure that the type and level of force applied appears reasonable under the circumstances:

    1. Unless otherwise provided in a warrant, force should generally be limited to handcuffing or similar restraint methods.

    2. In misdemeanor cases, if the arrestee becomes violent or more resistant, no additional force will be used and a refusal should be noted in the report.

    3. In felony cases, force which reasonably appears necessary to overcome the resistance to the blood draw may be permitted.

(g) Ensure the use of force and methods used to accomplish the collection of the blood sample are documented in the related report.

If a supervisor is unavailable, deputies are expected to use sound judgment and perform as a responding supervisor, as set forth above.

504.6 ARREST AND INVESTIGATION

504.6.1 DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITIES

If a person refuses to submit to a chemical test or if a test discloses that the person had a prohibited alcohol concentration in the person’s blood, the investigating deputy shall cause the following items to be forwarded to the Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division of the Department of Transportation (DMV) within 10 days of the arrest (ORS 813.100; OAR 735-090-0040):

- The completed Implied Consent Form.
- Any confiscated license or permit belonging to the person.

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- A copy of the written report that complies with ORS 813.120.

A deputy confiscating a person's license pursuant to state DUI laws shall provide the person with a temporary driving permit unless (ORS 813.100; ORS 813.110):

- The driving privileges of the person were suspended, revoked or canceled at the time the person was arrested.
- The person whose license was confiscated was operating on an invalid license.
- The person was not entitled to driving privileges at the time of the arrest for any other reason.
- The person holds a license or permit granting driving privileges that was issued by another state or jurisdiction and that is not confiscated.

504.6.2 OFFENSE FOR REFUSAL
If a person refuses to submit to a breath or urine test, the arresting deputy may charge the person with a separate offense (ORS 813.095).

504.7 RECORDS UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Support Services Supervisor will ensure that all case-related records are transmitted according to current records procedures and as required by the prosecuting attorney's office.

504.8 ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

The Support Services Supervisor will ensure that all appropriate reports and documents related to administrative license suspensions are reviewed and forwarded to the DMV.

Any deputy who receives notice of required attendance to an administrative license suspension hearing should promptly notify the prosecuting attorney.

A deputy called to testify at an administrative hearing should document the hearing date and the DMV file number in a supplemental report. Specific details of the hearing generally should not be included in the report unless errors, additional evidence or witnesses are identified.

504.9 TRAINING

The Enforcement Lieutenant should ensure that deputies participating in the enforcement of DUII laws receive regular training. Training should include, at minimum, current laws on impaired driving, investigative techniques and rules of evidence pertaining to DUII investigations. The Enforcement Lieutenant should confer with the prosecuting attorney's office and update training topics as needed.

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Traffic Citations

505.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy outlines the responsibility for traffic citations, the procedure for dismissal, correction, and voiding of traffic citations.

505.2 DISMISSAL OF TRAFFIC CITATIONS

Employees of this department do not have the authority to dismiss a citation once it has been issued. Only the court has the authority to dismiss a citation that has been issued. Any request from a recipient to dismiss a citation shall be referred to the Enforcement Lieutenant. Upon a review of the circumstances involving the issuance of the traffic citation, the Enforcement Lieutenant may request the Undersheriff to recommend dismissal of the traffic citation. If approved, the citation will be forwarded to the appropriate court with a request for dismissal. All recipients of traffic citations whose request for the dismissal of a traffic citation has been denied shall be referred to the appropriate court.

Should a Deputy determine during a court proceeding that a traffic citation should be dismissed in the interest of justice or where prosecution is deemed inappropriate the deputy may request the court to dismiss the citation.

505.3 VOIDING TRAFFIC CITATIONS

Voiding a traffic citation may occur when a traffic citation has not been completed or where it is completed, but not issued.

505.4 CORRECTION OF TRAFFIC CITATIONS

When a traffic citation is issued and in need of correction, the deputy issuing the citation shall submit the citation and a letter requesting a specific correction to the court having jurisdiction and to the recipient of the citation.

505.5 DISPOSITION OF TRAFFIC CITATIONS

The court and file copies of all traffic citations issued by members of this department shall be forwarded to the employee’s immediate supervisor for review. The citation copies shall then be filed with the Records Unit.

Upon separation from employment with this department, all employees who were issued traffic citations books shall return any unused citations to the Enforcement Lieutenant.

505.6 JUVENILE CITATIONS

Completion of traffic citation forms for juveniles may vary slightly from the procedure for adults. The juvenile’s age, place of residency, and the type of offense should be considered before issuing the juvenile a citation.

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Disabled Vehicles

506.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Public safety, and the Columbia County Sheriff's Office's commitment to service, requires that deputies place a high priority on assisting disabled motorists. This policy provides guidelines for achieving that objective.

506.2 DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITY

When an on-duty deputy observes a disabled vehicle on the roadway, the deputy should make a reasonable effort to provide assistance. If that deputy is assigned to a call of higher priority, the dispatcher should be advised of the location of the disabled vehicle and the need for assistance. The dispatcher should then assign another available deputy to respond for assistance as soon as practical.

506.3 EXTENT OF ASSISTANCE

In most cases, a disabled motorist will require assistance. After arrangements for assistance are made, continued involvement by department personnel will be contingent on the time of day, the location, the availability of departmental resources, and the vulnerability of the disabled motorist.

506.3.1 MECHANICAL REPAIRS

Department personnel shall not make mechanical repairs to a disabled vehicle. The use of push bumpers to relocate vehicles to a position of safety is not considered a mechanical repair.

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Chapter 6 - Investigation Operations

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Investigation and Prosecution

600.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to set guidelines and requirements pertaining to the handling and disposition of criminal investigations.

600.2 INITIAL INVESTIGATION

600.2.1 DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITIES

A deputy responsible for an initial investigation shall complete no less than the following:

(a) Make a preliminary determination of whether a crime has been committed by completing, at a minimum:

1. An initial statement from any witnesses or complainants.
2. A cursory examination for evidence.

(b) If information indicates a crime has occurred, the deputy shall:

1. Preserve the scene and any evidence as required to complete the initial and follow-up investigation.
2. Determine if additional investigative resources (e.g., investigators or scene processing) are necessary and request assistance as required.
3. If assistance is warranted, or if the incident is not routine, notify a supervisor or the Enforcement Lieutenant.
4. Make reasonable attempts to locate, identify and interview all available victims, complainants, witnesses and suspects.
5. Collect any evidence.
6. Take any appropriate law enforcement action.
7. Complete and submit the appropriate reports and documentation.

(c) If the preliminary determination is that no crime occurred, determine what other action may be necessary, what other resources may be available, and advise the informant or complainant of this information.

600.2.2 NON-SWORN MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

A non-sworn member assigned to any preliminary investigation is responsible for all investigative steps, except making any attempt to locate, contact or interview a suspect face-to-face or take any enforcement action. Should an initial investigation indicate that those steps are required, the assistance of a deputy shall be requested.

600.3 COLLECTION OR MAINTENANCE OF SPECIFIC INFORMATION

The collection or maintenance of information about the political, religious or social views, associations or activities of any individual, group, association, organization, corporation, business or partnership shall occur only when the information directly relates to a criminal investigation and

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there are reasonable grounds to suspect the subject of the information is or may be involved in criminal conduct (ORS 181A.250).

600.4 CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION REQUIREMENTS

Suspects who are in custody and subjected to an interrogation shall be given the *Miranda* warning, unless an exception applies. Interview or interrogation of a juvenile shall be in accordance with the Temporary Custody of Juveniles Policy.

600.4.1 AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDINGS

Generally, except where circumstances make it impracticable, custodial interviews regarding felony offenses should be electronically recorded. When such custodial interviews are conducted in a law enforcement facility and in connection with an investigation into aggravated murder, as defined in ORS 163.095, or a crime listed in ORS 137.700 or ORS 137.707, electronic recording of the interview is mandatory absent good cause not to record (ORS 133.400).

If an interviewee expresses an unwillingness to have the custodial interview electronically recorded but agrees to speak to investigators without such recording, the interviewing deputy or detective should:

(a) Document the refusal in his/her report.

(b) Request that the interviewee sign a written statement or provide a recorded statement of his/her refusal to have the interview recorded.

Consideration should also be given to recording a custodial interrogation, or any investigative interview, for any other offense when it is reasonable to believe it would be appropriate and beneficial to the investigation and is otherwise allowed by law (ORS 165.540).

No recording of a custodial interrogation should be destroyed or altered without written authorization from the prosecuting attorney and the Investigation Section supervisor. Copies of recorded interrogations or interviews may be made in the same or a different format as the original recording, provided the copies are true, accurate and complete and are made only for authorized and legitimate law enforcement purposes. Electronic recording of a custodial interview in connection with an investigation into aggravated murder, as defined in ORS 163.095, or a crime listed in ORS 137.700 or ORS 137.707, shall be preserved until the conclusion of a criminal proceeding, including post-conviction relief and habeas corpus appeals are exhausted, or until the prosecution of the offense is barred by law (ORS 133.400).

Recordings should not take the place of a thorough report and investigative interviews. Written statements from suspects should continue to be obtained when applicable.

600.5 DISCONTINUATION OF INVESTIGATIONS

The investigation of a criminal case or efforts to seek prosecution should only be discontinued if one of the following applies:

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(a) All reasonable investigative efforts have been exhausted, no reasonable belief that the person who committed the crime can be identified, and the incident has been documented appropriately.

(b) The perpetrator of a misdemeanor has been identified and a warning is the most appropriate disposition.

  1. In these cases, the investigator shall document that the person was warned and why prosecution was not sought.

  2. Warnings shall not be given for felony offenses or other offenses identified in this policy or by law that require an arrest or submission of a case to a prosecutor.

(c) The case has been submitted to the appropriate prosecutor but no charges have been filed. Further investigation is not reasonable nor has the prosecutor requested further investigation.

(d) The case has been submitted to the appropriate prosecutor, charges have been filed, and further investigation is not reasonable, warranted or requested, and there is no need to take the suspect into custody.

(e) Suspects have been arrested, there are no other suspects, and further investigation is either not warranted or requested.

(f) Investigation has proven that a crime was not committed (see the Sexual Assault Investigations Policy for special considerations in these cases).

The Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Sexual Assault Investigations and Adult Abuse policies may also require an arrest or submittal of a case to a prosecutor.

600.6 COMPUTERS AND DIGITAL EVIDENCE

The collection, preservation, transportation and storage of computers, cell phones and other digital devices may require specialized handling to preserve the value of the related evidence. If it is anticipated that computers or similar equipment will be seized, deputies should request that computer forensic examiners assist with seizing computers and related evidence. If a forensic examiner is unavailable, deputies should take reasonable steps to prepare for such seizure and use the resources that are available.

600.7 INVESTIGATIVE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND INTERNET SOURCES

Use of social media and any other Internet source to access information for the purpose of criminal investigation shall comply with applicable laws and policies regarding privacy, civil rights and civil liberties. Information gathered via the Internet should only be accessed by members while on-duty and for purposes related to the mission of this department. If a member encounters information relevant to a criminal investigation while off-duty or while using his/her own equipment, the member should note the dates, times and locations of the information and report the discovery to his/her supervisor as soon as practicable. The member, or others who have been assigned to do so, should attempt to replicate the finding when on-duty and using department equipment.

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Information obtained via the Internet should not be archived or stored in any manner other than department-established record keeping systems (see the Records Maintenance and Release and Criminal Organizations policies).

600.7.1 ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

Information that can be accessed from any department computer, without the need of an account, password, email address, alias or other identifier (unrestricted websites), may be accessed and used for legitimate investigative purposes without supervisory approval.

Accessing information from any Internet source that requires the use or creation of an account, password, email address, alias or other identifier, or the use of nongovernment IP addresses, requires supervisor approval prior to access. The supervisor will review the justification for accessing the information and consult with legal counsel as necessary to identify any policy or legal restrictions. Any such access and the supervisor approval shall be documented in the related investigative report.

Accessing information that requires the use of a third party's account or online identifier requires supervisor approval and the consent of the third party. The consent must be voluntary and shall be documented in the related investigative report.

Information gathered from any Internet source should be evaluated for its validity, authenticity, accuracy and reliability. Corroborative evidence should be sought and documented in the related investigative report.

Any information collected in furtherance of an investigation through an Internet source should be documented in the related report. Documentation should include the source of information and the dates and times that the information was gathered.

600.7.2 INTERCEPTING ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

Intercepting social media communications in real time may be subject to federal and state wiretap laws. Deputies should seek legal counsel before any such interception.

600.8 MODIFICATION OF CHARGES FILED

Members are not authorized to recommend to the prosecutor or to any other official of the court that charges on a pending case be amended or dismissed without the authorization of a [Division Commander] or the Sheriff. Any authorized request to modify the charges or to recommend dismissal of charges shall be made to the prosecutor.

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Asset Forfeiture

601.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy describes the authority and procedure for the seizure, forfeiture and liquidation of property associated with designated offenses.

601.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Fiscal agent - The person designated by the Sheriff to be responsible for securing and maintaining seized assets and distributing any proceeds realized from any forfeiture proceedings. This includes any time the Columbia County Sheriff's Office seizes property for forfeiture or when the Columbia County Sheriff's Office is acting as the fiscal agent pursuant to a multi-agency agreement.

Forfeiture - The process by which legal ownership of an asset is transferred to a government or other authority.

Forfeiture reviewer - The department member assigned by the Sheriff who is responsible for reviewing all forfeiture cases and for acting as the liaison between the Department and the assigned attorney.

Prohibited conduct - In the context of criminal forfeiture, refers to a felony or a Class A misdemeanor for purposes of proceeds and the many crimes listed in ORS 131.602 for purposes of instrumentalities (ORS 131.550).

Prohibited conduct in the context of civil forfeiture refers to (ORS 131A.005):

- Crimes related to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act where a person may be sentenced to imprisonment (specifically, ORS 475.005 through ORS 475.285 and ORS 475.744 through ORS 475.980).
- Involuntary servitude or compelling prostitution (ORS 163.263; ORS 163.264; ORS 163.266; ORS 167.017).
- Other local crimes allowing for civil forfeiture where a person may be sentenced to imprisonment for the offense.

Criminal Forfeiture - The following, with certain restrictions, may be subject to criminal forfeiture when used, or intended to be used, for prohibited conduct (ORS 131.558):

- Containers for controlled substances and related compounds, etc.
- Conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles and vessels to transport, sell, conceal, etc. controlled substances.
- Proceeds from prohibited conduct or money, deposits or other things of value used to facilitate prohibited conduct.

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- Real property or interest in real property.
- Weapons possessed or used.
- Property used for attempts to commit prohibited conduct, solicitations to commit prohibited conduct and conspiracies.
- All other personal property that is used or intended to be used to commit or facilitate prohibited conduct.

Civil Forfeiture - The following, with certain restrictions, may be subject to civil forfeiture when used for prohibited conduct (ORS 131A.020):

- Containers for controlled substances and related compounds, etc.
- Conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles and vessels to transport, sell, conceal, etc. controlled substances.
- Proceeds from prohibited conduct or money, deposits or other things of value used to facilitate prohibited conduct.
- Real property or interest in real property.
- Weapons possessed or used.
- Property used for attempts to commit prohibited conduct, solicitations to commit prohibited conduct and conspiracies.
- A motor vehicle when the driver is arrested or cited for driving while suspended or revoked under ORS 811.182 or ORS 163.196 and has been convicted of either offense within the past three years (ORS 809.740).

Seizure -The act of law enforcement officials taking property, cash or assets that have been used in connection with or acquired by specified illegal activities.

601.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office recognizes that appropriately applied forfeiture laws are helpful to enforce the law, deter crime and reduce the economic incentive of crime. However, the potential for revenue should never compromise the effective investigation of criminal offenses, officer safety or any person’s due process rights.

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office that all members, including those assigned to internal or external law enforcement task force operations, shall comply with all state and federal laws pertaining to forfeiture.

601.3 ASSET SEIZURE

Property may be seized for forfeiture as provided in this policy.

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601.3.1 PROPERTY SUBJECT TO SEIZURE
The following may be seized upon review and approval of a supervisor and in coordination with the forfeiture reviewer:

(a) Civil forfeiture

1. Property that is subject to a court order (ORS 131A.060).
2. Property that is not subject to a court order if (ORS 131A.065):
    (a) There is probable cause to believe that the property is subject to forfeiture and the property may constitutionally be seized without a warrant.
    (b) The seizure is in the course of a constitutionally valid criminal investigative stop, arrest or search, and there is probable cause to believe that the property is subject to civil forfeiture.
    (c) The property is directly or indirectly dangerous to the health or safety of any person.
    (d) An owner consents to the seizure.

(b) Criminal forfeiture

(a) Property that is subject to a court order (ORS 131.561).
(b) Property that is not subject to a court order when (ORS 133.535; ORS 131.561):
    (a) The property subject to criminal forfeiture is also evidence of a crime or is illegal to possess.
    (b) There is probable cause to believe that the property is subject to criminal forfeiture.

Whenever practicable, a court order for seizure prior to making a seizure is the preferred method.

A large amount of money standing alone is insufficient to establish the probable cause required to make a seizure.

601.3.2 PROPERTY NOT SUBJECT TO SEIZURE
The following property should not be seized for forfeiture:

(a) Cash and property that does not meet the forfeiture counsel’s current minimum forfeiture thresholds should not be seized.

(b) A conveyance owned by a common carrier or person who did not consent to the offense in question or had no knowledge of the offense (i.e., an “innocent owner”) (ORS 131.558).

601.4 PROCESSING SEIZED PROPERTY FOR FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS
When property or cash subject to this policy is seized, the deputy making the seizure should ensure compliance with the following:

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(a) Complete applicable seizure forms and present the appropriate copy to the person from whom the property is seized. If cash or property is seized from more than one person, a separate copy must be provided to each person, specifying the items seized. When property is seized and no one claims an interest in the property, the deputy must leave the copy in the place where the property was found, if it is reasonable to do so.

(b) Complete and submit a report and original seizure forms within 24 hours of the seizure, if practicable.

(c) Forward the original seizure forms and related reports to the forfeiture reviewer within two days of seizure.

The deputy will book seized property as evidence with the notation in the comment section of the property form, “Seized Subject to Forfeiture.” Property seized subject to forfeiture should be booked on a separate property form. No other evidence from the case should be booked on this form.

Photographs should be taken of items seized, particularly cash, jewelry and other valuable items.

Deputies who suspect property may be subject to seizure but are not able to seize the property (e.g., the property is located elsewhere, the whereabouts of the property is unknown, it is real estate, bank accounts, non-tangible assets) should document and forward the information in the appropriate report to the forfeiture reviewer.

601.5 MAINTAINING SEIZED PROPERTY

The Enforcement Lieutenant is responsible for ensuring compliance with the following:

(a) All property received for forfeiture is reasonably secured and properly stored to prevent waste and preserve its condition.

(b) All property received for forfeiture is checked to determine if the property has been stolen.

(c) All property received for forfeiture is retained in the same manner as evidence until forfeiture is finalized or the property is returned to the claimant or the person with an ownership interest.

(d) Property received for forfeiture is not used unless the forfeiture action has been completed.

601.6 FORFEITURE REVIEWER

The Sheriff will appoint a forfeiture reviewer. Prior to assuming duties, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the forfeiture reviewer should attend a course approved by the Department on asset forfeiture.

The responsibilities of the forfeiture reviewer include:

(a) Remaining familiar with forfeiture laws, particularly ORS 131.550 et seq., ORS 131A.010 et seq., and ORS Const. Art. XV, § 10 and the forfeiture policies of the forfeiture counsel.

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(b) Serving as the liaison between the Department and the forfeiture counsel and ensuring prompt legal review of all seizures.

(c) Making reasonable efforts to obtain annual training that includes best practices in pursuing, seizing and tracking forfeitures.

(d) Reviewing each seizure-related case and deciding whether the seizure is more appropriately made under state or federal seizure laws. The forfeiture reviewer should contact federal authorities when appropriate (see the restrictions in ORS Const. Art. XV, § 10).

(e) Ensuring that responsibilities, including the designation of a fiscal agent, are clearly established whenever multiple agencies are cooperating in a forfeiture case.

(f) Ensuring that seizure forms are available and appropriate for department use. These should include notice forms, a receipt form and a checklist that provides relevant guidance to deputies. The forms should be available in languages appropriate for the region and should contain spaces for:

1. Names and contact information for all relevant persons and law enforcement officers involved.
2. Information as to how ownership or other property interests may have been determined (e.g., verbal claims of ownership, titles, public records).
3. A space for the signature of the person from whom cash or property is being seized.
4. A tear-off portion or copy, which should be given to the person from whom cash or property is being seized, that includes the legal authority for the seizure, information regarding the process to contest the seizure and a detailed description of the items seized.
5. Other information as necessary to comply with the form requirements of ORS 131.570 and ORS 131A.055.

(g) Ensuring that deputies who may be involved in asset forfeiture receive training in the proper use of the seizure forms and the forfeiture process. The training should be developed in consultation with the appropriate legal counsel and may be accomplished through traditional classroom education, electronic media, Daily Training Bulletins (DTBs) or Interim Directives. The training should cover this policy and address any relevant statutory changes and court decisions.

(h) Reviewing each asset forfeiture case to ensure that:

1. Written documentation of the seizure and the items seized is in the case file.
2. Independent legal review of the circumstances and propriety of the seizure is made in a timely manner.
3. Notice of seizure has been given in a timely manner to those who hold an interest in the seized property. Information on the notice to interested parties can be found in

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ORS 131.561, ORS 131.570, ORS 131A.150 and ORS 131A.230. Information on the notice of intent to forfeit real property with the county can be found in ORS 131.567.

4. Property is promptly released to those entitled to its return.
5. All changes to forfeiture status are forwarded to any supervisor who initiates a forfeiture case.
6. Any cash received is deposited with the fiscal agent.
7. Assistance with the resolution of ownership claims and the release of property to those entitled is provided.
8. Current minimum forfeiture thresholds are communicated appropriately to deputies.
9. This policy and any related policies are periodically reviewed and updated to reflect current federal and state statutes and case law.

(i) Ensuring that a written plan is available that enables the Sheriff to address any extended absence of the forfeiture reviewer, thereby ensuring that contact information for other law enforcement officers and attorneys who may assist in these matters is available.

(j) Ensuring that the Department disposes of property as provided by law following any forfeiture.

(k) Ensuring the forms and receipts provided for field use comply with ORS 131.570 and ORS 131A.055. A consensual search of a motor vehicle form should be available for field use as well (ORS 131A.025).

(l) Disabling hidden compartments in vehicles when appropriate (ORS 131.566; ORS 131A.030).

(m) Forfeiture proceeds should be maintained in a separate fund or account subject to appropriate accounting control, with regular reviews or audits of all deposits and expenditures,

(n) Forfeiture reporting and expenditures should be completed in the manner prescribed by the law and County financial directives.

601.7 DISPOSITION OF FORFEITED PROPERTY

Property forfeiture through the criminal forfeiture process shall be disposed of in accordance with ORS 131.594 and the associated statutes including priority payments for costs and to victims, as applicable. Forfeited cigarettes shall be destroyed, not sold (ORS 131.604).

Criminally forfeited lab equipment may be donated to educational institutions (ORS 131.594).

601.7.1 DISPOSITION OF RECORDS

Written documentation of each sale, decision to retain, transfer or other disposition of criminally forfeited property will be maintained and any information requests necessary for the forfeiture counsel’s electronic reports shall be addressed (ORS 131.600).

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601.8 CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF MOTOR VEHICLE

Deputies should use a consensual search of a motor vehicle form when requesting a consensual search of a motor vehicle (ORS 131A.025) if the Deputy believes the vehicle will be subject to forfeiture.

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Confidential Informants

602.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

In many instances, a successful investigation cannot be conducted without the use of confidential informants. To protect the integrity of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and the deputies using informants, it shall be the policy of this department to take appropriate precautions by developing sound informant policies.

602.2 INFORMANT FILE SYSTEM

Most informants who assist the Columbia County Sheriff's Office will do so via the Columbia Narcotics Enforcement team (CENT) or the Columbia County Major Crimes Team. If an informant is assisting the Sheriff's Office without involvement with either CENT or the Major Crimes team, the Detective working with the informant will be responsible for maintaining informant files. Otherwise, the CENT or the Major Crimes Team Supervisor or his/her designee shall be responsible for maintaining informant files. A separate file shall be maintained on each confidential informant.

602.2.1 FILE SYSTEM PROCEDURE

Each file shall be coded with an assigned informant control number. An informant history shall be prepared to correspond to each informant file and include the following information:

(a) An informant checklist ensuring that all the required documentation is present.

(b) Informant's confidential number, full name and any aliases.

(c) Date of birth, height, weight, hair color, eye color, race, sex, scars, tattoos or other distinguishing features.

(d) Current home address and telephone numbers.

(e) Current employer(s), position, address(es) and telephone numbers.

(f) Vehicles owned and registration information.

(g) Places frequented.

(h) Informant's photograph, fingerprints and criminal history.

(i) Briefs of information provided by the informant and his or her subsequent reliability. If an informant is determined to be unreliable, the informant's file is marked as "Unreliable".

(j) Name of deputy initiating use of the informant.

(k) Signed informant agreement, initialed by the Detective Supervisor indicating approval of individual for use as an informant.

(l) Initialed copy of Oregon Revised Statutes 161.275 (Entrapment) indicating the informant has read and understood the statute.

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(m) Signature of the informant's true name and any assumed name.

(n) Written authorization required as a result of the informant being a corrections client, juvenile or defendant.

(o) A log of all activity and the expenditure of all confidential funds associated with the informant.

(p) Update on active or inactive status of informant.

The informant files shall be maintained in a secure area within the Criminal Investigation Unit. These files shall be used to provide a source of background information about the informant, enable review and evaluation of information given by the informant, and minimize incidents that could be used to question the integrity of detectives or the reliability of the confidential informant.

Access to the informant files shall be restricted to the Sheriff, the Undersheriff, an enforcement lieutenant, or their designees.

602.3 USE OF INFORMANTS

Before using an individual as a confidential informant, a deputy must receive approval from the Enforcement Lieutenant. The deputy shall compile sufficient information through a background investigation in order to determine the reliability, credibility and suitability, of the individual, including age, maturity and risk of physical harm.

602.3.1 JUVENILE INFORMANTS

The use of juvenile confidential informants is discouraged due to a number of risks. They will only be used when the investigation is of such a nature as to justify the risks. The district attorney should be consulted and a parent or legal guardian's written consent shall be secured. Final approval to use a juvenile confidential informant must be obtained from the Sheriff.

602.4 GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

All confidential informants are required to sign and abide by the provisions of the departmental Informant Agreement. The deputy using the confidential informant shall discuss each of the provisions of the agreement with the confidential informant.

Details of the agreement are to be approved in writing by the unit supervisor before being finalized with the confidential informant.

602.4.1 RELATIONSHIPS WITH CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

No member of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office shall knowingly maintain a social relationship with a confidential informant while off duty, or otherwise become intimately involved with a confidential informant. Members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities nor engage in any private business transaction with a confidential informant.

To maintain deputy/informant integrity, the following must be adhered to:

(a) Deputies shall not withhold the identity of an informant from their superiors

(b) Identities of informants shall otherwise be kept confidential

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(c) Criminal activity by informants shall not be condoned

(d) Informants shall be told they are not acting as sheriff's deputies, employees or agents of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, and that they shall not represent themselves as such

(e) The relationship between deputies and informants shall always be ethical and professional

(f) Social contact shall be avoided unless necessary to conduct an official investigation, and only with prior approval of the Enforcement Lieutenant.

(g) Deputies shall not meet with informants unless accompanied by at least one additional deputy or with prior approval of the Enforcement Lieutenant. All exchanges of confidential funds between deputies and informants must be witnessed by at least one other deputy

(h) In all instances when Department funds are paid to informants, a voucher shall be completed in advance, itemizing the expenses. The voucher shall be signed by the informant using either their true name or a pseudonym registered with a signature in the informant packet. The voucher will also include the case number associated with the expenditure and a description of the benefit obtained (search warrant, arrest, recovered property, etc.)

602.5 NARCOTICS INFORMANT PAYMENT PROCEDURES

The potential payment of large sums of money to any confidential informant must be done in a manner respecting public opinion and scrutiny. Additionally, to maintain a good accounting of such funds requires a strict procedure for disbursements.

602.5.1 PAYMENT PROCEDURE

The amount of funds to be paid to any confidential informant will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- The extent of the informant's personal involvement in the case.
- The significance, value or effect on crime.
- The amount of assets seized.
- The quantity of the drugs seized.
- The informant’s previous criminal activity.
- The level of risk taken by the informant.

602.5.2 CASH DISBURSEMENT POLICY

The following establishes a cash disbursement policy for confidential informants. No informant will be told in advance or given an exact amount or percentage for services rendered.

(a) When both assets and drugs have been seized, the confidential informant shall receive payment based upon overall value and the purchase price of the drugs seized.

(b) A confidential informant may receive a cash amount for each quantity of drugs seized whether or not assets are also seized.

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602.5.3 PAYMENT PROCESS

A check shall be requested, payable to the case agent. The case number shall be recorded justifying the payment. Payments $500 and under may be paid in cash out of the Buy/Expense Fund. The Enforcement Lieutenant will be required to sign the cash transfer form for amounts under $200. The Sheriff must sign transfer amounts over $200.

To complete the transaction with the confidential informant the case agent shall have the confidential informant initial the cash transfer form. The confidential informant will sign the form indicating the amount received, the date, and that the confidential informant is receiving funds in payment for information voluntarily rendered in the case. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office case number shall be recorded on the cash transfer form. A copy of the form will be kept in the confidential informant's file.

If the payment amount exceeds $500, a complete written statement of the confidential informant's involvement in the case shall be placed in the confidential informant's file. This statement shall be signed by the confidential informant verifying the statement as a true summary of his/her actions in the case(s).

Each confidential informant receiving a cash payment shall be informed of his or her responsibility to report the cash to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as income.

602.5.4 REPORTING OF PAYMENTS

Each confidential informant receiving a cash payment shall be informed of his/her responsibility to report the cash to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as income. If funds distributed exceed $600 in any reporting year, the confidential informant should be provided IRS Form 1099 (26 CFR 1.6041-1). If such documentation or reporting may reveal the identity of the confidential informant and by doing so jeopardize any investigation, the safety of peace officers or the safety of the confidential informant (26 CFR 1.6041-3), then IRS Form 1099 should not be issued.

In such cases, the case agent in charge of the associated investigation shall insure that the confidential informant is provided a letter identifying the amount he/she must report on a tax return as “other income” and shall be required to provide a signed acknowledgement of receipt of the letter. The completed acknowledgement form and a copy of the letter shall be retained in the confidential informant’s file.

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Eyewitness Identification

603.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy sets forth guidelines to be used when members of this department employ eyewitness identification techniques.

603.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to the policy include:

Eyewitness identification process - Any field identification, live lineup or photographic identification.

Field identification - A live presentation of a single individual to a witness following the commission of a criminal offense for the purpose of identifying or eliminating the person as the suspect.

Live lineup - A live presentation of individuals to a witness for the purpose of identifying or eliminating an individual as the suspect.

Photographic lineup - Presentation of photographs to a witness for the purpose of identifying or eliminating an individual as the suspect.

603.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will strive to use eyewitness identification techniques, when appropriate, to enhance the investigative process and will emphasize identifying persons responsible for crime and exonerating the innocent.

603.3 INTERPRETIVE SERVICES

Members should make a reasonable effort to arrange for an interpreter before proceeding with eyewitness identification if communication with a witness is impeded due to language or hearing barriers.

Before the interpreter is permitted to discuss any matter with the witness, the investigating member should explain the identification process to the interpreter. Once it is determined that the interpreter comprehends the process and can explain it to the witness, the eyewitness identification may proceed as provided for within this policy.

603.4 EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION PROCESS AND FORM

The Investigation Section supervisor shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of an eyewitness identification process for use by members when they are conducting eyewitness identifications.

The process should include appropriate forms or reports that provide:

(a) The date, time and location of the eyewitness identification procedure.

(b) The name and identifying information of the witness.

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(c) The name of the person administering the identification procedure.

(d) If applicable, the names of all of the individuals present during the identification procedure.

(e) An instruction to the witness that it is as important to exclude innocent persons as it is to identify a perpetrator.

(f) An instruction to the witness that the suspect’s photograph may or may not be among those presented and that the witness is not obligated to make an identification.

(g) If the identification process is a photographic or live lineup, an instruction to the witness that the perpetrator may not appear exactly as he/she did on the date of the incident.

(h) An instruction to the witness that the investigation will continue regardless of whether an identification is made by the witness.

(i) A signature line where the witness acknowledges that he/she understands the identification procedures and instructions.

(j) A statement from the witness in the witness's own words describing how certain he/she is of the identification or non-identification. This statement should be taken at the time of the identification procedure.

The process and related forms should be reviewed at least annually and modified when necessary.

603.5 EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION

Members are cautioned not to, in any way, influence a witness as to whether any subject or photo presented in a lineup is in any way connected to the case. Members should avoid mentioning that:

- The individual was apprehended near the crime scene.
- The evidence points to the individual as the suspect.
- Other witnesses have identified, or failed to identify, the individual as the suspect.

In order to avoid undue influence, witnesses should view suspects or a lineup individually and outside the presence of other witnesses. Witnesses should be instructed to avoid discussing details of the incident or of the identification process with other witnesses.

Whenever feasible, the eyewitness identification procedure should be audio and/or video recorded and the recording should be retained according to current evidence procedures.

603.6 DOCUMENTATION

A thorough description of the eyewitness process and the results of any eyewitness identification should be documented in the case report.

If a photographic lineup is utilized, a copy of the photographic lineup presented to the witness should be included in the case report. In addition, the order in which the photographs were presented to the witness should be documented in the case report.

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603.7 PHOTOGRAPHIC LINEUP AND LIVE LINEUP CONSIDERATIONS

When practicable, the member presenting the lineup should not be involved in the investigation of the case or know the identity of the suspect. In no case should the member presenting a lineup to a witness know which photograph or person in the lineup is being viewed by the witness. Techniques to achieve this include randomly numbering photographs, shuffling folders or using a computer program to order the persons in the lineup

Individuals in the lineup should reasonably match the description of the perpetrator provided by the witness and should bear similar characteristics to avoid causing any person to unreasonably stand out. In cases involving multiple suspects, a separate lineup should be conducted for each suspect. The suspects should be placed in a different order within each lineup.

The member presenting the lineup to a witness should do so sequentially (i.e., show the witness one person at a time) and not simultaneously. The witness should view all persons in the lineup.

A live lineup should only be used before criminal proceedings have been initiated against the suspect. If there is any question as to whether any criminal proceedings have begun, the investigating member should contact the appropriate prosecuting attorney before proceeding.

603.8 FIELD IDENTIFICATION CONSIDERATIONS

Field identifications, also known as field elimination show-ups or one-on-one identifications, may be helpful in certain cases, where exigent circumstances make it impracticable to conduct a photo or live lineup identifications. A field elimination or show-up identification should not be used when independent probable cause exists to arrest a suspect. In such cases a live or photo lineup is the preferred course of action if eyewitness identification is contemplated.

When initiating a field identification, the member should observe the following guidelines:

(a) Obtain a complete description of the suspect from the witness.

(b) Assess whether a witness should be included in a field identification process by considering:

1. The length of time the witness observed the suspect.
2. The distance between the witness and the suspect.
3. Whether the witness could view the suspect’s face.
4. The quality of the lighting when the suspect was observed by the witness.
5. Whether there were distracting noises or activity during the observation.
6. Any other circumstances affecting the witness’s opportunity to observe the suspect.
7. The length of time that has elapsed since the witness observed the suspect.

(c) If safe and practicable, the person who is the subject of the show-up should not be handcuffed or in a patrol vehicle.

(d) When feasible, members should bring the witness to the location of the subject of the show-up, rather than bring the subject of the show-up to the witness.

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(e) The person who is the subject of the show-up should not be shown to the same witness more than once.

(f) In cases involving multiple suspects, witnesses should only be permitted to view the subjects of the show-up one at a time.

(g) A person who is the subject of the show-up should not be required to put on clothing worn by the suspect, to speak words uttered by the suspect or to perform other actions mimicking those of the suspect.

(h) If a witness positively identifies a subject of a show-up as the suspect, members should not conduct any further field identifications with other witnesses for that suspect. In such instances members should document the contact information for any additional witnesses for follow up, if necessary.

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Brady Material Disclosure

604.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes guidelines for identifying and releasing potentially exculpatory or impeachment information (so-called "*Brady* information") to a prosecuting attorney.

604.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

***Brady* information** -Information known or possessed by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office that is both favorable and material to the current prosecution or defense of a criminal defendant.

604.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will conduct fair and impartial criminal investigations and will provide the prosecution with both incriminating and exculpatory evidence, as well as information that may adversely affect the credibility of a witness. In addition to reporting all evidence of guilt, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office will assist the prosecution by complying with its obligation to disclose information that is both favorable and material to the defense. The Department will identify and disclose to the prosecution potentially exculpatory information, as provided in this policy.

604.3 DISCLOSURE OF INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION

Deputies must include in their investigative reports adequate investigative information and reference to all material evidence and facts that are reasonably believed to be either incriminating or exculpatory to any individual in the case. If a deputy learns of potentially incriminating or exculpatory information any time after submission of a case, the deputy or the handling investigator must prepare and submit a supplemental report documenting such information as soon as practicable. Supplemental reports shall be promptly processed and transmitted to the prosecutor's office.

If information is believed to be privileged or confidential (e.g., confidential informant or protected personnel files); the deputy should discuss the matter with a supervisor and/or prosecutor to determine the appropriate manner in which to proceed.

Evidence or facts are considered material if there is a reasonable probability that they would affect the outcome of a criminal proceeding or trial. Determining whether evidence or facts are material often requires legal or even judicial review. If a deputy is unsure whether evidence or facts are material, the deputy should address the issue with a supervisor.

Supervisors who are uncertain about whether evidence or facts are material should address the issue in a written memo to an appropriate prosecutor. A copy of the memo should be retained in the Department case file.

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604.4 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

If a member of this department is a material witness in a criminal case, a person or persons designated by the Sheriff shall examine the personnel file and/or internal affairs file of the deputy to determine whether they contain *Brady* information. If *Brady* information is located, the following procedure shall apply:

(a) In the event that a motion has not already been filed by the criminal defendant or other party, the prosecuting attorney and department member shall be notified of the potential presence of *Brady* material in the member's personnel file.

(b) The prosecuting attorney or department counsel should be requested to file a motion in order to initiate an in camera review by the court.

    1. If no motion is filed, the supervisor should work with counsel to determine whether the records should be disclosed to the prosecutor.

(c) The Custodian of Records shall accompany all relevant personnel files during any in camera inspection to address any issues or questions raised by the court.

(d) If the court determines that there is relevant *Brady* material contained in the files, only that material ordered released will be copied and released to the parties filing the motion.

    1. Prior to the release of any materials pursuant to this process, the Custodian of Records should request a protective order from the court limiting the use of such materials to the involved case and requiring the return of all copies upon completion of the case.

(e) If a court has determined that relevant *Brady* information is contained in the member's file in any case, the prosecutor should be notified of that fact in all future cases involving that member.

The person or persons designated by the Sheriff should periodically examine the personnel files and/or internal affairs files of all deputies who may be material witnesses in criminal cases to determine whether they contain *Brady* information. The obligation to provide *Brady* information is ongoing. If any new *Brady* information is identified, the prosecuting attorney should be notified.

604.5 INVESTIGATING BRADY ISSUES

If the Department receives information from any source that a member may have issues of credibility, dishonesty or has been engaged in an act of moral turpitude or criminal conduct, the information shall be investigated and processed in accordance with the Personnel Complaints Policy.

604.6 TRAINING

Department personnel should receive periodic training on the requirements of this policy.

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Warrant Service

605.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes guidelines for the planning and serving of arrest and search warrants by members of this department. It is understood that this policy cannot address every variable or circumstance that can arise in the service of a search or arrest warrant, as these tasks can involve rapidly evolving and unique circumstances.

This policy is intended to be used in conjunction with the Operations Planning and Deconfliction Policy, which has additional guidance on planning and serving high-risk warrants.

This policy is not intended to address the service of search warrants on locations or property already secured or routine field warrant arrests by patrol deputies.

605.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to balance the safety needs of the public, the safety of department members, privacy interests and other relevant factors when making decisions related to the service of search and arrest warrants.

605.3 OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

The operations director (see the Operations Planning and Deconfliction Policy) shall review all risk assessment forms with the involved supervisor to determine the risk level of the warrant service.

The operations director will also have the responsibility to coordinate service of those warrants that are categorized as high risk. Deconfliction, risk assessment, operational planning, briefing and debriefing should follow guidelines in the Operations Planning and Deconfliction Policy.

605.4 SEARCH WARRANTS

Deputies should receive authorization from a supervisor before preparing a search warrant application. Once authorization is received, the deputy will prepare the affidavit and search warrant, consulting with the applicable prosecuting attorney as needed. He/she will also complete the risk assessment form and submit it, along with the warrant affidavit, to the appropriate supervisor and the operations director for review and classification of risk (see the Operations Planning and Deconfliction Policy).

605.5 ARREST WARRANTS

If a deputy reasonably believes that serving an arrest warrant may pose a higher risk than commonly faced on a daily basis, the deputy should complete the risk assessment form and submit it to the appropriate supervisor and the operations director for review and classification of risk (see the Operations Planning and Deconfliction Policy).

If the warrant is classified as high risk, service will be coordinated by the operations director. If the warrant is not classified as high risk, the supervisor should weigh the risk of entry into a residence

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to make an arrest against other alternatives, such as arresting the person outside the residence where circumstances may pose a lower risk.

605.6 WARRANT PREPARATION

A deputy who prepares a warrant should ensure the documentation in support of the warrant contains as applicable:

(a) Probable cause to support the search or arrest, including relevant dates and times to demonstrate timeliness and facts to support any request for nighttime warrant execution.

(b) A clear explanation of the affiant's training, experience and relevant education.

(c) Adequately supported opinions, when relevant, that are not left to unsubstantiated conclusions.

(d) A nexus between the place to be searched and the persons or items central to the investigation. The facts supporting this nexus should be clear and current. For example, the affidavit shall explain why there is probable cause to believe that a particular person is currently residing at a particular location or that the items sought are present at a particular location.

(e) Full disclosure of known or suspected residents at the involved location and any indication of separate living spaces at the involved location. For example, it should be disclosed that several people may be renting bedrooms at a single location, even if the exact location of the rooms is not known.

(f) A specific description of the location to be searched, including photographs of the location, if reasonably available.

(g) A sufficient description of the items to be seized.

(h) Full disclosure of any known exculpatory information relevant to the warrant application (refer to the *Brady* Material Disclosure Policy).

605.7 HIGH-RISK WARRANT SERVICE

The operations director or the authorized designee shall coordinate the service of warrants that are categorized as high risk and shall have sole authority in determining the manner in which the warrant will be served, including the number of deputies deployed.

The member responsible for directing the service should ensure the following as applicable:

(a) When practicable and when doing so does not cause unreasonable risk, video or photographic documentation is made of the condition of the location prior to execution of a search warrant. The images should include the surrounding area and persons present.

(b) The warrant service is video-recorded when practicable and reasonable to do so. The warrant service may be audio-recorded with notice to all parties to a conversation that a recording is being made unless otherwise permitted in the warrant or ORS 133.726 (ORS 165.540).

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(c) Evidence is handled and collected only by those members who are designated to do so. All other members involved in the service of the warrant should alert one of the designated members to the presence of potential evidence and not touch or disturb the items.

(d) Reasonable efforts are made during the search to maintain or restore the condition of the location.

(e) Persons who are detained as part of the warrant service are handled appropriately under the circumstances.

(f) Reasonable care provisions are made for children and dependent adults (see the Child and Dependent Adult Safety Policy).

(g) A list is made of all items seized and a copy provided to the person in charge of the premises if present or otherwise left in a conspicuous place.

(h) A copy of the search warrant is left at the location.

(i) The condition of the property is documented with video recording or photographs after the search.

605.8 DETENTIONS DURING WARRANT SERVICE

Deputies must be sensitive to the safety risks of all persons involved with the service of a warrant. Depending on circumstances and facts present, it may be appropriate to control movements of any or all persons present at a warrant service, including those who may not be the subject of a warrant or suspected in the case. However, deputies must be mindful that only reasonable force may be used and weapons should be displayed no longer than the deputy reasonably believes is necessary (see the Use of Force Policy).

As soon as it can be determined that an individual is not subject to the scope of a warrant and that no further reasonable suspicion or safety concerns exist to justify further detention, the person should be promptly released.

Deputies should, when and to the extent reasonable, accommodate the privacy and personal needs of people who have been detained.

605.9 ACTIONS AFTER WARRANT SERVICE

The supervisor shall ensure that all affidavits, warrants, receipts and returns, regardless of any associated cases, are filed with the issuing judge or magistrate as soon as reasonably possible, but in any event no later than any date specified on the warrant.

605.10 OUTSIDE AGENCIES AND CROSS-JURISDICTIONAL WARRANTS

The operations director will ensure that cooperative efforts with other agencies in the service of warrants conform to existing mutual aid agreements or other memorandums of understanding and will work cooperatively to mitigate risks including, but not limited to, the following:

- Identity of team members
- Roles and responsibilities

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- Familiarity with equipment
- Rules of engagement
- Asset forfeiture procedures

Any outside agency requesting assistance in the service of a warrant within this jurisdiction should be referred to the operations director. The director should review and confirm the warrant, including the warrant location, and should discuss the service with the appropriate supervisor from the other agency. The director should ensure that members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office are utilized appropriately. Any concerns regarding the requested use of Columbia County Sheriff's Office members should be brought to the attention of the Sheriff or the authorized designee. The actual service of the warrant will remain the responsibility of the agency requesting assistance.

If the operations director is unavailable, the Enforcement Lieutenant should assume this role.

If deputies intend to serve a warrant outside Columbia County Sheriff's Office jurisdiction, the operations director should provide reasonable advance notice to the applicable agency, request assistance as needed and work cooperatively on operational planning and the mitigation of risks detailed in this policy.

Deputies will remain subject to the policies of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office when assisting outside agencies or serving a warrant outside Columbia County Sheriff's Office jurisdiction.

605.11 MEDIA ACCESS

No advance information regarding warrant service operations shall be released without the approval of the Sheriff. Any media inquiries or press release after the fact shall be handled in accordance with the Media Relations Policy.

605.12 TRAINING

The Undersheriff should ensure deputies receive periodic training on this policy and associated topics, such as legal issues, warrant preparation, warrant service and reporting requirements.

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Operations Planning and Deconfliction

606.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for planning, deconfliction and execution of high-risk operations.

Additional guidance on planning and serving high-risk warrants is provided in the Warrant Service Policy.

606.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

High-risk operations - Operations, including service of search and arrest warrants and sting operations, that are likely to present higher risks than are commonly faced by deputies on a daily basis, including suspected fortified locations, reasonable risk of violence or confrontation with multiple persons, or reason to suspect that persons anticipate the operation.

606.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to properly plan and carry out high-risk operations, including participation in a regional deconfliction system, in order to provide coordination, enhance the safety of members and the public, decrease the risk of compromising investigations and prevent duplicating efforts.

606.3 OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

The Sheriff will designate a member of this department to be the operations director.

The operations director will develop and maintain a risk assessment form to assess, plan and coordinate operations. This form should provide a process to identify high-risk operations.

The operations director will review risk assessment forms with involved supervisors to determine whether a particular incident qualifies as a high-risk operation. The director will also have the responsibility for coordinating operations that are categorized as high risk.

606.4 RISK ASSESSMENT

606.4.1 RISK ASSESSMENT FORM PREPARATION

Deputies assigned as operational leads for any operation that may qualify as a high-risk operation shall complete a risk assessment form.

When preparing the form, the deputy should query all relevant and reasonably available intelligence resources for information about the subject of investigation, others who may be present and the involved location. These sources may include regional intelligence and criminal justice databases, target deconfliction systems, firearm records, commercial databases and property records. Where appropriate, the deputy should also submit information to these resources.

The deputy should gather available information that includes, but is not limited to:

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(a) Photographs, including aerial photographs, if available, of the involved location, neighboring yards and obstacles.

(b) Maps of the location.

(c) Diagrams of any property and the interior of any buildings that are involved.

(d) Historical information about the subject of investigation (e.g., history of weapon possession or use, known mental illness, known drug use, threats against police, gang affiliation, criminal history).

(e) Historical information about others who may be present at the location (e.g., other criminals, innocent third parties, dependent adults, children, animals).

(f) Obstacles associated with the location (e.g., fortification, booby traps, reinforced doors/ windows, surveillance measures, number and type of buildings, geographic and perimeter barriers, the number and types of weapons likely to be present, information that suggests the presence of explosives, chemicals or other hazardous materials, the potential for multiple dwellings or living spaces, availability of keys/door combinations).

(g) Other environmental factors (e.g., nearby venues such as schools and day care centers, proximity of adjacent homes or other occupied buildings, anticipated pedestrian and vehicle traffic at the time of service).

(h) Other available options that may minimize the risk to deputies and others (e.g., making an off-site arrest or detention of the subject of investigation).

606.4.2 RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Deputies will present the risk assessment form and other relevant documents (such as copies of search warrants and affidavits and arrest warrants) to their supervisor and the operations director.

The supervisor and operations director shall confer and determine the level of risk. Supervisors should take reasonable actions if there is a change in circumstances that elevates the risks associated with the operation.

606.4.3 HIGH-RISK OPERATIONS

If the operations director, after consultation with the involved supervisor, determines that the operation is high risk, the operations director should:

(a) Determine what resources will be needed at the location, and contact and/or place on standby any of the following appropriate and available resources:

1. [Crisis Response Unit] ([CRU])
2. Additional personnel
3. Outside agency assistance
4. Special equipment
5. Medical personnel
6. Persons trained in negotiation
7. Additional surveillance

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8. Canines
9. [Property Bureau] or analytical personnel to assist with cataloguing seizures
10. Forensic specialists
11. Specialized mapping for larger or complex locations

(b) Contact the appropriate department members or other agencies as warranted to begin preparation.

(c) Ensure that all legal documents such as search warrants are complete and have any modifications reasonably necessary to support the operation.

(d) Coordinate the actual operation.

606.5 DECONFLICTION

Deconfliction systems are designed to identify persons and locations associated with investigations or law enforcement operations and alert participating agencies when others are planning or conducting operations in close proximity or time or are investigating the same individuals, groups or locations.

The deputy who is the operations lead shall ensure the subject of investigation and operations information have been entered in an applicable deconfliction system to determine if there is reported conflicting activity. This should occur as early in the process as practicable, but no later than two hours prior to the commencement of the operation. The deputy should also enter relevant updated information when it is received.

If any conflict is discovered, the supervisor will contact the involved jurisdiction and resolve the potential conflict before proceeding.

606.6 OPERATIONS PLAN

The operations director should ensure that a written operations plan is developed for all high-risk operations. Plans should also be considered for other operations that would benefit from having a formal plan.

The plan should address such issues as:

(a) Operation goals, objectives and strategies.

(b) Operation location and people:

1. The subject of investigation (e.g., history of weapon possession/use, known mental illness issues, known drug use, threats against police, gang affiliation, criminal history)
2. The location (e.g., fortification, booby traps, reinforced doors/windows, surveillance cameras and/or lookouts, number/type of buildings, geographic and perimeter barriers, the number and types of weapons likely to be present, information that suggests the presence of explosives, chemicals or other hazardous materials, the potential for multiple dwellings or living spaces, availability of keys/door

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combinations), including aerial photos, if available, and maps of neighboring yards and obstacles, diagrams and other visual aids

3. Other environmental factors (e.g., nearby venues such as schools and day care centers, proximity of adjacent homes or other occupied buildings, anticipated pedestrian and vehicle traffic at the time of service)
4. Identification of other people who may be present in or around the operation, such as other criminal suspects, innocent third parties and children

(c) Information from the risk assessment form by attaching a completed copy in the operational plan.

1. The volume or complexity of the information may indicate that the plan includes a synopsis of the information contained on the risk assessment form to ensure clarity and highlighting of critical information.

(d) Participants and their roles.

1. An adequate number of uniformed deputies should be included in the operation team to provide reasonable notice of a legitimate law enforcement operation.
2. How all participants will be identified as law enforcement.

(e) Whether deconfliction submissions are current and all involved individuals, groups and locations have been deconflicted to the extent reasonably practicable.

(f) Identification of all communications channels and call-signs.

(g) Use of force issues.

(h) Contingencies for handling medical emergencies (e.g., services available at the location, closest hospital, closest trauma center).

(i) Plans for detaining people who are not under arrest.

(j) Contingencies for handling children, dependent adults, animals and other people who might be at the location in accordance with the Child Abuse, Adult Abuse, Child and Dependent Adult Safety and Animal Control policies.

(k) Communications plan

(l) Responsibilities for writing, collecting, reviewing and approving reports.

606.6.1 OPERATIONS PLAN RETENTION

Since the operations plan contains intelligence information and descriptions of law enforcement tactics, it shall not be filed with the report. The operations plan shall be stored separately and retained in accordance with the established records retention schedule.

606.7 OPERATIONS BRIEFING

A briefing should be held prior to the commencement of any high-risk operation to allow all participants to understand the operation, see and identify each other, identify roles and responsibilities and ask questions or seek clarification as needed. Anyone who is not present at the briefing should not respond to the operation location without specific supervisory approval.

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(a) The briefing should include a verbal review of plan elements, using visual aids, to enhance the participants' understanding of the operations plan.

(b) All participants should be provided a copy of the operations plan and search warrant, if applicable. Participating personnel should be directed to read the search warrant and initial a copy that is retained with the operation plan. Any items to be seized should be identified at the briefing.

(c) The operations director shall ensure that all participants are visually identifiable as law enforcement officers.

1. Exceptions may be made by the operations director for deputies who are conducting surveillance or working under cover. However, those members exempt from visual identification should be able to transition to a visible law enforcement indicator at the time of enforcement actions, such as entries or arrests, if necessary.

(d) The briefing should include details of the communications plan.

1. It is the responsibility of the operations director to ensure that Dispatch is notified of the time and location of the operation, and to provide a copy of the operation plan prior to deputies arriving at the location.
2. If the radio channel needs to be monitored by Dispatch, the dispatcher assigned to monitor the operation should attend the briefing, if practicable, but at a minimum should receive a copy of the operation plan.
3. The briefing should include a communications check to ensure that all participants are able to communicate with the available equipment on the designated radio channel.

606.8 [CRU] PARTICIPATION

If the operations director determines that [CRU] participation is appropriate, the director and the [CRU] supervisor shall work together to develop a written plan. The [CRU] supervisor shall assume operational control until all persons at the scene are appropriately detained and it is safe to begin a search. When this occurs, the [CRU] supervisor shall transfer control of the scene to the handling supervisor. This transfer should be communicated to the deputies present.

606.9 MEDIA ACCESS

No advance information regarding planned operations shall be released without the approval of the Sheriff. Any media inquiries or press release after the fact shall be handled in accordance with the Media Relations Policy.

606.10 OPERATIONS DEBRIEFING

High-risk operations should be debriefed as soon as reasonably practicable. The debriefing should include as many participants as possible. This debrief may be separate from any [CRU] debriefing.

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606.11 TRAINING

The Undersheriff should ensure deputies and [CRU] team members who participate in operations subject to this policy should receive periodic training including, but not limited to, topics such as legal issues, deconfliction practices, operations planning concepts and reporting requirements.

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Sexual Assault Investigations

607.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the investigation of sexual assaults. These guidelines will address some of the unique aspects of such cases and the effects that these crimes have on the victims.

Mandatory notifications requirements are addressed in the Child Abuse and Adult Abuse policies.

607.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Sexual assault - Any crime or attempted crime of a sexual nature, to include, but not limited to, offenses defined in ORS 163.305 et seq.

Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) - A multidisciplinary team generally comprised of advocates, law enforcement officers, forensic medical examiners, including sexual assault nurse examiners (SANEs) if possible, forensic laboratory personnel and prosecutors and coordinated through the District Attorney's Office. The team is designed to coordinate a broad response to sexual assault victims.

607.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office that its members, when responding to reports of sexual assaults, will strive to minimize the trauma experienced by the victims, and will aggressively investigate sexual assaults, pursue expeditious apprehension and conviction of perpetrators, and protect the safety of the victims and the community.

607.3 QUALIFIED INVESTIGATORS

Qualified investigators should be available for assignment of sexual assault investigations. These investigators should:

(a) Have specialized training in, and be familiar with, interview techniques and the medical and legal issues that are specific to sexual assault investigations.

(b) Conduct follow-up interviews and investigation.

(c) Present appropriate cases of alleged sexual assault to the prosecutor for review.

(d) Coordinate with other enforcement agencies, social service agencies and medical personnel as needed.

(e) Provide referrals to therapy services, victim advocates and support for the victim.

(f) Participate in or coordinate with SART or other multidisciplinary investigative teams as applicable (ORS 147.401).

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607.4 INVESTIGATION AND REPORTING

In all reported or suspected cases of sexual assault, a report should be written and assigned for follow-up investigation. This includes incidents in which the allegations appear unfounded or unsubstantiated.

607.4.1 VICTIM INTERVIEWS

The primary considerations in sexual assault investigations, which begin with the initial call to Dispatch, should be the health and safety of the victim, the preservation of evidence, and preliminary interviews to determine if a crime has been committed and to attempt to identify the suspect.

Whenever possible, a member of SART should be included in the initial victim interviews.

An in-depth follow-up interview should not be conducted until after the medical and forensic examinations are completed and the personal needs of the victim have been met (e.g., change of clothes, bathing). The follow-up interview may be delayed to the following day based upon the circumstances. Whenever practicable, the follow-up interview should be conducted by a qualified investigator.

Victims are often reluctant or embarrassed to discuss details. Recanting or changing one or more aspects of a prior statement is not necessarily an indication of false reporting or that the case is unfounded. If the responding deputy has reason to believe the incident may be without merit, he/she should document the evidence and inconsistencies. Due to physical and emotional trauma, and the myths and stereotypes associated with sexual assault, inconsistencies in the victim's report are not uncommon. No opinions of whether the case is unfounded shall be included in the report.

607.4.2 POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION OF VICTIMS

Victims and any complaining witness in a case involving the use of force, violence, duress, menace or threat of physical injury in the commission of any sex crime under ORS 163.305 through ORS 163.575, shall not be required to submit to a polygraph examination as a prerequisite to filing criminal charges (42 USC § 3796gg-8; ORS 163.705).

607.4.3 VICTIM RIGHTS

Victims should be apprised of applicable victim’s rights provisions, as outlined in the Victim and Witness Assistance Policy.

Victims have the right to select a person, 18 years of age or older, to be the victim’s personal representative to accompany the victim during the phases of the investigation, including medical examinations. The personal representative may only be excluded if there is a belief that the representative would compromise the process (ORS 147.425).

607.4.4 COLLECTION AND TESTING OF BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

Whenever possible, a SART member should be involved in the collection of forensic evidence from the victim.

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When the facts of the case indicate that collection of biological evidence is warranted, it should be collected regardless of how much time has elapsed since the reported assault.

If a drug-facilitated sexual assault is suspected, it is critical to the investigation that a urine sample from the victim be collected by a medical professional.

Unless the victim has chosen to remain anonymous, sexual assault kits or biological evidence from all sexual assault cases, including cases where the suspect is known by the victim, shall be submitted for biological testing (2016 Oregon Laws, c.89, § 4). Victims who choose not to file a police report may desire to provide an anonymous sexual assault kit. In these circumstances, the sexual assault kit shall be completed and stored in accordance with the Property and Evidence policy.

A sexual assault forensic evidence kit shall be obtained from a medical facility within seven days after the medical facility notifies the Department that the kit has been collected. The sexual assault forensic evidence kit shall be submitted to the Oregon State Police (OSP) for testing within 14 days after the Department receives the kit from the medical facility and accompanied with information sufficient to allow OSP to prioritize testing. Sexual assault kits shall not be submitted in cases where the victim has chosen to remain anonymous (2016 Oregon Laws, c.89, § 4).

The results and the case information should be entered into applicable state and national registries in a timely manner.

607.4.5 DISPOSITION OF CASES

If the assigned investigator has reason to believe the case is without merit, the case may be classified as unfounded only upon review and approval of the Investigation Section supervisor.

Classification of a rape case as unfounded requires the Investigation Section supervisor to determine that the facts have significant irregularities with reported information and that the incident could not have happened as it was reported. When a victim has recanted his/her original statement, there must be corroborating evidence to support the recanted information before the case should be determined as unfounded.

607.4.6 AUDITING CASE DISPOSITIONS

The Investigation Section supervisor will ensure case dispositions are reviewed on a periodic basis using an identified group that is independent of the investigation process. The SART and/or victim advocates should be considered for involvement in this audit.

607.5 RELEASING INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC

In cases where the perpetrator is not known to the victim, and especially if there are multiple crimes where more than one appear to be related, consideration should be given to releasing information to the public whenever there is a reasonable likelihood that doing so may result in developing helpful investigative leads. The Investigation Section supervisor should weigh the risk of alerting the suspect to the investigation with the need to protect the victim and the public, and to prevent more crimes.

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607.6 TRAINING

Subject to available resources, periodic training will be provided to:

(a) Members who are first responders. This includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:

1. Initial response to sexual assaults
2. Legal issues
3. Victim advocacy
4. Victim's response to trauma

(b) Qualified investigators who should receive advanced training on additional topics. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Interviewing sexual assault victims
2. SART
3. Medical and legal aspects of sexual assault investigations
4. Serial crimes investigations
5. Use of community and other federal and state investigative resources, such as the Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (ViCAP)

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Chapter 7 - Equipment

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Department Owned and Personal Property

700.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy addresses the care of department-owned property and the role of the Department when personal property, the property of another or department-owned property is damaged or lost.

700.2 CARE OF DEPARTMENTAL PROPERTY

Employees shall be responsible for the safekeeping, serviceable condition, proper care, use and replacement of department property assigned or entrusted to them. An employee's intentional or negligent abuse or misuse of department property may lead to discipline including, but not limited to the cost of repair or replacement.

(a) Employees shall promptly report through their chain of command, any loss, damage to, or unserviceable condition of any department issued property or equipment assigned for their use.

(b) The use of damaged or unserviceable department property should be discontinued as soon as practical and replaced with comparable Department property as soon as available and following notice to a supervisor.

(c) Except when otherwise directed by competent authority or required by exigent circumstances, department property shall only be used by those to whom it was assigned. Use should be limited to official purposes and in the capacity for which it was designed.

(d) Department property shall not be thrown away, sold, traded, donated, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of without proper authority.

(e) In the event that any Department property becomes damaged or unserviceable, no employee shall attempt to repair the property without prior approval of a supervisor.

700.2.1 CARE OF PROPERTY

Members shall be responsible for the safekeeping, serviceable condition, proper care, use and replacement of department property assigned or entrusted to them. Intentional or negligent abuse or misuse of department property may lead to discipline including, but not limited to, the cost of repair or replacement.

(a) Members shall promptly report through their chain of command, any loss, damage to, or unserviceable condition of any department-issued property or equipment.

    1. A supervisor receiving such a report shall conduct an investigation and direct a memo to the appropriate [Division Commander], which shall include the result of the investigation and whether misconduct or negligence caused the loss, damage or unserviceable condition.

    2. A review of the incident by command staff should determine whether additional action is appropriate.

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(b) The use of damaged or unserviceable property should be discontinued as soon as practicable, and the item replaced with a comparable item as soon as available and following notice to a supervisor.

(c) Except when otherwise directed by competent authority or otherwise reasonable by circumstances, department property shall only be used by those to whom it was assigned. Use should be limited to official purposes and in the capacity for which it was designed.

(d) Department property shall not be thrown away, sold, traded, donated, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of without proper authority.

(e) A supervisor's approval is required before any attempt to repair damaged or unserviceable property is made by a member.

700.3 DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OF ANOTHER PERSON

Anyone who intentionally or unintentionally damages or causes to be damaged the real or personal property of another while performing any law enforcement function shall promptly report the damage through his/her chain of command.

The supervisor receiving such a report shall conduct an investigation and direct a memo to the appropriate [Division Commander], which shall include the result of the investigation and whether reasonable care was taken to prevent the loss, damage or unserviceable condition.

A review of the incident by command staff to determine whether misconduct or negligence was involved should be completed.

700.3.1 DAMAGE BY PERSONNEL OF ANOTHER AGENCY

Personnel from another agency may intentionally or unintentionally cause damage to the real or personal property of the County of Columbia or of another person while performing their duties within the jurisdiction of this department. It shall be the responsibility of the department member present or the member responsible for the property to report the damage as follows:

(a) A verbal report shall be made to the member's immediate supervisor as soon as circumstances permit.

(b) A written report shall be submitted before the member goes off-duty or as otherwise directed by the supervisor.

The supervisor receiving such a report shall conduct an investigation and direct a memo to the appropriate [Division Commander] which shall include the result of the investigation and whether misconduct or negligence caused the loss, damage or unserviceable condition.

700.4 POLICY

Members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office shall properly care for department property assigned or entrusted to them. Department-owned property that becomes damaged shall be promptly replaced. Members' personal property that becomes damaged during the performance of assigned duties will be reimbursed in accordance with this policy.

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700.5 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Carrying and/or using personal property or equipment on-duty requires prior written approval by the Sheriff or the appropriate [Division Commander]. The member should submit a request that includes the description of the property, and the reason and length of time it will be used. Personal property of the type routinely carried by persons not performing law enforcement duties, and that is not a weapon, is excluded from this requirement.

The Department will not replace or repair costly items (e.g., jewelry, expensive watches, exotic equipment) that are not reasonably required as a part of work.

700.5.1 FILING CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY

Claims for reimbursement for damage to, or loss of, personal property must be made on the proper form. This form is submitted to the member's immediate supervisor. The supervisor may require a separate written report.

The supervisor receiving such a report shall conduct an investigation and direct a memo to the appropriate [Division Commander], which shall include the result of the investigation and whether the reasonable care was taken to prevent the loss, damage or unserviceable condition.

Upon review by staff and a finding that no misconduct or negligence was involved, repair or replacement may be recommended by the Sheriff who will then forward the claim to the Countydepartment responsible for issuing payments.

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Vehicle Maintenance

701.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Employees are responsible for assisting in maintaining Department vehicles so that they are properly equipped, properly maintained, properly refueled and present a clean appearance.

701.2 DEFECTIVE VEHICLES

When a department vehicle becomes inoperative or in need of repair that affects the safety of the vehicle, including, but not limited to, the lack of a working siren, emergency lights and/or radio communications, that vehicle shall be removed from service for repair. Proper documentation shall be promptly completed by the employee who first becomes aware of the defective condition, describing the correction needed. The paperwork shall be promptly forwarded to vehicle maintenance for repair.

701.2.1 DAMAGE OR POOR PERFORMANCE

Vehicles that may have been damaged, or perform poorly shall be removed from service for inspections and repairs as soon as practicable.

701.2.2 SEVERE USE

Vehicles operated under severe-use conditions, which include operations for which the vehicle is not designed or that exceed the manufacturer’s parameters, should be removed from service and subjected to a safety inspection as soon as practicable. Such conditions may include rough roadway or off-road driving, hard or extended braking, pursuits or prolonged high-speed operation.

701.2.3 REMOVAL OF WEAPONS

All firearms, weapons and control devices shall be removed from a vehicle and properly secured in the department armory prior to the vehicle being released for maintenance, service or repair.

701.3 VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

Certain items shall be maintained in all department vehicles for emergency purposes and to perform routine duties.

701.3.1 PATROL VEHICLES

Deputies shall inspect the patrol vehicle at the beginning of the shift and ensure that the following equipment, at a minimum, is present in the vehicle:

- 20 Emergency road flares
- 2 Sticks yellow crayon or chalk
- 1 Roll Crime Scene Barricade Tape
- 1 First aid kit, CPR mask
- 1 Blanket

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- 1 Fire extinguisher
- 1 Blood-borne pathogen kit, Incl. protective gloves
- 1 Sharps container
- 3 Hazardous waste disposal bags
- 1 Traffic Safety Vest
- 1 Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Handbook
- 1 Evidence collection supplies
- 1 Camera

701.3.2 UNMARKED VEHICLES

An employee driving unmarked department vehicles shall ensure that the minimum following equipment is present in the vehicle:

- 5 Emergency road flares
- 1 Roll Crime Scene Barricade Tape
- 1 First aid kit, CPR mask
- 1 Blanket
- 1 Fire extinguisher
- 1 Blood-borne pathogen kit, Incl. protective gloves
- 1 Sharps container
- 1 Hazardous waste disposal bag
- 1 Traffic Safety Vest
- 1 Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Handbook
- 1 Evidence collection supplies
- 1 Camera

701.4 VEHICLE REFUELING

Absent emergency conditions or supervisor approval, deputies driving patrol vehicles shall not place a vehicle in service that has less than one-quarter tank of fuel. Vehicles shall only be refueled at the authorized location. Vehicles should be fueled at the end of each shift.

701.5 WASHING OF VEHICLES

All units shall be kept clean at all times and weather conditions permitting, shall be washed as necessary to enhance their appearance.

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Employees using a vehicle shall remove any trash or debris at the end of their shift. Confidential material should be placed in a designated receptacle provided for the shredding of confidential material.

701.6 NON-SWORN EMPLOYEE USE

Non-sworn employees using marked vehicles shall ensure all weapons are removed from vehicles before going into service. Non-sworn employees shall also prominently display the “out of service” placards or lightbar covers at all times. Non-sworn employees shall not operate the emergency lights or siren of any vehicle unless expressly authorized by a supervisor.

Marked vehicles released to non-members for service or any other reason shall have all weapons removed and "out of service" placards or lightbar covers in place.

701.7 VEHICLE INSPECTION

Unless delayed by an emergency call, employees shall inspect department vehicles at the beginning of each shift for any damage, and to ensure that all systems, lights and emergency equipment are in good working order. The interiors should be examined to confirm no property or contraband is present. The interior inspection should be repeated at the conclusion of any prisoner transport.

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Vehicle Use

702.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes a system of accountability to ensure County-owned vehicles are used appropriately. For the purposes of this policy, “County-owned” includes any vehicle owned, leased or rented by the County.

702.2 POLICY

The Department provides vehicles for official business use and may assign take-home vehicles based on its determination of operational efficiency, economic impact to the Department, tactical deployments and other considerations.

702.3 USE OF VEHICLES

County-owned vehicles shall only be used for official business and, when approved, for commuting to allow members to respond to department-related business outside their regular work hours.

Members shall not operate a County-owned vehicle at any time when impaired by drugs and/or alcohol.

Any member operating a vehicle equipped with a two-way communications radio, MDT and/or a GPS device shall ensure the devices are on and set to an audible volume whenever the vehicle is in operation.

702.3.1 SHIFT ASSIGNED VEHICLES

Members who use a fleet vehicle as part of their work assignment shall ensure that the vehicle is properly checked out, according to current procedures, prior to taking it into service. If for any reason during the shift the vehicle is exchanged, the member shall ensure that the exchanged vehicle is likewise properly checked out.

Members shall be responsible for inspecting the interior and exterior of any assigned vehicle before taking the vehicle into service and at the conclusion of the shift. Any previously unreported damage, mechanical problems, unauthorized contents or other problems with the vehicle shall be promptly reported to a supervisor and documented as appropriate.

All vehicles used in patrol operations are equipped with a sheriff's radio and emergency equipment as defined by ORS 816.250 and OAR 735-110-0010 through OAR 735-110-0050. Vehicles with defective emergency equipment should be promptly reported to a supervisor and not used for patrol duties.

702.3.2 UNMARKED VEHICLES

Except for use by the assigned member, unmarked units shall not be used without first obtaining approval from the supervisor of the unit to which the vehicle is assigned.

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702.3.3 AUTHORIZED PASSENGERS
Members operating County-owned vehicles shall not permit persons other than County members or persons required to be conveyed in the performance of duty, or as otherwise authorized, to ride as a passenger in their vehicle.

702.3.4 PARKING
Except when responding to an emergency or other urgent official business requires otherwise, members driving County-owned vehicles should obey all parking regulations at all times.

County-owned vehicles should be parked in their assigned stalls. Members shall not park privately owned vehicles in any stall assigned to a County-owned vehicle or in any other areas of the parking lot that are not designated as a parking space unless authorized by a supervisor. Privately owned motorcycles shall be parked in designated areas.

702.3.5 INSPECTIONS
The interior of any vehicle that has been used to transport any person other than a member should be inspected prior to placing another person in the vehicle and again after the person is removed. This is to ensure that unauthorized or personal items have not been left in the vehicle.

When transporting any suspect, prisoner or arrestee, the transporting deputy shall search all areas of the vehicle that are accessible by the person before and after the person is transported.

702.3.6 PRIVACY
All County-owned vehicles are subject to inspection and/or search at any time by a supervisor without notice and without cause. No member assigned to or operating such vehicle shall be entitled to any expectation of privacy with respect to the vehicle or its contents.

702.3.7 ALCOHOL
Members who have consumed alcohol are prohibited from operating any department vehicle unless it is required by the duty assignment (e.g., task force, undercover work). Regardless of assignment, members may not violate state law regarding vehicle operation while intoxicated.

702.3.8 PARKING
Except when responding to an emergency or when urgent department-related business requires otherwise, members driving department vehicles should obey all parking regulations at all times.

Department vehicles should be parked in assigned stalls. Members shall not park privately owned vehicles in stalls assigned to department vehicles or in other areas of the parking lot that are not so designated unless authorized by a supervisor. Privately owned motorcycles shall be parked in designated areas.

702.3.9 ACCESSORIES AND/OR MODIFICATIONS
There shall be no modifications, additions or removal of any equipment or accessories without written permission from the assigned vehicle program manager.

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702.3.10 NON-SWORN MEMBER USE

Non-sworn members using marked emergency vehicles shall ensure that all weapons have been removed before going into service. Non-sworn members shall prominently display the "out of service" placards or light bar covers at all times. Non-sworn members shall not operate the emergency lights or siren of any vehicle unless expressly authorized by a supervisor.

702.4 UNMARKED VEHICLES

Unmarked vehicles are assigned to various commands and their use is restricted to the respective command and the assigned member, unless otherwise approved by a supervisor. Any member operating an unmarked vehicle shall record vehicle usage on the sign-out log maintained in the command for that purpose. Any use of unmarked vehicles by those who are not assigned to the command to which the vehicle is assigned shall also be recorded with the Enforcement Lieutenant on the shift assignment roster.

702.5 DAMAGE, ABUSE AND MISUSE

When any department vehicle is involved in a traffic collision or otherwise incurs damage, the involved member shall promptly notify a supervisor. Any traffic collision report shall be filed with the agency having jurisdiction (see the Traffic Collision Reporting Policy).

Damage to any department vehicle that was not caused by a traffic collision shall be immediately reported during the shift in which the damage was discovered, documented in memorandum format and forwarded to the Enforcement Lieutenant. An administrative investigation should be initiated to determine if there has been any vehicle abuse or misuse.

702.6 ATTIRE AND APPEARANCE

When operating any department vehicle while off-duty, members may dress in a manner appropriate for their intended activity. Whenever in view of or in contact with the public, attire and appearance, regardless of the activity, should be suitable to reflect positively upon the Department.

702.6.1 ACCESSORIES AND/OR MODIFICATIONS

No modifications, additions or removal of any equipment or accessories shall be made to the vehicle without written permission from the Undersheriff .

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Cash Handling, Security and Management

703.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines to ensure department members handle cash appropriately in the performance of their duties.

This policy does not address cash-handling issues specific to the Property and Evidence and Informants policies.

703.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to properly handle and document cash transactions and to maintain accurate records of cash transactions in order to protect the integrity of department operations and ensure the public trust.

703.3 PETTY CASH FUNDS

The Sheriff shall designate a person as the fund manager responsible for maintaining and managing the petty cash fund.

Each petty cash fund requires the creation and maintenance of an accurate and current transaction ledger and the filing of invoices, receipts, cash transfer forms and expense reports by the fund manager.

703.4 PETTY CASH TRANSACTIONS

The fund manager shall document all transactions on the ledger and any other appropriate forms. Each person participating in the transaction shall sign or otherwise validate the ledger, attesting to the accuracy of the entry. Transactions should include the filing of an appropriate receipt, invoice or cash transfer form. Transactions that are not documented by a receipt, invoice or cash transfer form require an expense report.

703.5 PETTY CASH AUDITS

The fund manager shall perform an audit no less than once every 12 month. This audit requires that the fund manager and at least one member of the County Finance Office review the transaction ledger and verify the accuracy of the accounting. The fund manager and the Finance Office member shall sign or otherwise validate the ledger attesting to the accuracy of all documentation and fund accounting. A discrepancy in the audit requires documentation by those performing the audit and an immediate reporting of the discrepancy to the Sheriff.

Transference of fund management to another member shall require a separate petty cash audit and involve a command staff member.

A separate audit of each petty cash fund should be completed on a random date, approximately once each year by the Sheriff or the County.

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703.6 ROUTINE CASH HANDLING

Those who handle cash as part of their property or Investigations Unit supervisor duties shall discharge those duties in accordance with the Property and Evidence and Informants policies.

Members who routinely accept payment for department services shall discharge those duties in accordance with the procedures established for those tasks.

703.7 OTHER CASH HANDLING

Members of the Department who, within the course of their duties, are in possession of cash that is not their property or that is outside their defined cash-handling responsibilities shall, as soon as practicable, verify the amount, summon another member to verify their accounting, and process the cash for safekeeping or as evidence or found property, in accordance with the Property and Evidence Policy.

Cash in excess of $1,000 requires immediate notification of a supervisor, special handling, verification and accounting by the supervisor. Each member involved in this process shall complete an appropriate report or record entry.

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Petty Cash Handling

704.1 HANDLING PETTY CASH

Petty cash funds will be kept in the safe located in the Front Offices of the Sheriff's Office.

Procedures for requesting/using petty cash for purchases:

1) Complete all fields of the Petty Cash Request Form (located at S:\02 FORMS\General Forms\Misc Forms\Petty Cash).

2) After completing all fields of the Petty Cash Request Form, print the document.

3) Sign and date the document

4) The Petty Cash Request Form will then go to the Requestor's Division Supervisor for signature/date.

5) The supervisor will deliver the document to the Sheriff for his signature/date.

6) After the Sheriff has signed the form, it will be given to the Sheriff's Office Administrator for the funds to be disbursed.

7) The Sheriff's Office Administrator will return a copy of the signed form and the requested petty cash funds to the Requestor.

8) Once the Requestor has made the purchase, a copy of the signed form and a detailed receipt must be returned to the Sheriff's Office Administrator.

9) The Sheriff's Office Administrator will be responsible for tracking/storing the documentation regarding petty cash requests and reconciling the petty cash funds with County Finance as described below.

704.1.1 REPLENISHING PETTY CASH

When the petty cash drawer is getting low, please send ALL back-up documentation (receipts, etc) with appropriate expense GL coding to the County FinanceDepartment along with a written request to replenish the petty cash account with cash, not a check.

Finance will need a week's notice to fill this request.

Please do not let this become an emergency situation as we do not always have the cash readily available on a daily basis. As soon as the request is filled, an email will be sent to inform you

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it is ready to be picked up. The receiving employee will be required to sign for the cash at the time of release.

704.2 SECTION TITLE

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Personal Protective Equipment

705.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy identifies the different types of personal protective equipment (PPE) provided by the Department as well the requirements and guidelines for the use of PPE.

This policy does not address ballistic vests or protection from communicable disease, as those issues are addressed in the Body Armor and Communicable Diseases policies.

705.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Personal protective equipment (PPE) - Equipment that protects a person from serious workplace injuries or illnesses resulting from contact with chemical, radiological, physical, electrical, mechanical or other workplace hazards.

Respiratory PPE - Any device that is worn by the user to protect from exposure to atmospheres where there is smoke, low levels of oxygen, high levels of carbon monoxide, or the presence of toxic gases or other respiratory hazards. For purposes of this policy, respiratory PPE does not include particulate-filtering masks such as N95 or N100 masks.

705.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office endeavors to protect members by supplying certain PPE to members as provided in this policy.

705.3 DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITIES

Members are required to use PPE as provided in this policy and pursuant to their training.

Members are responsible for proper maintenance and storage of issued PPE. PPE should be stored in an appropriate location so that it is available when needed.

Any member who identifies hazards in the workplace is encouraged to utilize the procedures in the Illness and Injury Prevention Policy to recommend new or improved PPE or additional needs for PPE.

705.4 HEARING PROTECTION

Approved hearing protection shall be used by members during firearms training.

Hearing protection shall meet or exceed the requirements provided in 29 CFR 1910.95 and OAR 437-002-0080.

705.5 EYE PROTECTION

Approved eye protection, including side protection, shall be used by members during firearms training. Eye protection for members who wear prescription lenses shall incorporate the

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prescription (e.g., eye protection that can be worn over prescription lenses). Members shall ensure their eye protection does not interfere with the fit of their hearing protection.

The Rangemaster shall ensure eye protection meets or exceeds the requirements provided in OAR 437-002-0134.

705.6 RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

The Undersheriff is responsible for ensuring a respiratory protection plan is developed and maintained by a trained and qualified member. The plan shall include procedures for (29 CFR 1910.134; OAR 437-002-0120):

(a) Selecting appropriate respiratory PPE based on hazards and risks associated with functions or positions.

(b) Fit testing, including identification of members or contractors qualified to conduct fit testing.

(c) Medical evaluations.

(d) PPE inventory control.

(e) PPE issuance and replacement.

(f) Cleaning, disinfecting, storing, inspecting, repairing, discarding and otherwise maintaining respiratory PPE, including schedules for these activities.

(g) Regularly reviewing the PPE plan.

(h) Remaining current with applicable National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), American National Standards Institute (ANSI), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Environmental Protective Agency (EPA) and state PPE standards and guidelines.

705.6.1 RESPIRATORY PROTECTION USE

Designated members may be issued respiratory PPE based on the member's assignment (e.g., a narcotics investigator who is involved in clandestine lab investigations).

Respiratory PPE may be worn when authorized by a scene commander who will determine the type and level of protection appropriate at a scene based upon an evaluation of the hazards present.

Scene commanders are responsible for monitoring members using respiratory PPE and their degree of exposure or stress. When there is a change in work area conditions or when a member's degree of exposure or stress may affect respirator effectiveness, the scene commander shall reevaluate the continued effectiveness of the respirator and direct the member to leave the respirator use area when the scene commander reasonably believes (29 CFR 1910.134; OAR 437-002-0120):

(a) It is necessary for the member to wash his/her face and the respirator facepiece to prevent eye or skin irritation associated with respirator use.

(b) The member detects vapor or gas breakthrough, or there is a change in breathing resistance or leakage of the facepiece.

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(c) The member needs to replace the respirator, filter, cartridge or canister.

705.6.2 MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

Members shall not use self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), full-face respirators or cartridge respirators unless they have completed training requirements for the equipment.

Members exposed to environments that are reasonably known to be harmful due to gases, smoke or vapors shall use respiratory PPE.

Members using respiratory PPE shall (29 CFR 1910.134; OAR 437-002-0120):

(a) Ensure that they have no facial hair between the sealing surface of the facepiece and the face that could interfere with the seal or the valve function. Members also shall ensure that they have no other condition that will interfere with the face-to-facepiece seal or the valve function.

(b) Not wear corrective glasses, goggles or other PPE that interferes with the seal of the facepiece to the face, or that has not been previously tested for use with that respiratory equipment.

(c) Perform a user seal check per department-approved procedures recommended by the respirator manufacturer each time they put on a tight-fitting respirator.

(d) Leave a respiratory use area whenever they detect vapor or gas breakthrough, changes in breathing resistance or leakage of their facepiece and ensure that the respirator is replaced or repaired before returning to the affected area.

705.6.3 GAS MASK

Full-face air-purifying respirators, commonly referred to as gas masks, may be fitted with mechanical pre-filters or combination cartridge/filter assemblies for use in areas where gases, vapors, dusts, fumes or mists are present. Members must identify and use the correct cartridge based on the circumstances (29 CFR 1910.134; OAR 437-002-0120).

A scene commander may order the use of gas masks in situations where the use of a SCBA is not necessary. These incidents may include areas where tear gas has or will be used or where a vegetation fire is burning. Gas masks shall not be used if there is a potential for an oxygen-deficient atmosphere.

Members shall ensure their gas mask filters are replaced whenever:

(a) They smell, taste or are irritated by a contaminant.

(b) They experience difficulty breathing due to filter loading.

(c) The cartridges or filters become wet.

(d) The expiration date on the cartridges or canisters has been reached.

705.6.4 SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

Scene commanders may direct members to use SCBA when entering an atmosphere that may pose an immediate threat to life, would cause irreversible adverse health effects or would impair

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an individual's ability to escape from a dangerous atmosphere. These situations may include, but are not limited to:

(a) Entering the hot zone of a hazardous materials incident.

(b) Entering any area where contaminant levels may become unsafe without warning, or any situation where exposures cannot be identified or reasonably estimated.

(c) Entering a smoke- or chemical-filled area.

The use of SCBA should not cease until approved by a scene commander.

705.6.5 RESPIRATOR FIT TESTING

No member shall be issued respiratory PPE until a proper fit testing has been completed by a designated member or contractor (29 CFR 1910.134; OAR 437-002-0120).

After initial testing, fit testing for respiratory PPE shall be repeated (29 CFR 1910.134; OAR 437-002-0120):

(a) At least once every 12 months.

(b) Whenever there are changes in the type of SCBA or facepiece used.

(c) Whenever there are significant physical changes in the user (e.g., obvious change in body weight, scarring of the face seal area, dental changes, cosmetic surgery or any other condition that may affect the fit of the facepiece seal).

All respirator fit testing shall be conducted in negative-pressure mode.

705.6.6 RESPIRATORY MEDICAL EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE

No member shall be issued respiratory protection that forms a complete seal around the face until (29 CFR 1910.134; OAR 437-002-0120):

(a) The member has completed a medical evaluation that includes a medical evaluation questionnaire.

(b) A physician or other licensed health care professional has reviewed the questionnaire.

(c) The member has completed any physical examination recommended by the reviewing physician or health care professional.

705.7 RECORDS

The Undersheriff is responsible for maintaining records of all:

(a) PPE training.

(b) Initial fit testing for respiratory protection equipment.

(c) Annual fit testing.

(d) Respirator medical evaluation questionnaires and any subsequent physical examination results.

    1. These records shall be maintained in a separate confidential medical file.

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The records shall be maintained in accordance with the department records retention schedule, 29 CFR 1910.1020 and OAR 437-002-0360.

705.8 TRAINING

Members should be trained in the respiratory and other hazards to which they may be potentially exposed during routine and emergency situations.

All members shall be trained in the proper use and maintenance of PPE issued to them, including when the use is appropriate; how to put on, remove and adjust PPE; how to care for the PPE; and the limitations (29 CFR 1910.132; OAR 437-002-0120).

Members issued respiratory PPE shall attend annual training on the proper use of respiratory protection devices (29 CFR 1910.134; OAR 437-002-0120).

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Property and Evidence

800.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides for the proper collection, storage, and security of evidence and other property. Additionally, this policy provides for the protection of the chain of evidence and those persons authorized to remove and/or destroy property.

800.2 DEFINITIONS

Property - Includes all items of evidence, items taken for safekeeping and found property.

Evidence - Includes items taken or recovered in the course of an investigation that may be used in the prosecution of a case. This includes photographs and latent fingerprints.

Safekeeping - Includes the following types of property:

- Property obtained by the Department for safekeeping such as a firearm
- Personal property of an arrestee not taken as evidence
- Property taken for safekeeping under authority of a law

Found Property - Includes property found by an employee or citizen that has no apparent evidentiary value and where the owner cannot be readily identified or contacted.

800.3 PROPERTY HANDLING

Any employee who first comes into possession of any property, shall retain such property in his/her possession until it is properly tagged and placed in the designated property locker or storage room along with the property form. Care shall be taken to maintain the chain of custody for all evidence. When not specifically addressed by procedures in this policy, collection and handling of all evidence and property should follow the guidelines in the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Property Procedures Manual.

Employees will provide a receipt for all items of property or evidence that are received or taken from any person. If no person is present, and the property or evidence is removed from private property or a vehicle, the employee will leave a receipt prominently placed on the private property or the vehicle.

Where ownership can be established as to found property with no apparent evidentiary value, such property may be released to the owner without the need for booking. The property form must be completed to document the release of property not booked and the owner shall sign the form acknowledging receipt of the item(s).

800.3.1 PROPERTY BOOKING PROCEDURE

All property must be booked prior to the employee going off-duty unless otherwise approved by a supervisor. Employees booking property shall observe the following guidelines:

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(a) Complete the property form describing each item of property separately, listing all serial numbers, owner’s name, finder's name, and other identifying information or markings.

(b) Mark each item of evidence with the booking employee’s initials and the date booked using the appropriate method so as not to deface or damage the value of the property.

(c) Complete an evidence/property tag and attach it to each package or envelope in which the property is stored.

(d) The original property form shall be submitted with the case report. A copy shall be placed with the property in the temporary property locker or with the property if property is stored somewhere other than a property locker.

(e) Property that will fit in evidence bags must be so packaged and the deputy's initials and date on the sealed bag.

(f) When the property is too large to be placed in a locker, the item may be retained in the supply room. Submit the completed property record into a numbered locker indicating the location of the property.

(g) Evidence that requires Crime Lab processing should have the Crime Lab submittal form completed and attached when placed into the temporary property locker.

(h) All information requested on the outside surface of the evidence bags is required.

800.3.2 NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS

All narcotics and dangerous drugs (Including paraphernalia as defined by ORS 475.525(2)) shall be booked separately using a separate Property Record.

The deputy seizing the narcotics and dangerous drugs shall place them in the designated locker accompanied by two copies of the form for the Records Unit and Detectives. The remaining copy will be detached and submitted with the case report.

800.3.3 EXPLOSIVES/HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

Deputies who encounter a suspected explosive device shall promptly notify their immediate supervisor or the Enforcement Lieutenant. The bomb squad will be called to handle explosive-related incidents and will be responsible for the handling, storage, sampling and disposal of all suspected explosives. In the event of military ordnance, the closest military unit shall be notified and will be responsible for removal of the device.

Explosives will not be retained in the sheriff's facility. Only fireworks that are considered stable and safe and road flares or similar signaling devices may be booked into property. All such items shall be stored in proper containers and in an area designated for the storage of flammable materials. The Evidence Technician is responsible for arranging disposal of any fireworks or signaling devices that are not retained as evidence.

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800.3.4 EXCEPTIONAL HANDLING

Certain property items require a separate process. The following items shall be processed in the described manner:

(a) Bodily fluids such as blood or semen stains shall be submitted appropriately to the evidence technician for drying. Small items of evidence may be packed to assure air flow and then secured in a slam locker for later drying. The exterior of any package should have a bio-hazard label attached.

(b) License plates found not to be stolen or connected with a known crime, should be receipted as required and placed into the evidence control system as any other found property.

(c) All bicycles and bicycle frames require a property record. Property tags will be securely attached to each bicycle or bicycle frame. The property may be released, if appropriate, or placed in the bicycle storage area until the Evidence Technician (or designee) can log the property

(d) All cash shall be counted in the presence of a supervisor and the envelope initialed by the booking deputy and the supervisor. The Enforcement Lieutenant shall be contacted for cash in excess of $1,000 for special handling procedures

County property, unless connected to a known criminal case, should be released directly to the appropriate County department. No formal booking is required. In cases where no responsible person can be located, the property should be booked for safekeeping in the normal manner.

800.3.5 COLLECTION AND PRESERVATION OF DNA EVIDENCE

Because DNA evidence can play a key role in establishing guilt or innocence it is important that such evidence be collected, handled and preserved in a manner that will maintain its integrity for future testing. Unless impracticable to do so, deputies should collect samples of all biological evidence that may reasonably be used to incriminate or exculpate any person as part of any criminal death investigation or a sex crime listed in ORS 163A.005. The evidence technician will be responsible to ensure that biological evidence is preserved in an amount and manner that is sufficient to develop a DNA profile.

Collection and preservation should follow established protocols as outlined in the Oregon Physical Evidence Manual.

800.3.6 COLLECTION AND PRESERVATION OF SAFE KITS

Under current law, victims of sexual assault may seek medical assessment and choose not to make a report to law enforcement, yet still have evidence collected and preserved. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will collect and maintain the chain of evidence for all Oregon State Police Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Kits (SAFE Kits) and any associated evidence collected by medical facilities in this jurisdiction for victims of sexual assault, regardless of where the assault may have occurred. Victims who choose to remain anonymous and not make a report shall not be required to do so (ORS 147.397).

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The collection and preservation of SAFE Kits from anonymous victims shall be handled by the Criminal Investigations Unit, which shall assign a detective to ensure their proper collection and preservation. When a medical facility notifies this department that evidence of a sexual assault has been collected and a SAFE Kit is available, the assigned detective shall be responsible for the following:

(a) Respond promptly to the medical facility to retrieve the evidence.

(b) Provide a unique case number to a responsible representative of the medical facility, which will be provided to the victim. The case number will be used to identify all associated evidence so that a chain of evidence can be maintained in the event the victim later decides to report the assault.

(c) Ensure that no identifying information regarding the victim, other than the case number, is visible on the evidence packaging.

(d) Prepare and submit an evidence report and book the evidence in accordance with current evidence procedures.

SAFE Kits collected for victims whose identity is not disclosed should be maintained in the same manner as other SAFE Kits, but should not be opened until or unless the victim reports the assault. Opening SAFE Kits may compromise the admissibility of evidence in the event of a prosecution.

Where the identity of the sexual assault victim is not disclosed, a SAFE Kit and related evidence should be retained for 25 years, unless directed otherwise by an Enforcement Division supervisor or the District Attorney. However, in all cases such evidence shall be retained for a minimum of 180 days (ORS 147.397).

800.4 PACKAGING OF PROPERTY

Certain items require special consideration and shall be booked separately as follows:

(a) Narcotics and dangerous drugs

(b) Firearms (ensure they are unloaded and booked separately from ammunition). A flex cuff or similar device should be inserted through the chamber, barrel, or cylinder whenever possible.

(c) Property with more than one known owner

(d) Paraphernalia as described in ORS 475.525(2)

(e) Fireworks and other hazardous materials

(f) Contraband

800.4.1 PACKAGING CONTAINER

Employees shall package all property in a suitable container available for its size. Knife boxes should be used to package knives. All packages containing evidence must be sealed with evidence tape, initialed, and dated across the seal.

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Needles or syringes will normally be disposed of in a sharps container and will not be submitted to the Property Room however when required for evidence in a serious crime or in a major investigation, a syringe tube should be used for packaging.

A property tag shall be securely attached to the outside of all items or group of items packaged together.

800.4.2 PACKAGING NARCOTICS

The deputy seizing narcotics and dangerous drugs shall retain such property in their possession until it is properly weighed, packaged, tagged, and placed in the slam locker, accompanied by the property record. Prior to packaging and if the quantity allows, a presumptive test should be made on all suspected narcotics. If conducted, the results of this test shall be included in the deputy's report.

Narcotics and dangerous drugs shall be packaged in an envelope or paper bag of appropriate size available in the report room. The booking deputy shall initial the sealed envelope . Narcotics and dangerous drugs shall not be packaged with other property.

A property bag shall be completed as required.

800.5 RECORDING OF PROPERTY

The Evidence Technician (or designee) receiving custody of evidence or property shall record the date and time the property was received and where the property will be stored in the appropriate computerized evidence system.

A property number shall be designated for each exhibit on each property receipt, using the property receipt number in combination with the item number. This number shall be recorded on the property bag or container and in the computerized record for that item of property.

Any changes in the location of property held by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office shall be noted in the computer record for that item of property.

800.6 PROPERTY ROOM SECURITY

Access to the Property Room is limited to Evidence Technicians unless visitors are logged in and out, including the time, date and purpose of entry. The Property Room is alarmed and requires appropriate access to enter. All personnel entering the Property Room must be accompanied at all times by a Evidence Technician or Sheriff's designee.

Annual independent audits will be completed of the Property Room function with an audit report to the Sheriff.

800.6.1 RESPONSIBILITY OF OTHER PERSONNEL

Every time property is released or received, an appropriate entry on the evidence chain of custody form shall be completed to maintain the chain of possession. No evidence is to be released without first receiving written authorization from the assigned investigator or his/her supervisor or the District Attorney.

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Request for analysis for items other than narcotics or drugs shall be completed on the appropriate forms and submitted to the Evidence Technician. This request may be filled out any time after the booking of property or evidence.

800.6.2 TRANSFER OF EVIDENCE TO CRIME LABORATORY

The Evidence Technician will check the evidence out of property, indicating the date and time in the compuetrized evidence system, The evidence technician will deliver the request for laboratory analysis along with the evidence to the apporpriate laboratory.

The original copy of the lab form will remain with the evidence and the copy will be returned to the property room for filing with the case.

800.6.3 STATUS OF PROPERTY

Each person receiving property will make the appropriate entry to document the chain of evidence. Temporary release of property to deputies for investigative purposes, or for court, shall be noted on the chain of custody form, stating the date, time and to whom released.

The Evidence Technician shall obtain the signature of the person to whom property is released, and the reason for release. Any employee receiving property shall be responsible for such property until it is properly returned to the property room or properly released to another authorized person or entity.

The return of the property should be recorded on the Chain of Custody form, indicating date, time, and the person who returned the property.

800.6.4 RELEASE OF PROPERTY

Property may be released to a verified owner at the discretion of the Evidence Technician without further authorization. An Evidence Technician shall release the property upon proper identification being presented by the owner for which an authorized release has been received. A signature of the person receiving the property shall be recorded on the original property form. After release of all evidence or property entered into the evidence control system and associated with a case number, no further action is required and all evidence-related documentation shall be maintained in the Property Room for filing. If some items of property have not been released, the property sheet will remain with the property room. Upon release, the proper entry shall be documented in the computerized evidence system.

All reasonable attempts shall be made to identify the rightful owner of found property or evidence not needed for an investigation. Property not claimed within 30 days after notification of owner of its availability for release will be auctioned, destroyed, or disposed of in accordance with these procedures and existing law.

Unless the owner is known, found property and property held for safekeeping will be held for at least 90 days.

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800.6.5 RELEASE OF EVIDENCE

Evidence may only be released with the authorization of the DA's office and the deputy or detective assigned to the case.

Once a case has been adjudicated or passed the statute of limitations for prosecution, an Evidence Technician (or designee) will forward a disposition authorization from the DA's office . Care should be taken to ensure there are no outstanding warrants for suspects or additional defendants for the same case prior to authorizing release.

Release of evidence shall be made upon receipt of an authorized release form. The release authorization shall be signed by the assigned deputy or detective and must conform to the items listed on the property form or must specify the specific item(s) to be released. Once evidence has been authorized for release and is no longer needed for any pending criminal cases, it shall be considered property and released or disposed of in accordance with those procedures.

800.6.6 DISPUTED CLAIMS TO PROPERTY

Occasionally more than one party may claim an interest in property being held by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, and the legal rights of the parties cannot be clearly established. Such property shall not be released until one party has obtained a valid court order or other undisputed right to the involved property.

All parties should be advised that their claims are civil and in extreme situations, legal counsel for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office may wish to file an interpleader to resolve the disputed claim (Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure § 31) .

800.7 DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

All property not held for evidence in a pending criminal investigation or proceeding, and held for 90 days or longer (60 days or more, plus 30 days after notice), where the owner has not been located or fails to claim the property, may be disposed of in compliance with existing laws upon receipt of proper authorization for disposal. The evidence technician shall request a disposition or status on all property which has been held in excess of 120 days, and for which no disposition has been received from a supervisor or detective. ORS 98.245 and 98.336 govern the disposition of property held by law enforcement agencies.

800.7.1 DEFINITIONS

As set out in ORS 98.245, the following definition applies to the disposition of property by law enforcement agencies:

Unclaimed Property - Personal property that was seized by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office as evidence, abandoned property, found property or stolen property, and that has remained in the physical possession of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office for a period of more than 60 days following conclusion of all criminal actions related to the seizure of the evidence, abandoned property, found property or stolen property, or conclusion of the investigation if no criminal action is filed.

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800.7.2 DISPOSITION

Unclaimed property will be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of ORS 98.245. Disposal may consist of:

(a) Destruction

(b) Sale at public auction

(c) Retention for public use

800.7.3 RETENTION OF BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

The Evidence technician shall ensure that no biological evidence held by the Department is destroyed without adequate notification to the following persons, when applicable:

(a) The defendant

(b) The defendant’s attorney

(c) The appropriate prosecutor

(d) Any sexual assault victim

(e) The Property Room supervisor

Biological evidence shall be retained for a minimum period established by law (ORS 133.707), the Property Room supervisor or the expiration of any sentence imposed related to the evidence, whichever time period is greater. Following the retention period, notifications should be made by certified mail and should inform the recipient that the evidence will be destroyed after a date specified in the notice unless a motion seeking an order to retain the sample is filed and served on the Department within 90 days of the date of the notification. A record of all certified mail receipts shall be retained in the appropriate file. Any objection to, or motion regarding, the destruction of the biological evidence should be retained in the appropriate file and a copy forwarded to the sheriff.

Biological evidence related to a homicide shall be retained indefinitely and may only be destroyed with the written approval of the Sheriff and the head of the applicable prosecutor’s office.

Biological evidence from an unsolved sexual assault should not be disposed of prior to expiration of the statute of limitations. Even after expiration of the applicable statute of limitations, the sheriff should be consulted and (when applicable) the sexual assault victim should be notified.

The Evidence Technician should incorporate OAR 137-140-0030 et seq. as applicable to the preservation and documentation of biological evidence.

800.8 INSPECTIONS OF THE EVIDENCE ROOM

(a) On a monthly basis, the Enforcement Lieutenant (or another supervisor in the Lieutenant's absence) shall make an inspection of the evidence storage facilities and practices to ensure adherence to appropriate policies and procedures.

(b) Unannounced inspections of evidence storage areas shall be conducted annually as directed by the Sheriff.

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(c) An annual, independent audit of evidence held by the department shall be conducted by under the direction of the Enforcement Lieutenant.

(d) Whenever a change is made in personnel who have access to the evidence room, an inventory of all evidence/property shall be made by an individual(s) not associated to the property room or function to ensure that records are correct and all evidence property is accounted for.

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Restoration of Firearm Serial Numbers

801.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The primary purpose for restoring firearm serial numbers is to determine the prior owners or origin of the item from which the number has been recovered. Thus, property can be returned to rightful owners or investigations can be initiated to curb illegal trade of contraband firearms. The purpose of this plan is to develop standards, methodologies, and safety protocols for the recovery of obliterated serial numbers from firearms and other objects using procedures that are accepted as industry standards in the forensic community. All personnel who are involved in the restoration of serial numbers will observe the following guidelines.

801.2 PROCEDURE

Any firearm coming into the possession of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office as evidence, found property, etc., where the serial numbers have been removed or obliterated will be processed in the following manner:

801.2.1 PRELIMINARY FIREARM EXAMINATION

(a) Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Be sure the firearm is in an unloaded condition. This includes removal of the ammunition source (e.g., the detachable magazine, contents of the tubular magazine) as well as the chamber contents.

(b) If the firearm is corroded shut or in a condition that would preclude inspection of the chamber contents, treat the firearm as if it is loaded. Make immediate arrangements for a firearms examiner or other qualified examiner to render the firearm safe.

(c) Accurately record/document the condition of the gun when received. Note the positions of the various components such as the safeties, cylinder, magazine, slide, hammer, etc. Accurately record/document cylinder chamber and magazine contents. Package the ammunition separately.

(d) If the firearm is to be processed for fingerprints or trace evidence, process before the serial number restoration is attempted. First record/document important aspects such as halos on the revolver cylinder face or other relevant evidence that might be obscured by the fingerprinting chemicals.

801.2.2 PROPERTY BOOKING PROCEDURE

Any employee taking possession of a firearm with removed/obliterated serial numbers shall book the firearm into property following standard procedures. The employee booking the firearm shall indicate on the property form that serial numbers have been removed or obliterated.

801.2.3 DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITY

The Evidence Technician (or designee) receiving a firearm when the serial numbers have been removed or obliterated shall arrange for the firearm to be transported to the crime lab for restoration and maintain the chain of evidence.

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801.2.4 DOCUMENTATION

Case reports are prepared in order to document the chain of custody and the initial examination and handling of evidence from the time it is received/collected until it is released.

This report must include a record of the manner in which and/or from whom the firearm was received. This may appear on the request form or property form depending on the type of evidence.

801.2.5 FIREARM TRACE

After the serial number has been restored or partially restored by the criminalistics laboratory, the evidence technician will complete a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) National Tracing Center (NTC) Obliterated Serial Number Trace Request Form (ATF 3312.1-OBL) and forward the form to the NTC in Falling Waters, West Virginia or the data may be entered into the ATF eTrace system.

801.3 BULLET AND CASING IDENTIFICATION

Exemplar bullets and cartridge cases from the firearm, depending upon acceptance criteria and protocol, may be submitted to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) which uses the Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS) technology to digitize and compare unique markings made by a firearm on bullets and cartridge casings recovered from crime scenes.

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Records Maintenance and Release

802.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidance on the maintenance and release of department records. Protected information is separately covered in the Protected Information Policy.

802.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing public access to records in a manner that is consistent with the Oregon Public Records Law (ORS 192.001 et seq.) and the Columbia County Public Records policy (http://www.co.columbia.or.us/departments/county-counsels-office-main/public-records-policy).

802.3 CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS RESPONSIBILITIES

The Sheriff has designated the Columbia County Board Of Commissioners' Office Secretary as the Custodian of Records. The responsibilities of the Custodian of Records include, but are not limited to (ORS 192.430; OAR 166-020-0010 et seq.):

(a) Managing the records management system for the Sheriff's Office, including the retention, archiving, release and destruction of Sheriff's Office public records (OAR 166.017-0005 et seq.; OAR 166-030-0005 et seq.).

(b) Maintaining and updating the office records retention schedule including:

1. Identifying the minimum length of time the Sheriff's Office must keep records.
2. Identifying the Division responsible for the original record.

(c) Establishing rules regarding the inspection and copying of Sheriff's Office public records as reasonably necessary for the protection of such records.

(d) Identifying records or portions of records that are confidential under state or federal law and not open for inspection or copying.

(e) Establishing rules regarding the processing of subpoenas for the production of records.

(f) Ensuring a current schedule of fees for public records as allowed by law is available (ORS 192.440(4)(5)).

(g) Preparing and making available to the public a written procedure that includes the name and address of where to obtain Sheriff's Office records as well as the amounts and the manner of calculating fees for responding to requests for public records (ORS 192.440(7)).

802.4 PROCESSING REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC RECORDS

Any Sheriff's Office member who receives a request for any record shall route the request to the Custodian of Records or to the Columbia County public records policy on line at http://www.co.columbia.or.us/departments/county-counsels-office-main/public-records-policy.

802.4.1 REQUESTS FOR RECORDS

The processing of requests for any record is subject to the following:

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(a) Requests for public records shall be made in writing, according to Columbia County Public Records policy.

(b) The Sheriff's Office is not required to create records that do not exist.

(c) When a record contains material with release restrictions and material that is not subject to release restrictions, the restricted material shall be redacted and the unrestricted material released (ORS 192.505).

1. A copy of the redacted release should be maintained in the case file for proof of what was actually released and as a place to document the reasons for the redactions. If the record is audio/video, a copy of the redacted audio/video release should be maintained in the Sheriff's Office media storage system and a notation should be made in the case file to document the release and the reasons for the redacted portions.

(d) Responses to written requests for inspection or copies of public records shall be made as soon as practical without unreasonable delay. If necessary, the Custodian of Records or the authorized designee may request additional information or clarification for the purpose of expediting the response to the request. All requests shall be acknowledged and shall include one of the following (ORS 192.440):

1. A statement that the County does not possess or is not the custodian of the public record.
2. Copies of the requested public records, if no exemption applies under ORS 192.410 through ORS 192.505.
3. A statement that the County is the custodian of some of the requested records, an estimate of time that the County requires before the public records may be inspected or that the copies will be provided, and an estimate of the fees required of the requester.
4. A statement that the County is the custodian of some of the requested records and that an estimate of the time and fees for disclosure of the public records will be provided within a reasonable time.
5. A statement that the County is uncertain whether the Sheriff's Office possesses the public record and that the Sheriff's Office will search for the record and make an appropriate response as soon as practicable.
6. A statement that state or federal law prohibits the County from acknowledging whether the record exists or that acknowledging whether the records exists would result in the loss of federal benefits or other sanctions. This statement shall include the state or federal law citation relied upon by the County.

(e) If the public record is maintained in a machine readable or electronic form, a copy of the public record shall be provided in the form requested, if available. If the public record is not available in the form requested, the public record shall be made available in the matter it is maintained (ORS 192.440).

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802.4.2 DENIALS

In certain cases, a requested record may not be subject to disclosure or full release. Staff will work with the Columbia County legal counsel to determine what, if any, portions of the requested material should be released and/or redacted. Once the record has been cleared for release, it will be forwarded to the County Custodian of Records.

If the Custodian of Records determines that a requested record is not subject to disclosure or release, the Custodian of Records should inform the requestor of that fact and state the reason for the denial.

If the denial is challenged by the requester by petition to the Attorney General or the District Attorney, the [Department/Office] will have the burden to support the denial (ORS 192.450; ORS 192.460).

802.5 RELEASE RESTRICTIONS

Examples of release restrictions include:

(a) Personal identifying information, including an individual's photograph, Social Security and driver identification number, name, address, telephone number, and medical or disability information that is contained in any driver's license record, motor vehicle record or any [department/office] record, including traffic collision reports, are restricted except as authorized by the [Department/Office], and only when such use or disclosure is permitted or required by law to carry out a legitimate law enforcement purpose (18 USC § 2721; 18 USC § 2722).

(b) Personal identifying information of members including Social Security number, date of birth, telephone number, home address, email addresses, driver license numbers, employer-issued identification card numbers, emergency contact information, medical information or information of a personal nature that would constitute an unreasonable invasion of privacy (ORS 192.501; ORS 192.502).

    1. A showing of clear and convincing evidence that public interest requires disclosure may overcome the restriction.

(c) Member identification badge or card as provided in ORS 192.447.

(d) Information regarding a member working undercover and for the period of six months after the conclusion of those duties unless the member consents in writing or required by law (ORS 181A.825)

(e) Photograph of public safety personnel without the written consent of that member (ORS 181A.830).

(f) Personnel discipline action including materials or documents supporting the action unless allowed by law (ORS 181A.830; ORS 192.501(12)).

(g) Certain victim information, including participants in the Address Confidentiality Program (ORS 192.445; ORS 192.844).

(h) Certain juvenile records (ORS 419A.255; ORS 419A.257).

(i) Certain ongoing investigation material for criminal law purposes (ORS 192.501(3)).

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(j) Audio or video records of internal investigation interviews (ORS 192.405).

(k) Certain types of reports involving, but not limited to, child abuse (ORS 419B.035) and adult abuse (ORS 124.090; ORS 430.763; ORS 441.671).

(l) Ongoing litigation records including those created in anticipation of potential litigation (ORS 192.501(1)).

(m) Certain identifying information of an individual that has applied for, or is a current or former holder of, a concealed handgun license as provided in ORS 192.448.

(n) Specific operation plans in connection with an anticipated threat to individual or public safety (ORS 192.501(18)).

(o) Any public records or information prohibited by federal law (ORS 192.502).

(p) Any public records or information prohibited, restricted or made confidential or privileged under Oregon law (ORS 192.502).

(q) Records less than 75 years old that were sealed in compliance with statute or by court order. Such records may only be disclosed in response to a court order (ORS 192.496).

(r) Records of a person who has been in the custody or under the lawful supervision of a state agency, a court or a unit of local government are exempt from disclosure for 25 years after termination of such custody or supervision. Disclosure of the fact that a person is in custody is allowed (ORS 192.496).

(s) Audio or video recordings from a member's body-worn camera that record the member's interaction with members of the public. Such recordings may only be disclosed under the conditions provided by ORS 192.501, including facial blurring.

(t) Personal information of complainants and of deputies who are the subject of racial or bias-based profiling complaints. Personal information for this purpose means individual's name, address, date of birth, photograph, fingerprint, biometric data, driver license number, identification card number or any other unique personal identifier or number (ORS 131.925; ORS 807.750).

802.6 SUBPOENAS AND DISCOVERY REQUESTS

Any member who receives a subpoena duces tecum or discovery request for records should promptly contact a supervisor and the Custodian of Records for review and processing. While a subpoena duces tecum may ultimately be subject to compliance, it is not an order from the court that will automatically require the release of the requested information.

Generally, discovery requests and subpoenas from criminal defendants and their authorized representatives (including attorneys) should be referred to the District Attorney, County Counsel or the courts.

All questions regarding compliance with any subpoena duces tecum or discovery request should be promptly referred to legal counsel for the Department so that a timely response can be prepared.

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802.7 SECURITY BREACHES

In the event of an unauthorized acquisition of personal information, the Sheriff or the authorized designee shall ensure that an investigation into the breach is made and applicable steps pursuant to ORS 646A.602 et seq. are taken.

Required notice shall be made as follows (ORS 646A.604):

(a) Notice shall be made to any individual whose private or confidential data was or is reasonably believed to have been breached. Notice shall be provided in the most expeditious manner possible, without unreasonable delay, unless the notice impedes a criminal investigation.

1. The notice shall be made as set forth in ORS 646A.604 and include a general description of the breach of security; the approximate date of the breach; the type of information that was compromised; the contact information for national consumer reporting agencies; and that any suspected identity theft should be reported to law enforcement, the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission.

(b) When notice is delayed because it will impede an active criminal investigation, the member in charge of the investigation must document the reason why a delay in notification is necessary to the investigation.

(c) Provide substitute notice if notification would cost more than $250,000 or if there were more than 350,000 individuals whose personal information was breached.

(d) If notification is required to be made to more than 1,000 individuals, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office should also notify consumer reporting agencies.

(e) Provide notice to the Oregon Attorney General if the breach involves the personal information of more than 250 people.

(f) Document when a breach of security is unlikely to cause any harm and does not require notification. In these cases, the documentation shall be maintained for at least five years.

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Protected Information

803.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the access, transmission, release and security of protected information by members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. This policy addresses the protected information that is used in the day-to-day operation of the department and not the public records information covered in the Records Maintenance and Release Policy.

803.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Protected information - Any information or data that is collected, stored or accessed by members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and is subject to any access or release restrictions imposed by law, regulation, order or use agreement. This includes all information contained in federal, state or local law enforcement databases that is not accessible to the public.

803.2 POLICY

Members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office will adhere to all applicable laws, orders, regulations, use agreements and training related to the access, use, dissemination and release of protected information.

803.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

The Undersheriff shall coordinate the use of protected information.

The responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

(a) Ensuring member compliance with this policy and with requirements applicable to protected information, including requirements for the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) system, National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS), Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) records and Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS).

(b) Developing, disseminating and maintaining procedures that adopt or comply with the U.S. Department of Justice’s current Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Security Policy.

(c) Developing, disseminating and maintaining any other procedures necessary to comply with any other requirements for the access, use, dissemination, release and security of protected information.

(d) Developing procedures to ensure training and certification requirements are met.

(e) Resolving specific questions that arise regarding authorized recipients of protected information.

(f) Ensuring security practices and procedures are in place to comply with requirements applicable to protected information.

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803.4 ACCESS TO PROTECTED INFORMATION

Protected information shall not be accessed in violation of any law, order, regulation, user agreement, Columbia County Sheriff's Office policy or training. Only those members who have completed applicable training and met any applicable requirements, such as a background check, may access protected information, and only when the member has a legitimate work-related reason for such access.

Unauthorized access, including access for other than a legitimate work-related purpose, is prohibited and may subject a member to administrative action pursuant to the Personnel Complaints Policy and/or criminal prosecution.

803.4.1 ACCESS TO OREGON STATE POLICE OFFENDER INFORMATION

Access to Oregon State Police (OSP) criminal offender information may be granted when the information is to be used for the administration of criminal justice, employment, or the information is required to implement a federal or state statute, local ordinance, Executive Order, or administrative rule that expressly refers to criminal conduct and contains requirements or exclusions expressly based on such conduct, or other demonstrated and legitimate needs (OAR 257-010-0025).

803.5 RELEASE OR DISSEMINATION OF PROTECTED INFORMATION

Protected information may be released only to authorized recipients who have both a right to know and a need to know.

A member who is asked to release protected information that should not be released should refer the requesting person to a supervisor or to the Support Services Supervisor for information regarding a formal request.

Unless otherwise ordered or when an investigation would be jeopardized, protected information maintained by the department may generally be shared with authorized persons from other law enforcement agencies who are assisting in the investigation or conducting a related investigation. Any such information should be released through the Records Unit to ensure proper documentation of the release (see the Records Maintenance and Release Policy).

Protected information, such as Criminal Justice Information (CJI), which includes Criminal History Record Information (CHRI), should generally not be transmitted by radio, cellular telephone or any other type of wireless transmission to members in the field or in vehicles through any computer or electronic device, except in cases where there is an immediate need for the information to further an investigation or where circumstances reasonably indicate that the immediate safety of deputies, other department members or the public is at risk. In those instances, cell phones should be used if possible. The transmission should be limited to essential details only, with maximized use of law enforcement codes (10 or 12 code), concealing information identifying individuals and offenses as much as possible. Plain text transmission of an entire record (summary or full) is prohibited.

Nothing in this policy is intended to prohibit broadcasting warrant information.

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803.5.1 REVIEW OF CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORD
Individuals requesting to review their own Oregon criminal offender information shall be referred to OSP, Identification Services Section (OAR 257-010-0035).

An individual may review his/her local record on file with the Department under the provisions of ORS 192.501(3), and after complying with all legal requirements.

This department will not release information originated by any other agency (ORS 192.410 through ORS 192.505). Individuals requesting this information shall be referred to the originating agency.

803.6 SECURITY OF PROTECTED INFORMATION

The Undersheriff will oversee the security of protected information.

The responsibilities of this position include, but are not limited to:

(a) Developing and maintaining security practices, procedures and training.

(b) Ensuring federal and state compliance with the CJIS Security Policy and the requirements of any state or local criminal history records systems.

(c) Establishing procedures to provide for the preparation, prevention, detection, analysis and containment of security incidents including computer attacks.

(d) Tracking, documenting and reporting all breach of security incidents to the Sheriff and appropriate authorities.

803.6.1 MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES
Members accessing or receiving protected information shall ensure the information is not accessed or received by persons who are not authorized to access or receive it. This includes leaving protected information, such as documents or computer databases, accessible to others when it is reasonably foreseeable that unauthorized access may occur (e.g., on an unattended table or desk; in or on an unattended vehicle; in an unlocked desk drawer or file cabinet; on an unattended computer terminal).

803.6.2 DISPOSAL OF PHYSICAL MEDIA
Definitions:

Physical media consists of any item, system or device that is used to store or record any type of identifying or personal information of any individual person or group of persons, which is not electronic in nature. For purposes of this policy, physical media includes a device used to store electronic information, for example a flash drive or a Compact Disc would be considered physical media.

Protected Information means any person’s name, date of birth, social security number, SID number, FBI number, address, phone number or any other information that would generally be regarded as private or personal.

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Procedure:

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office receives confidential information about persons via the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS). The security of the information we receive is directed by the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. CJIS rules mandate several security requirements that are to be followed to minimize the possibility of personal information being released to unauthorized individuals.

We also regularly obtain protected information for victims, witnesses and others who trust us to use and safeguard their personal information.

The authorized members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office who receive and use protected information via the LEDS system, or from other sources, are best situated to determine if the protected information should be retained for ongoing use by the member or agency, or should be disposed of.

Each work station in the office and jail of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office will be equipped with a blue plastic "recycling" garbage can. Any physical media that is paper or cardboard in nature and contains protected information of any kind, as described above, will be disposed of into the recycling can.

Traditional rubbish and garbage will be disposed of in the existing trash facilities and disposed of by maintenance staff.

Large rolling bins will be used to collect the contents of the recycling cans and will be placed strategically throughout the CCSO facility. The large rolling bins will be obtained from or provided by a vendor, service or county department. A vendor, service or county department will also be selected to shred all contents of the rolling bins. Shredding of the contents of the rolling bins will be observed by a member each time the contents of the bins are shredded by the selected vendor, service or county department.

Each member is responsible for regularly dumping the contents of the recycling cans at their workstation into the large rolling bins.

Any physical media that is not paper or cardboard in nature and contains protected information in the form of electronic records or files will be disposed of in such a manner as to render the electronic information contained thereon unusable. If the member has the technical capability to fully "wipe" the electronic information from the physical media they are authorized to do so. In every other case, the physical media will be transferred to the Information Technology (I.T.) department of Columbia County for the appropriate follow-up.

803.7 TRAINING

All members authorized to access or release protected information shall complete a training program that complies with any protected information system requirements and identifies authorized access and use of protected information, as well as its proper handling and dissemination.

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803.7.1 LEDS TRAINING

All members who operate a terminal to access the LEDS network shall complete a LEDS System Training Guide at a level consistent with the member's duties. Each member who operates a terminal to access LEDS must be re-certified by the Department every two years (OAR 257-015-0050).

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Computers and Digital Evidence

804.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes procedures for the seizure and storage of computers, personal communications devices (PCDs) digital cameras, digital recorders and other electronic devices that are capable of storing digital information; and for the preservation and storage of digital evidence. All evidence seized and/or processed pursuant to this policy shall be done so in compliance with clearly established Fourth Amendment and search and seizure provisions.

804.2 SEIZING COMPUTERS AND RELATED EVIDENCE

Computer equipment requires specialized training and handling to preserve its value as evidence. Deputies should be aware of the potential to destroy information through careless or improper handling, and utilize the most knowledgeable available resources. When seizing a computer and accessories the following steps should be taken:

(a) Photograph each item, front and back, specifically including cable connections to other items. Look for a phone line or cable to a modem for Internet access.

(b) Do not overlook the possibility of the presence of physical evidence on and around the hardware relevant to the particular investigation such as fingerprints, biological or trace evidence, and/or documents.

(c) If the computer is off, do not turn it on.

(d) If the computer is on, do not shut it down normally and do not click on anything or examine any files.

    1. Photograph the screen, if possible, and note any programs or windows that appear to be open and running.

    2. Disconnect the power cable from the back of the computer box (For laptops, disconnect any power cable from the case and remove the battery).

(e) Label each item with case number, evidence sheet number and item number.

(f) Handle and transport the computer and storage media (e.g., tape, discs, memory cards, flash memory, external drives) with care so that potential evidence is not lost.

(g) Lodge all computer items in the Property Room. Do not store computers where normal room temperature and humidity is not maintained.

(h) At minimum, deputies should document the following in related reports:

    1. Where the computer was located and whether or not it was in operation.

    2. Who was using it at the time.

    3. Who claimed ownership.

    4. If it can be determined, how it was being used.

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(i) In most cases when a computer is involved in criminal acts and is in the possession of the suspect, the computer itself and all storage devices (hard drives, tape drives and disk drives) should be seized along with all media. Accessories (printers, monitors, mouse, scanner, keyboard, cables, software and manuals) should not be seized unless as a precursor to forfeiture.

804.2.1 BUSINESS OR NETWORK COMPUTERS

If the computer belongs to a business or is part of a network, it may not be feasible to seize the entire computer. Cases involving networks require specialized handling. Deputies should contact a certified forensic computer examiner for instructions or a response to the scene. It may be possible to perform an on-site inspection, or to image the hard drive only of the involved computer. This should only be done by someone specifically trained in processing computers for evidence. Cases involving networks require specialized training which is available through the Northwest Regional Computer Forensic Lab, the Oregon State Police or another agency having certified examiners.

804.2.2 FORENSIC EXAMINATION OF COMPUTERS

If an examination of the contents of the computer's hard drive, or floppy disks, compact discs, or any other storage media is required, forward the following items to the Computer Forensic Examiner:

(a) Copy of report(s) involving the computer, including the Evidence/Property sheet.

(b) Copy of a consent to search form signed by the computer owner or the person in possession of the computer, or a copy of a search warrant authorizing the search of the computer hard drive for evidence relating to investigation.

(c) A listing of the items to search for (e.g., photographs, financial records, e-mail, documents).

(d) An exact duplicate of the hard drive or disk will be made using a forensic computer and a forensic software program by someone trained in the examination of computer storage devices for evidence.

804.3 SEIZING DIGITAL STORAGE MEDIA

Digital storage media, to include hard discs, floppy discs, CDs, DVDs, tapes, memory cards, or flash memory devices should be seized and stored in a manner that will protect them from damage.

(a) If the media has a write-protection tab or switch, it should be activated.

(b) Do not review, access or open digital files prior to submission. If the information is needed for immediate investigation request Property Control to copy the contents to an appropriate form of storage media.

(c) Many kinds of storage media can be erased or damaged by magnetic fields. Keep all media away from magnetic devices, electric motors, radio transmitters or other sources of magnetic fields.

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(d) Do not leave storage media where they would be subject to excessive heat such as in a parked vehicle on a hot day.

(e) Use plastic cases designed to protect the media, or other protective packaging, to prevent damage.

804.4 SEIZING PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Personal communication devices such as cell phones, PDAs or other hand-held devices connected to any communication network must be handled with care to preserve evidence that may be on the device including messages, stored data and/or images.

(a) Deputies should not attempt to access, review or search the contents of such devices prior to examination by a forensic expert. Unsent messages can be lost, data can be inadvertently deleted and incoming messages can override stored messages.

(b) Do not turn the device on or off. The device should be placed in a solid metal container such as a paint can or in a faraday bag, to prevent the device from sending or receiving information from its host network.

(c) When seizing the devices, also seize the charging units and keep them plugged in to the chargers until they can be examined. If the batteries go dead all the data may be lost.

804.5 DIGITAL EVIDENCE RECORDED BY DEPUTIES

Deputies handling and submitting evidence recorded by officers and stored digitally using digital cameras, audio or video recorders will comply with these procedures to ensure the integrity and admissibility of such evidence.

804.5.1 COLLECTION OF DIGITAL EVIDENCE

Once evidence is recorded it shall not be erased, deleted or altered in any way prior to submission. All photographs taken will be preserved regardless of quality, composition or relevance. Video and audio files will not be altered in any way.

804.5.2 SUBMISSION OF DIGITAL MEDIA

The following procedure shall be followed for the submission of digital media used by cameras or other recorders:

The recording media (smart card, compact flash card or any other media) shall be downloaded by the Deputy onto the "S:"or "M:" drive (depending on the nature of the data to be stored) and stored with the case file under the case number.

804.5.3 DOWNLOADING OF DIGITAL FILES

Digital information such as video or audio files recorded on devices using internal memory must be downloaded to storage media. The following procedures are to be followed:

(a) Files should not be opened or reviewed prior to downloading and storage.

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(b) Where possible, the device should be connected to a computer and the files accessed directly from the computer directory or downloaded to a folder on the host computer for copying to the storage media.

(c) The storage media on the S: and M: Drives shall be where the "original" date shall be stored. Copies may be made from these "originals" for the purpose of providing evidence and discovery in criminal and civil cases.

(d) VIDEO RECORDINGS: Video recorded data shall be downloaded to the M: drive under the respective sub-directories for Enforcement or Corrections.

1. Deputies shall open the "Daily Events" File to download video recorded data for each shift. Deputies shall label each shift's data file with a six-digit number representing the month, day, and year, followed by a period (.), followed by the time the shift begins (four-digit number), followed by a period (.), followed by the ending time for the digital file (four-digit number), followed by a period (.), followed by the last name of the deputy in ALL CAPS. The format should appear as follows: 020415.0800.1600.SMITH

2. Deputies shall save significant events captured on video in a secondary, "significant events file" under the case number and last name of the Person involved in the significant event; for example, 15023456.INMATEJONES; or 150133433.SUSPECTADAMS

3. Significant events should also be downloaded onto a DVD disk and included with the hard-copy case file

(e) AUDIO RECORDINGS: Audio recorded data from enforcement-related investigations shall be downloaded to the S: Drive in the Enforcement sub-directory under Case Reports. The appropriate year shall be selected, and the deputy shall file the audio file with a label particular to the case under investigation, including the case number and nature of the audio recording. Example: 15001002.VictimStatement.

(f) PHOTOGRAPHS: Digital photographs shall be downloaded in the same manner as Audio Recordings.

(g) ENFORCEMENT CASE FILES: All recordings bearing relevance to Enforcement Division investigations shall be copied onto DVD or CD disks that are included with the "hard copy" case files in Records.

804.5.4 PRESERVATION OF DIGITAL EVIDENCE

(a) Digital images that are enhanced to provide a better quality photograph for identification and investigative purposes must only be made from a copy of the original media.

(b) If any enhancement is done to the copy of the original, it shall be noted in the corresponding incident report.

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Dog Control

805.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for dog control officers and Columbia County Sheriff's Office personnel in dealing with dog-control related calls for service and to set forth procedures regarding those calls for service and all other animal control services, the handling of injured animals, and the abatement of animal nuisances.

805.2 DOG CONTROL OFFICER RESPONSIBILITY

The dog control officer (DCO) shall be responsible for enforcing local ordinances relating to dogs and providing understanding and assistance on other animal-related problems, appropriately resolving or referring animal problems as outlined in this policy. The dog control officer shall be under the operational control of the Enforcement Division.The animal control officer's assigned working hours will be scheduled by the Enforcement Lieutenant.

During hours when the dog control officer is on duty, requests for dog and other animal control services shall be assigned by the Dispatch or the Enforcement Lieutenant.

Requests for assistance by the dog control officer shall be acknowledged and responded to promptly.

805.3 DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITY

During hours when the dog control officer is off-duty, or if the dog control officer is otherwise unavailable, the following animal-related calls for service will be handled by the appropriate on-duty deputy.

An deputy may be dispatched to animal related calls and should take appropriate actions to control the situation until the arrival of a dog control officer. Due to the hazards of handling animals without proper equipment, a responding deputy generally should not attempt to capture and pick up any animal, but should keep the animal under observation until the arrival of a dog control officer. The following are examples of when a deputy may consider acting before the arrival of the animal control officer:

(a) When there is a threat to the public safety.

(b) When an animal has bitten someone, officers should take measures to confine the animal and prevent further injury.

(c) When an animal is creating a traffic hazard.

(d) When the owner/handler has been arrested and there is no other alternative placement for the animal.

(e) When the animal is gravely injured.

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805.3.1 ANIMAL CRUELTY COMPLAINTS

A DCO who becomes aware of an animal cruelty complaint may request a deputy to respond and assume the investigation—subject to the directives of a supervisor. If, in the discretion of the DCO, an animal cruelty complaint is best handled through the enforcement of county ordinance, the DCO shall so notify a supervisor for permission to enforce according to County Ordinance. If and when a deputy believes probable cause exists druing any animal cruelty investigation, a deputy shall arrest persons who violate certain cruelty to animal statutes (ORS 133.379). A DCO may be requested to assist with the investigation when appropriate for the purpose of handling the disposition of any animals associated with the case.

805.3.2 STRAY DOGS

Attempts should be made to contact the owner of the stray dog. If the owner is contacted, the dog should be released to the owner and a citation may be issued if appropriate. If the dog is not released, it shall be transported to the Animal Shelter

Once a dog has been taken into custody, all releases will be handled by the Animal Shelter in cooperation with the dog control officer.

805.3.3 DOG BITE REPORTS

Deputies shall obtain as much information as possible for forwarding to the dog control officer for follow-up.

All Enforcement Division staff shall instruct the owner of a biting dog, if contacted, to keep the dog confined on the property until contacted by the DCO. If the dog is a stray, then every effort shall be made to capture and impound the dog immediately.

805.3.4 PUBLIC NUISANCE CALLS RELATING TO ANIMALS

Deputies shall obtain and forward to the DCO as much information as possible regarding the nature of the complaint including identity of the complaining person, owner information (if possible) and location of the problem. Deputies will also document any actions taken and citation(s) issued in any related report.

In the event responding deputies cannot fulfill urgent requests for service because the animal is difficult or dangerous to handle, the dog control officer may be called to duty to handle. If the dog control officer is unavailable, a supervisor may request the assistance of an animal control officer from an allied agency.

All requests to call in the dog control officer must be approved by a field supervisor or the Enforcement Lieutenant.

805.4 DECEASED ANIMALS

Deceased animals on public property will be removed and properly disposed of by any Enforcement Division staff member as appropriate. Assistance from the County Road Department or State Highway Division in clearing deceased animals from public property is permitted.

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805.5 INJURED ANIMALS

When any injured domesticated animal is brought to the attention of a member of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, all reasonable attempts shall be made to contact the owner or responsible handler. When the owner or responsible handler cannot be located and the animal is not an immediate danger to the community, it shall be taken to a doctor of veterinary medicine as described below.

(a) During normal business hours, the animal should be taken to an authorized veterinary care clinic

(b) If after normal business hours, the animal should be taken to the authorized Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Services Clinic.

(c) The only exception to the above is when the animal is an immediate danger to the community or the owner of the animal is identified and takes responsibility for the injured animal.

1. When the need to euthanize a seriously injured or dangerous animal exists, the department Firearms and Qualification Policy shall be followed.

(d) Injured wildlife should be referred to the Marine Mammal Center, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife or the Oregon State Police, as applicable.

(e) When handling dead or injured animals sheriff's employees shall attempt to identify and notify the owner of the final disposition of the animal.

(f) Each incident shall be documented to include, at minimum, the name of the reporting party and veterinary hospital and/or person to whom the animal is released. If the animal control officer is off duty, the information will be forwarded for follow-up.

805.5.1 INJURED WILDLIFE

Injured wildlife should be referred to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife or Oregon State Police, Fish and Wildlife Division.

805.6 CITATIONS

It should be at the discretion of the deputy or the DCO as to the need for, or advisability of, the issuance of a citation for a violation.

805.7 POST-ARREST PROCEDURES

The arresting deputy should make a reasonable effort to ensure that animals or pets under a person’s care will be provided with adequate care when that person is arrested. This is only required when there is no person to provide care and the arrestee is expected to be in custody for a time period longer than would reasonably allow him/her to properly care for the animals.

Relatives or neighbors may be contacted, with the owner’s consent, to care for the animals. If no persons can be found or the owner does not consent, the appropriate animal control authority should be notified.

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805.8 STRAY DOGS

If the dog has a license or can otherwise be identified, the owner should be contacted, if possible. If the owner is contacted, the dog should be released to the owner and a citation may be issued, if appropriate. If a dog is taken into custody, it shall be transported to the appropriate shelter/ holding pen.

Members shall provide reasonable treatment to animals in their care (e.g., food, water, shelter).

805.9 DANGEROUS ANIMALS

In the event responding members cannot fulfill a request for service because an animal is difficult or dangerous to handle, the Enforcement Lieutenant will be contacted to determine available resources, including requesting the assistance of animal control services from an allied agency.

805.10 PUBLIC NUISANCE CALLS RELATING TO ANIMALS

Members should diligently address calls related to nuisance animals (e.g., barking dogs), because such calls may involve significant quality-of-life issues.

805.11 DESTRUCTION OF ANIMALS

When it is necessary to use a firearm to euthanize a badly injured animal or stop an animal that poses an imminent threat to human safety, the Firearms Policy shall be followed. A badly injured animal shall only be euthanized when other means for addressing the situation are not readily available, and the animal is suffering. Other means include finding the animal's owner, or gaining assistance from the Sheriff's Office Dog Control Officer.

The Sheriff's Dog Control Officer shall euthanize dogs according to County Dog Control Policy and Oregon State Revised Statutes (ORS 609).

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Chapter 9 - Custody

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Custodial Searches

900.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidance regarding searches of individuals in custody. Such searches are necessary to eliminate the introduction of contraband, intoxicants or weapons into the Columbia County Sheriff's Office facility. Such items can pose a serious risk to the safety and security of department members, individuals in custody, contractors and the public.

Nothing in this policy is intended to prohibit the otherwise lawful collection of trace evidence from an individual in custody.

This policy functions in conjunction with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Jail policy number J211. This policy is intended to address custodial searches that are conducted by agency members outside of the operating structure of the Columbia County Jail, while jail policy number J211 is intended to address custodial searches that are conducted within the operating structure of the jail.

900.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Custody Search - An in-custody search of an individual and of his/her property, shoes and clothing, including pockets, cuffs and folds on the clothing, to remove all weapons, dangerous items and contraband.

Physical body cavity search - A search that includes a visual inspection and may include a physical intrusion into a body cavity. Body cavity means the stomach or rectal cavity of an individual, and the vagina of a female person.

Strip search - A search that requires an individual to remove or rearrange some or all of his/her clothing to permit a visual inspection of the underclothing, breasts, buttocks, anus or outer genitalia. This includes monitoring an individual who is changing clothes, where his/her underclothing, buttocks, genitalia or female breasts are visible.

900.2 POLICY

All searches shall be conducted with concern for safety, dignity, courtesy, respect for privacy and hygiene, and in compliance with policy and law to protect the rights of those who are subject to any search.

Searches shall not be used for intimidation, harassment, punishment or retaliation.

900.3 FIELD AND TRANSPORTATION SEARCHES

A deputy should conduct a custody search of an individual immediately after his/her arrest, when receiving an individual from the custody of another, and before transporting a person who is in custody in any department vehicle.

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Whenever practicable, a custody search should be conducted by a deputy of the same sex as the person being searched. If a deputy of the same sex is not reasonably available, a witnessing deputy should be present during the search.

900.4 SEARCHES AT SHERIFF FACILITIES

Custody searches shall be conducted on all individuals in custody, upon entry to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office facilities. Except in exigent circumstances, the search should be conducted by a member of the same sex as the individual being searched. If a member of the same sex is not available, a witnessing member must be present during the search.

Custody searches should also be conducted any time an individual in custody enters or re-enters a secure area, or any time it is reasonably believed that a search is necessary to maintain the safety and security of the facility.

900.4.1 PROPERTY

Members shall take reasonable care in handling the property of an individual in custody to avoid discrepancies or losses. Property retained for safekeeping shall be kept in a secure location until the individual is released or transferred.

Some property may not be accepted by a facility or agency that is taking custody of an individual from this office, such as weapons or large items. These items should be retained for safekeeping in accordance with the Property and Evidence Policy.

All property shall be inventoried by objective description (this does not include an estimated value). The individual from whom it was taken shall be required to sign the completed inventory. If the individual's signature cannot be obtained, the inventory shall be witnessed by another Sheriff's Office member. The inventory should include the case number, date, time, member's Columbia County Sheriff's Office identification number and information regarding how and when the property may be released.

900.4.2 VERIFICATION OF MONEY

All money shall be counted in front of the individual from whom it was received. When possible, the individual shall initial the dollar amount on the inventory. Additionally, all money should be placed in a separate envelope and sealed. Negotiable checks or other instruments and foreign currency should also be sealed in an envelope with the amount indicated but not added to the cash total. All envelopes should clearly indicate the contents on the front. The [department/office] member sealing it should place his/her initials across the sealed flap. Should any money be withdrawn or added, the member making such change shall enter the amount below the original entry and initial it. The amount of money in the envelope should always be totaled and written on the outside of the envelope.

900.4.3 RECEIPT FOR PROPERTY OR MONEY

Deputies lodging an individual complete a listing of property as part of the pre-booking process and collect the individual's property into a bag. The property and paperwork is transferred to jail

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staff. The individual is transferred to jail staff. The deputy or other member charged with such inventories shall ensure that the individual receives a receipt for any money or other property received and should have the individual countersign both the original and duplicate receipt. Members will otherwise comply with ORS 133.455 if the individual is unable to sign.

900.5 STRIP SEARCHES

No individual in temporary custody at any Columbia County Sheriff's Office facility shall be subjected to a strip search unless there is reasonable suspicion based upon specific and articulable facts to believe the individual has a health condition requiring immediate medical attention or is concealing a weapon or contraband. Factors to be considered in determining reasonable suspicion include, but are not limited to:

(a) The detection of an object during a custody search that may be a weapon or contraband and cannot be safely retrieved without a strip search.

(b) Circumstances of a current arrest that specifically indicate the individual may be concealing a weapon or contraband.

    1. A felony arrest charge or being under the influence of a controlled substance should not suffice as reasonable suspicion absent other facts.

(c) Custody history (e.g., past possession of contraband while in custody, assaults on [department/office] members, escape attempts).

(d) The individual’s actions or demeanor.

(e) Criminal history (i.e., level of experience in a custody setting).

No transgender or intersex individual shall be searched or examined for the sole purpose of determining the individual’s genital status. If the individual’s genital status is unknown, it may be determined during conversations with the person, by reviewing medical records, or as a result of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a medical practitioner (28 CFR 115.115).

900.6 PHYSICAL BODY CAVITY SEARCH

No Physical Body cavity Search will be conducted by members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office except those conducted within the Columbia County Jail and only those that comply with Jail policy and 28 CFR 115.15.

900.7 TRAINING

The Defensive Tactics Instructors shall ensure members have training that includes (28 CFR 115.15):

(a) Conducting searches of cross-gender individuals.

(b) Conducting searches of transgender and intersex individuals.

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(c) Conducting searches in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs.

900.8 CLOSED CONTAINER SEARCHES

Closed containers will not be opened for inventory purposes except for the following, which shall be opened for inventory: wallets, purses, coin purses, fanny packs, personal organizers, briefcases or other closed containers designed for carrying money or small valuables, or closed containers which are designed for hazardous materials.

Other closed containers shall be opened and inventoried if the owner acknowledges they contain cash in excess of $10, valuables or a hazardous material.

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Prison Rape Elimination

901.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidance for complying with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) and the implementing regulation that establishes standards (PREA Rule) to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse, harassment and retaliation against prisoners in the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Temporary Holding Facilities (28 CFR 115.111).

901.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Intersex - A person whose sexual or reproductive anatomy or chromosomal pattern does not seem to fit typical definitions of male or female. Intersex medical conditions are sometimes referred to as disorders of sex development (28 CFR 115.5).

Sexual abuse - Any of the following acts, if the prisoner does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence or is unable to consent or refuse:

- Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight
- Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva or anus
- Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object or other instrument
- Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh or the buttocks of another person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation (28 CFR 115.6)

Sexual abuse also includes abuse by a staff member, contractor or volunteer as follows, with or without consent of the prisoner or resident:

- Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight
- Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva or anus
- Contact between the mouth and any body part where the staff member, contractor or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse or gratify sexual desire
- Penetration of the anal or genital opening, however slight, by a hand, finger, object or other instrument, that is unrelated to official duties, or where the staff member, contractor or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse or gratify sexual desire
- Any other intentional contact, either directly or through the clothing, of or with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh or the buttocks, that is unrelated to official duties, or where the staff member, contractor or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse or gratify sexual desire

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- Any attempt, threat or request by a staff member, contractor or volunteer to engage in the activities described above
- Any display by a staff member, contractor or volunteer of his/her uncovered genitalia, buttocks or breast in the presence of a prisoner or resident
- Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor or volunteer (28 CFR 115.6)

Sexual harassment - Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances; requests for sexual favors; verbal comments, gestures or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one prisoner or resident that are directed toward another; repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to a prisoner or resident by a staff member, contractor or volunteer, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures (28 CFR 115.6).

Transgender - A person whose gender identity (i.e., internal sense of feeling male or female) is different from the person's assigned sex at birth (28 CFR 115.5).

901.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office has zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment (28 CFR 115.111). The Department will not tolerate retaliation against any person who reports sexual abuse or sexual harassment or who cooperates with a sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigation.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will take immediate action to protect prisoners who are reasonably believed to be subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse (28 CFR 115.162).

901.3 PREA COORDINATOR

The position of Jail Commander is hereby designated to function as the PREA Coordinator. The Jail Commander will undertake to develop, implement and oversee department efforts to comply with PREA standards in the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Temporary Holding Facilities (28 CFR 115.111). The PREA Coordinator's responsibilities shall include:

(a) Developing and maintaining procedures to comply with the PREA Rule.

(b) Ensuring that any contract for the confinement of Columbia County Sheriff's Office prisoners includes the requirement to adopt and comply with applicable PREA and the PREA Rule, including the obligation to provide incident-based and aggregated data, as required in 28 CFR 115.187 (28 CFR 115.112).

(c) Developing a staffing plan to provide adequate levels of staffing and video monitoring, where applicable, in order to protect prisoners from sexual abuse (28 CFR 115.113). This includes documenting deviations and the reasons for deviations from the staffing plan, as well as reviewing the staffing plan a minimum of once per year.

(d) Developing methods for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of prisoners (28 CFR 115.151).

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(e) Developing a written plan to coordinate response among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators and department leadership to an incident of sexual abuse (28 CFR 115.165).

(f) Ensuring a protocol is developed for investigating allegations of sexual abuse in the Temporary Holding Facility. The protocol shall include (28 CFR 115.121; 28 CFR 115.122):

1. Evidence collection practices that maximize the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence based on the most recent edition of the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office on Violence Against Women publication, "A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, Adults/Adolescents" or a similarly comprehensive and authoritative protocol.

2. A process to ensure a criminal or administrative investigation is completed on all allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

3. A process to document all referrals to other law enforcement agencies.

4. Access to forensic medical examinations, without financial cost, for all victims of sexual abuse where appropriate. Such examinations shall be performed by Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) or Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) where possible. If SAFEs or SANEs cannot be made available, the examination can be performed by other qualified medical practitioners. The efforts to provide SAFEs or SANEs shall be documented.

5. In accordance with security needs, provisions to permit, to the extent available, prisoner access to victim advocacy services if the prisoner is transported for a forensic examination to an outside hospital that offers such services.

(g) Ensuring that prisoners with limited English proficiency and disabilities have an equal opportunity to understand and benefit from efforts to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment. This includes, as appropriate, access to interpreters and written materials in formats or through methods that provide effective communication to those with disabilities (e.g., limited reading skills, intellectual, hearing or vision disabilities) (28 CFR 115.116).

1. The agency shall not rely on other prisoners for assistance except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an interpreter could compromise the prisoner's safety, the performance of first-response duties under this policy, or the investigation of a prisoner's allegations of sexual abuse, harassment or retaliation.

(h) Publishing on the department's website:

1. Information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of a prisoner (28 CFR 115.154).

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2. A protocol describing the responsibilities of the Department and any other investigating agency that will be responsible for conducting sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations (28 CFR 115.122).

(i) Establishing a process that includes the use of a standardized form and set of definitions to ensure accurate, uniform data is collected for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under this agency's direct control (28 CFR 115.187).

1. The data collected shall include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence, conducted by DOJ, or any subsequent form developed by DOJ and designated for lockups.

2. The data shall be aggregated at least annually.

(j) Ensuring audits are conducted pursuant to 28 CFR 115.401 through 28 CFR 115.405 for all Temporary Holding Facilities used to house prisoners overnight (28 CFR 115.193).

(k) Ensuring contractors or others who work in the Temporary Holding Facility are informed of the agency's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment (28 CFR 115.132).

901.4 REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE AND HARASSMENT

Prisoners may make reports verbally, in writing, privately or anonymously of any of the following (28 CFR 115.151):

- Sexual abuse
- Sexual harassment
- Retaliation by other prisoners or staff for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment
- Staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to sexual abuse or sexual harassment

During intake the Department shall notify all prisoners of the zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and of at least one way to report abuse or harassment to a public or private entity that is not part of the Department and that is able to receive and immediately forward prisoner reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials. This allows the prisoner to remain anonymous (28 CFR 115.132; 28 CFR 115.151).

901.4.1 MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Department members shall accept reports from prisoners and third parties and shall promptly document all reports (28 CFR 115.151).

All members shall report immediately to the Corrections Captain any knowledge, suspicion or information regarding:

(a) An incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurs in the Temporary Holding Facility.

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(b) Retaliation against prisoners or the member who reports any such incident.

(c) Any neglect or violation of responsibilities on the part of any department member that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation (28 CFR 115.161).

No member shall reveal any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary to make treatment and investigation decisions.

901.4.2 CORRECTIONS CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

The Corrections Captain shall report to the department's designated investigators all allegations of sexual abuse, harassment, retaliation, neglect or violations leading to sexual abuse, harassment or retaliation. This includes third-party and anonymous reports (28 CFR 115.161).

If the alleged victim is under the age of 18 or considered a vulnerable adult, the Corrections Captain shall also report the allegation as required under mandatory reporting laws and department policy.

Upon receiving an allegation that a prisoner was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the Corrections Captain shall notify the head of the facility or the appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred. The notification shall be made as soon as possible but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation. The Corrections Captain shall document such notification (28 CFR 115.163).

If an alleged prisoner victim is transferred from the Temporary Holding Facility to a jail, prison or medical facility, the Department shall, as permitted by law, inform the receiving facility of the incident and the prisoner's potential need for medical or social services, unless the prisoner requests otherwise (28 CFR 115.165).

901.5 INVESTIGATIONS

The Department shall promptly, thoroughly and objectively investigate all allegations, including third-party and anonymous reports, of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Only investigators who have received department-approved special training shall conduct sexual abuse investigations (28 CFR 115.171).

901.5.1 FIRST RESPONDERS

The first deputy to respond to a report of sexual abuse or sexual assault shall (28 CFR 115.164):

(a) Separate the parties.

(b) Establish a crime scene to preserve and protect any evidence. Identify and secure witnesses until steps can be taken to collect any evidence.

(c) If the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence, request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking or eating.

(d) If the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence, ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any actions that could destroy

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physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking or eating.

If the first responder is not a deputy the responder shall request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence and should then notify a law enforcement staff member (28 CFR 115.164).

901.5.2 INVESTIGATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Investigators shall (28 CFR 115.171):

(a) Gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and biological evidence and any available electronic monitoring data.

(b) Interview alleged victims, suspects and witnesses.

(c) Review any prior complaints and reports of sexual abuse involving the suspect.

(d) Conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution.

(e) Assess the credibility of the alleged victim, suspect or witness on an individual basis and not by the person’s status as a prisoner or a member of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

(f) Document in written reports a description of physical, testimonial, documentary and other evidence, the reasoning behind any credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings.

(g) Refer allegations of conduct that may be criminal to the District Attorney for possible prosecution, including any time there is probable cause to believe a prisoner sexually abused another prisoner in the Temporary Holding Facility (28 CFR 115.178).

(h) Cooperate with outside investigators and remain informed about the progress of any outside investigation.

901.5.3 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

Administrative investigations shall include an effort to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse. The departure of the alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of this department shall not be used as a basis for terminating an investigation (28 CFR 115.171).

901.5.4 SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIMS

No prisoner who alleges sexual abuse shall be required to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of such an allegation (28 CFR 115.171(e)).

Prisoner victims of sexual abuse shall receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment. Treatment services shall be provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless

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of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident (28 CFR 115.182).

901.5.5 CONCLUSIONS AND FINDINGS
All completed investigations shall be forwarded to the Sheriff, or if the allegations may reasonably involve the Sheriff, to the office of the Columbia County District Attorney . The Sheriff or District Attorney shall review the investigation and determine whether any allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment have been substantiated by a preponderance of the evidence (28 CFR 115.172).

All personnel shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating this policy. Termination shall be the presumptive disciplinary sanction for department members who have engaged in sexual abuse. All discipline shall be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the member's disciplinary history and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other members with similar histories (28 CFR 115.176).

All terminations for violations of this policy, or resignations by members who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, shall be criminally investigated unless the activity was clearly not criminal and reported to any relevant licensing body (28 CFR 115.176).

Any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse shall be prohibited from contact with prisoners and reported to any relevant licensing bodies (28 CFR 115.177). The Sheriff shall take appropriate remedial measures and consider whether to prohibit further contact with prisoners by a contractor or volunteer.

901.6 RETALIATION PROHIBITED

All prisoners and members who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or who cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations shall be protected from retaliation (28 CFR 115.167). If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, appropriate measures shall be taken to protect that individual.

The Corrections Captain or the authorized designee shall employ multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for prisoner victims or abusers, removal of alleged abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services for prisoners or members who fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations.

The Corrections Captain or the authorized designee shall identify a staff member to monitor the conduct and treatment of prisoners or members who have reported sexual abuse and of prisoners who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse. The staff member shall act promptly to remedy any such retaliation. In the case of prisoners, such monitoring shall also include periodic status checks.

901.7 REVIEWS AND AUDITS

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901.7.1 INCIDENT REVIEWS

An incident review shall be conducted at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded. The review should occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation. The review team shall include upper-level management officials and seek input from line supervisors and investigators (28 CFR 115.186).

The review shall (28 CFR 115.186):

(a) Consider whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect or respond to sexual abuse.

(b) Consider whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex identification, status or perceived status; gang affiliation; or was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics at the facility.

(c) Examine the area in the facility where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse.

(d) Assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts.

(e) Assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff.

The review team shall prepare a report of its findings, including any determinations made pursuant to this section and any recommendations for improvement. The report shall be submitted to the Sheriff and the PREA Coordinator. The Sheriff or the authorized designee shall implement the recommendations for improvement or shall document the reasons for not doing so (28 CFR 115.186).

901.7.2 DATA REVIEWS

The facility shall conduct an annual review of collected and aggregated incident-based sexual abuse data. The review should include, as needed, data from incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files and sexual abuse incident reviews (28 CFR 115.187).

The purpose of these reviews is to assess and improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection and response policies, practices and training. An annual report shall be prepared that includes (28 CFR 115.188):

(a) Identification of any potential problem areas.

(b) Identification of any corrective actions taken.

(c) Recommendations for any additional corrective actions.

(d) A comparison of the current year’s data and corrective actions with those from prior years.

(e) An assessment of the department’s progress in addressing sexual abuse.

The report shall be approved by the Sheriff and made readily available to the public through the department website or, if it does not have one, through other means. Material may be redacted

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from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of the Temporary Holding Facility. However, the nature of the redacted material shall be indicated.

All aggregated sexual abuse data from Columbia County Sheriff's Office facilities and private facilities with which it contracts shall be made readily available to the public at least annually through the department website or, if it does not have one, through other means. Before making aggregated sexual abuse data publicly available, all personal identifiers shall be removed (28 CFR 115.189).

901.8 RECORDS

The Department shall retain all written reports from administrative and criminal investigations pursuant to this policy for as long as the alleged abuser is held or employed by the Department, plus five years (28 CFR 115.171).

All other data collected pursuant to this policy shall be securely retained for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection unless federal, state or local law requires otherwise (28 CFR 115.189).

901.9 TRAINING

All employees, volunteers and contractors who may have contact with prisoners shall receive department-approved training on the prevention and detection of sexual abuse and sexual harassment within this facility. The Undersheriff shall be responsible for developing and administering this training as appropriate, covering at a minimum (28 CFR 115.131):

- The Department’s zero-tolerance policy and prisoners’ right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or harassment.
- The dynamics of sexual abuse and harassment in confinement settings, including which prisoners are most vulnerable.
- The right of prisoners and staff members to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or harassment.
- Detecting and responding to signs of threatened and actual abuse.
- Communicating effectively and professionally with all prisoners.
- Compliance with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities.

Investigators assigned to sexual abuse investigations shall also receive training in conducting such investigations in confinement settings. Training should include (28 CFR 115.134):

- Techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims.
- Proper use of *Miranda* and *Garrity* warnings.
- Sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings.

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- Criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral.

The Undersheriff shall maintain documentation that employees, volunteers, contractors and investigators have completed required training and that they understand the training. This understanding shall be documented through individual signature or electronic verification.

All current employees and volunteers who may have contact with prisoners shall be trained within one year of the effective date of the PREA standards. The agency shall provide annual refresher information to all such employees and volunteers to ensure that they understand the current sexual abuse and sexual harassment policies and procedures.

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Chapter 10 - Personnel

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Recruitment and Selection

1000.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides a framework for employee recruiting efforts and identifying job-related standards for the selection process. This policy supplements the rules that govern employment practices for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and that are promulgated and maintained by the Department of Human Resources.

1000.2 POLICY

In accordance with applicable federal, state and local law, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office provides equal opportunities for applicants and employees, regardless of race, gender expression, age, pregnancy, religion, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental handicap, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, sex or any other protected class or status. The Sheriff's Office does not show partiality or grant any special status to any applicant, employee or group of employees unless otherwise required by law.

The Sheriff's Office will recruit and hire only those individuals who demonstrate a commitment to service and who possess the traits and characteristics that reflect personal integrity and high ethical standards.

1000.3 RECRUITMENT

The Sheriff's Office should employ a comprehensive recruitment and selection strategy to recruit and select employees from a qualified and diverse pool of candidates.

The strategy should include:

(a) Identification of racially and culturally diverse target markets.

(b) Use of marketing strategies to target diverse applicant pools.

(c) Expanded use of technology and maintenance of a strong Internet presence. This may include an interactive Sheriff's Office website and the use of Sheriff's Office managed social networking sites.

(d) Expanded outreach through partnerships with media, community groups, citizen academies, local colleges, universities and the military.

(e) Employee referral and recruitment incentive programs.

(f) Consideration of shared or collaborative regional testing processes.

The Sheriff's Office shall avoid advertising, recruiting and screening practices that tend to stereotype, focus on homogeneous applicant pools or screen applicants in a discriminatory manner.

The Sheriff's Office should strive to facilitate and expedite the screening and testing process, and should periodically inform each candidate of his/her status in the recruiting process.

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1000.4 HIRING PROCEDURES

1000.4.1 HIRING PROCESS PURPOSE

The purpose of having a standardized selection and hiring process for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office is, ultimately, to attract, select and hire the most qualified and diverse applicants to staff our agency. To achieve this goal, the selection and hiring process must be equitable and uniform and comply with federal and state laws as well as County policy. The staff members involved in the selection and hiring process must strive to achieve fair, consistent and objective evaluation of each applicant.

1000.4.2 TYPES OF TESTING FOR APPLICANTS

There are two types of testing used in the selection and hiring process.

1. Minimum Qualifications Testing. The first type of test is a "pass / fail" test. The applicants taking this type of test must complete the test successfully to be invited to move to the next step in the process. A "pass / fail" test does not rank applicants, the test simply assess a mandatory skill or ability. An example of a "pass / fail" test is the Physical Abilities Test in that the applicant must complete the test in a maximum amount of time to be invited to advance in the process, but no advantage is gained by a faster than required completion time.

2. Scored Testing. The second type of test is a scored test, which is a test that produces a numeric score based on the performance of the applicant. The score is then used to rank the applicants, with a higher score being more desirable.

All written and / or physical test will be validated, usually through another entity, as to their validity for the position involved.

1000.4.3 VETERANS' PREFERENCE

Additional points in the hiring process are awarded to applicants that are recognized as either Veterans or as Disabled Veterans. The definition of both Veteran and Disabled Veteran and additional details may be found in ORS 408.230 and in the Columbia County Civil Service Veterans' Preference Procedure and the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Veterans' Preference Policy.

When a hiring process includes evaluations or tests that award points that are then used to rank applicants, Veterans and Disabled Veterans are awarded preference points that are in addition to the points received from the testing or evaluation processes.

For Veterans or Disabled Veterans to qualify for preference points, the Veterans must meet the definition of Veteran or Disabled Veteran in the Oregon Revised Statutes and they must provide confirmation documentation to establish their qualification to receive the preference points. Acceptable documentation would generally be a form DD214 for Veterans and a form DD215 for Disabled Veterans.

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Qualified Veterans receive 5 preference points and qualified Disabled Veterans receive 10 preference points that are added to the raw score that is used to rank employees.

Following the Oral Board Interview / Written Communication Test, when all testing for the purpose of ranking employees is complete, applicant's raw score will be calculated. Once all raw scores are calculated, qualified Veterans and Disabled Veterans will be awarded preference points in the amounts specified above. Applicants will then be ranked based on total scores.

For additional details, refer to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Veterans' Preference policy and ORS 408.230.

1000.4.4 FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

Oregon law allows the use of credit history information for the purpose of a hiring decision for a Public Safety officer. Refer to ORS 659A.320 for full details on the law. The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act requires that certain permissions be obtained from and notifications be made to anyone whose credit history is used as part of a hiring decision. The selection and hiring process for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office will be in strict compliance with these regulations.

During the background investigation, the investigator will check the credit history of the applicant. In preparation for that inquiry, the applicant must be provided with the Fair Credit Reporting Act Disclosure form. The form may be found as Appendix "C" to this policy. The FCRA Disclosure form is made part of the e-SOPH, which is a web-based applicant interface for the selection and hiring process. When the applicant joins the e-SOPH system, he / she will be presented with the FCRA Disclosure form and will be able to sign the form electronically.

The FCRA also requires that the applicant be asked for written authorization to conduct an investigation for pre-employment purposes. FCRA also requires that the applicant be asked to provide written authorization to access his/her credit history information. Attached at Appendix "D" of this policy is the Authorization to Release Information and Records. This document specifically addresses the FCRA requirements. As with the prior form, the Authorization To Release will be made part of e-SOPH and presented to the applicant for approval and signature when the applicant joins the system.

in the event that the Sheriff makes a decision not to hire an applicant, and that decision is made wholly or in part based on the result of the credit history inquiry, the applicant must be notified of the pending adverse action PRIOR TO THE ACTION BEING TAKEN. The notice of adverse action must include a copy of the credit report(s) that was/were the source of any negative credit history and a written description of the applicant's consumer rights under the FCRA.

Columbia County must allow a reasonable period of time for the applicant to review the credit report containing the negative information, and time to notify the credit reporting agency and the County that the credit report contains incorrect information.

After a reasonable period of time, should the Sheriff finalize the adverse action, there are several requirements that must be accomplished and may be accomplished by oral, written or electronic

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means: 1) the applicant must be advised that the adverse action has been finalized; 2) the applicant must be notified of the name, address and telephone number of the credit reporting agency, including the statutorily required toll-free phone number; 3) notify the applicant that the credit reporting agency did not make the decision to take adverse action and, thus, cannot tell the person the reasons for it; 4) provide notice of the applicants right to obtain a free copy of the credit report within sixty (60) days (even though the applicant has already been supplied with the report; and 5) provide notice to the applicant of the person's right to dispute with the credit reporting agency the accuracy and completeness of the credit report.

1000.4.5 APPLICATION PROCESS

Persons applying for open positions at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office will find the application and related material on the Columbia County website. Positions subject to Civil Service must follow the appropriate Civil Service application process. Application is made electronically and all materials are received and processed by the Human Resources (HR) Department. An initial evaluation of the applications is made by HR to determine completeness of the materials submitted and whether or not the applicants meet the minimum Civil Service requirements for the position, if applicable. At this point the applicants follow two different paths, depending on the job classification for which the applicant has applied.

If the applicant applied for a sworn psition (Enforcement or Correction Deputy) the applicant is next referred to the National Testing Network (N.T.N.) for evaluation and testing. If the applicant successfully completes the NTN evaluation, the applicant is referred baack to Columbia County to proceed in the process.

If the applicant has applied for a position other than Deputy Sheriff, the applicant remains in the Columbia County process set forth elsewhere in this policy.

Depending on the position for which the applicant is applying, the steps in the application process (enumerated below) may vary. The Sheriff's Office shall set forth the steps and order in which they occur, based on the requiriements for each position.

Once all applications are received and the closing date of the application period has passed, the accepted applicants are forwarded to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office according to Civil Service procedures.

1000.4.6 INITIAL EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

The initial evaluation is "pass / fail" and is not used to rank applicants.

Once the initial evaluation of the application by the Human Resources Department has determined the applicant meets the minimum Civil Service Standards, and those who are referred to the National Testing Network had passed the NTN evaluation, the names of accepted applicants and the related application information for each open position will be sent to the Sheriff's Office. An initial evaluation of each applicant will be made to determine whether or not the applicant meets the minimum standards for employment in a law enforcement agency as set by the Sheriff.

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The minimum standards for employment as determined by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office include those standards set by the agency and listed in the job description for the open position. In addition, minimum standards for a Police Officer in the State of Oregon are determined by the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training and are set forth in the Oregon Administrative Rule in section 259-008-0010 and at Appendix A to this policy. Also a list of possible and immediate disqualifiers is contained in Appendix B to this policy.

Initial evaluation of each applicant will consist of, but not be limited to;

Checking the minimum age of the open position and age of the applicant;

Checking any applicable certificate requirements and the applicant's compliance (e.g., Basic Certificate);

Checking driving status and driving record; and

Checking for criminal history and "wanted" status.

Applicants who are unsuccessful at passing the initial evaluation shall be notified that they were disqualified using the currently designated notification letter. The notification shall be completed at the conclusion of the hiring process, when all applicants are notified of their status.

1000.4.7 READING COMPREHENSION / WRITING TEST

For those applicants who have not been evaluated by the National Testing Network, the POST test is used to evaluate reading comprehension and writing skills.

The national Police Officer Selection Test (POST) is scored to rank applicants who pass the initial evaluation and are invited and eligible to participate in the next step of the process.

Applicants who successfully pass the initial evaluation of the application materials provided will be invited to participate in a written test.

The State of Oregon requires that certain criminal justice employees pass a reading comprehension and writing test at the twelfth grade level to be eligible to be certified. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office requires that all sworn patrol staff and all corrections staff pass this required test prior to being offered employment.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office has selected the Stanard and Associates "POST" test to meet the criteria as established by the State of Oregon for testing of sworn positions. The same test has been designated for use by the Sheriff for certain selected non-sworn positions, including the Corrections Technician position.

The POST test is available in different version to facilitate persons repeating the test. The POST test will be administered as directed by the Stanard and Associates "Instructor's Manual" which may be found attached to this policy as Appendix "F".

The POST test described here has four separate sections. Each of the sections will generate a passing or failing score. The minimum passing score for each of the four sections will be 70%. The total score for the completed test will be the average of the scores for the four sections, so if

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an applicant passed the test with 100 percent in each of the four sections, the total score for the test would be 100%, before any applicable veterans' preference points are added.

Applicants who have taken the Stanard and Associates POST test within the last three months at an Oregon law enforcement agency may use the test results from that testing if they can provide a letter from the testing agency that confirms the testing date and scores of the applicant. The letter must be provided prior to or on the applicant's designated testing date.

1000.4.8 SKILLS-BASED WRITTEN TEST
The Skills-Based Written Test is scored to rank applicants (who are not designated to take the POST test) who pass the initial evaluation and are eligible and invited to participate in the next phase of the process.

Applicants for non-sworn positions that have not been designated to take the POST test as described above will be required to take a skills based written test. The applicant must achieve a score designated as a passing score before the person is invited to advance to the next step in the hiring process.

The skills-based written test used will be designated by the Sheriff.

1000.4.9 OREGON PHYSICAL ABILITIES TEST (ORPAT)
The ORPAT is "pass / fail" and is not used to rank applicants.

Applicants who are not referred to the National Testing Network who are applicant for a position where the ORPAT is required, are subject to the below standards.

Applicants for sworn positions who achieve a passing score on the "POST" test will be invited to attend and take the Oregon Physical Abilities Test. The ORPAT is designed to assess job-related physical abilities of the applicant and passing is required for all patrol and corrections deputies prior to an offer of employment.

The ORPAT should be set up according to the DPSST design pattern and including any modifications appropriate for the discipline testing. Persons administering the ORPAT should be authorized by DPSST to function in that capacity.

The ORPAT must be completed with an official completion time of 5:30 (or as determined by the Sheriff) minutes or less to be a passing score. Completion time of greater than 5:30 minutes results in disqualification. Applicants who request to try again may be granted another attempt at the discretion of the Sheriff or designee.

Applicants who have completed the ORPAT while testing for another Oregon law enforcement agency may use their previous completion time when applying with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office as long as the previous testing was conducted within three months prior to the scheduled test date and they are able to present, on or before the date of their scheduled testing session,

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a letter from the previous law enforcement agency confirming the testing date, completion time and test configuration.

Applicants who fail to complete the ORPAT within the maximum time set will be notified of his/her disqualification by postal or electronic mail using the currently designated notification letter.

1000.4.10 DIVISION COMMANDER INTERVIEW

The Division Commander Interview is “pass / fail” and is not used to rank applicants.

Applicants who successfully complete all phases of the testing process to date or who have been referred back to CCSo by the National Testing Network, will be invited to the Division Commander Interview. The commander or designee of the division that is testing applicants will conduct a “one on one” interview with the applicant.

The Division Commander will assess the following traits and characteristics of the applicant;

Integrity, Decision Making, Common Sense, Honesty, Knowledge, Commitment, Experience and, along with the initial evaluation and the scores from the POST test and the ORPAT, determine if the applicant is a “good fit” for the agency. The Division Commander will attach the interview questions used to the designated Applicant Assessment form and make a pass or fail recommendation to the Sheriff.

Applicants who are unsuccessful in the Division Commander Interview will be notified of his/her disqualification by postal or electronic mail, using the currently designated notification letter.

Applicants who are successful in the Division Commander Interview will receive an invitation e-mail to join the Electronic Statement of Personal History (e-SOPH) system. The applicant will also be advised of the Oral Board interview and provided attendance details.

1000.4.11 ELECTRONIC STATEMENT OF PERSONAL HISTORY (E-SOPH)

The e-SOPH system is a third party web-based system used by the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office to collect and manage applicant information. The system is used to monitor applicant progress, store information, and create letters and e-mails for the applicant and other purposes.

Applicants who successfully pass all phases of the hiring process to date, including the POST test or Skills-Based Written test, ORPAT (if required) and Division Commander’s Interview will be invited by e-mail to access the e-SOPH system. The access to the system is created by entering the employee into the E-SOPH system as a new applicant. The applicant will then be sent an invitation to go onto the e-SOPH system and become a user. Once the applicant has access to the e-SOPH system, the applicant can receive required notices and fill out the forms necessary to move forward in the hiring process.

Among the notices delivered to the applicant by the e-SOPH system are the Fair Credit Reporting Act Authorization to Release Information and Records and the Fair Credit Reporting Act Disclosure form.

The applicant will be provided a date, by which the e-SOPH materials must be submitted. Once the e-SOPH materials are submitted the applicant will be scheduled for the Oral Board Interview.

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1000.4.12 ORAL BOARD INTERVIEW

The Oral Board Interview is scored for applicants who achieve a passing score and is used to rank applicants.

The Oral Board interview is a panel interview with about five participants on the panel. Questions to be used are identified prior to the interview of the first applicant. Direct questions should be asked in the same number and order and by the same panelist for each of the applicants. Follow-up questions may be asked if an applicant response needs clarification. About the same amount of time should be planned for each applicant.

Panelists are supplied with the applicant's application and e-SOPH materials to facilitate their evaluation.

Panelists should be supplied with scoring sheets and instructions on the use of the score sheets. Panelists should strive for consistency in scoring from interview to interview. Panelists should score applicants without consideration for the other panelist's scores.

Panelists scoring should cover the following general subjects;

- Communication Skills / Organization of thought
- Judgment / Decision Making
- Knowledge of agency
- Commitment
- Thoughts Processes / Problem Solving
- Honesty / Integrity
- Ethics
- Stress management
- Abilities / Understanding
- Core values / Self Confidence

Applicants should be encouraged to ask questions of the panel and time should be allowed so that is possible. Panelists should attempt to answer questions from the applicant and should use that information to assist in scoring.

Each of the questions on the test is scored with a value from 1 to 10, with 1 indicating "poor" performance and 10 indicating "strong" performance. Each of the panelists will complete a score sheet for each of the applicants interviewed. Scoring instruction sheets should be provided to each panelist and the staff member facilitating the Oral Board Interview should host a discussion with panelists about the scoring process.

Score for the Oral Interview must be 80 points or more to achieve a passing score; prior to including the score from the Written Communication Test or veterans' preference. Total score

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for the applicant will be the total of all scores received from the panel, including the scores from Written Communication Test (see below), plus any veterans' preference points.

1000.4.13 WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TEST

The Written Communication test is scored and is used to rank applicants.

The Written Communication test is taken immediately following the Oral Board Interview. The Written Communication test assesses the applicant's ability to communicate in writing without the assistance of a computer or spelling / grammar checker.

The applicant will be provided with five simple questions and writing materials. The applicant has sixty (60) minutes to complete the test. The applicant is directed to fully answer all five questions using either cursive writing or block printing. No electronic devices are permitted. The test is evaluated for legibility of handwriting, spelling, grammar, logic and content, completeness and the ability to communicate effectively in writing.

The completed written tests are provided to the panelists from the oral board interview for scoring. Each panelist will evaluate each of the written tests and provide a score. Applicants scores from the Written Communication test and the Oral Board Interview will be added together to reach the total score.

1000.4.14 BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

The background investigation is "pass / fail" and is not used to rank applicants.

The pre-employment background investigation satisfies two goals: 1) assuring compliance with all applicable minimum standards for appointment and 2) screening out applicants who, based on their past history or other relevant information, are found to be unsuitable for the position(s) in question.

Background investigations are among the most important investigations that a law enforcement agency will ever conduct, and among the most challenging. The background investigation must be comprehensive in nature if they are to lead to informed hiring decisions. The background investigation must attempt to uncover past misconduct or other signs of unsuitability while staying within the tight parameters of fair employment practices.

Background investigations for this agency will include, but not be limited to, investigation into the following general subject areas; citizenship verification, minimum qualified age, Employment eligibility, criminal records check, driving records check, education verification, employment history, relatives / personal references, dissolution of marriage, neighborhood checks, military history and credit checks.

Social media accounts are an obvious source of information about applicants and will, almost certainly, be involved in any comprehensive background investigation. Oregon law places significant limitations of the inquiries the investigator can make. The law prohibits employers or potential employers from requiring or requesting access to social media accounts. The investigator is free to search for social media accounts and information that would be accessible

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to the public, but the law prohibits obtaining the applicant's assistance in gaining access to those accounts that are not publicly accessible. Refer to ORS 659A.330.

1000.4.15 PARTICIPANT'S MEETING

1000.4.16 SHERIFF'S INTERVIEW

The Sheriff's interview is "pass / fail" and is not used to rank applicants.

The Sheriff's Interview is a "one on one" interview with applicants who have been successful in completion of the earlier testing and tasks. The Interview will be conducted by the Sheriff or designee and is discretionary.

The Sheriff's Interview will consist of an evaluation of all earlier testing results and an evaluation of the applicant's compatibility with the agency and the profession.

1000.4.17 CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT

Those applicants who have passed the initial evaluation, POST test or Skills-Based Written Test, ORPAT (if required), Division Commander's Interview, Oral Board Interview, Written Communication Test, Background Investigation and the Sheriff's Interview may be conditionally offered employment.

The conditional offer of employment is a transition point. The inquiries made prior to the conditional offer are less invasive into the personal information of the applicant. Inquiries made after the applicant has accepted the conditional offer are more invasive in nature and tread into sensitive, personal and private areas of the applicants life.

The conditional offer of employment should be conveyed in written form and should include specifics, including job title and salary information, and should specifically itemize the remaining steps in the hiring process and the required minimum outcome of each of the steps. The conditional offer should be signed by the hiring authority and receive a signature from the applicant upon the acceptance of the offer.

1000.4.18 MEDICAL EVALUATION

The medical evaluation is "pass / fail" and is not used to rank applicants.

The medical evaluation for applicants for sworn positions consists of a medical examination and drug testing by an authorized health care provider. The examination is based on requirements from DPSST and will necessarily follow the DPSST form F-2. The health care provider will be provided with both the current CCSO job description for the position applied for and a blank DPSST F-2 form.

Following the examination of the successful applicant, the completed F-2 form should be copied and submitted to DPSST upon hiring. The copy of the F-2 should be retained in an employee confidential medical file housed in the Human Resources Department.

DPSST F-2 forms are available at the DPSST website under the "Criminal Justice Forms" key.

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1000.4.19 PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION
The psychological evaluation is “pass / fail” and is not used to rank applicants.

The Columbia County Sheriff’s Office requires a psychological evaluation for all sworn Patrol positions and all sworn and non-sworn Corrections positions. The psychological evaluation is conducted by a licensed psychologist and consists of a specialized examination of an applicant’s psychological suitability for a position in public safety, involving positions where employees have arrest authority. Psychological suitability includes, at a minimum, the absence of job-relevant mental or emotional conditions that would reasonably be expected to interfere with safe and effective performance.

Following the examination of the applicant, the psychologist will provide a written report stating the finding that the applicant is suitable or not suitable for employment in the position applied for. The written report of a successful applicant should be retained in an employee confidential medical file housed in the Human Resources Department.

1000.5 TESTING OUTCOMES AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

Applicants who fail to pass the background phase of any hiring process with this agency are disqualified from reapplying for any position with this agency. This qualification may be for either a six month period, a three year period, or it may be a permanent disqualification, depending on the findings in the background investigation, at the discretion of the Sheriff.

Applicants involved in the hiring process for a single job offering who fail one of the testing phases of the hiring process are eliminated from the process and are disqualified from reapplying for any position with this agency for a period of six (6) months.

Applicants involved in the hiring process for more than one job offering who fail one of the testing phases of the hiring process are eliminated from the particular hiring process that required the failed test. Except as indicated in the following section, the applicant is also eliminated from all other hiring processes that the applicant is participating in at that time and the applicant is disqualified from reapplying for any position with this agency for a period of six (6) months.

The applicant is not disqualified from other hiring processes that the applicant is simultaneously involved in unless the failed testing phase is required by both the failed hiring process and the simultaneous hiring process(es).

EXAMPLES:

- Applicant “A” has applied for both the job of Corrections Deputy and the job of Corrections Technician. Applicant “A” takes the POST test and passes. The applicant is invited to the ORPAT test as part of the Corrections Deputy process and fails it. The applicant is eliminated from the Corrections Deputy hiring process because of failure of the ORPAT. The applicant is not eliminated from the Corrections Technician hiring process because the ORPAT is not required for Corrections Technicians applicants.

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- Applicant “B” has applied for a Corrections Deputy position and an Enforcement Deputy position. Applicant “B” takes the POST test for the Corrections Deputy position and passes. Applicant “B” is invited to the ORPAT test as part of the Corrections Deputy process and fails the test. The applicant is eliminated from both the Corrections Deputy process and the Enforcement Deputy process because the ORPAT is required for applicants in both processes.
- applicant “C” has applied for a Corrections Technician position, a Corrections Deputy position and an Enforcement Deputy position. Applicant “C” takes the POST test as part of the Enforcement Deputy process and passes. The applicant is invited to the ORPAT test as part of the Enforcement Deputy process and fails the test. The Applicant is eliminated from the Enforcement Deputy process for failing the ORPAT and is also eliminated from the Corrections Deputy process because the ORPAT is also required for Corrections Deputy applicants. The applicant is not eliminated from the Corrections Technician process because the ORPAT is not required of Corrections Technician applicants.

1000.6 EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

All candidates shall meet the minimum standards required by state law (OAR 259-008-0010). Candidates will be evaluated based on merit, ability, competence and experience, in accordance with the high standards of integrity and ethics valued by the [Department/Office] and the community.

Validated, job-related and nondiscriminatory employment standards shall be established for each job classification and shall minimally identify the training, abilities, knowledge and skills required to perform the position’s essential duties in a satisfactory manner. Each standard should include performance indicators for candidate evaluation. The Department of Human Resources should maintain validated standards for all positions.

1000.6.1 STANDARDS FOR DEPUTIES

Candidates shall meet the following minimum standards established by the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) (OAR 259-008-0010):

(a) Citizen of the United States within 18 months of hire date

(b) At least 21 years of age

(c) Fingerprinted for a check by the Oregon State Police Identification Services Section

(d) Free of convictions for any of the following:

1. Any felony
2. Any offense for which the maximum term of imprisonment is more than one year
3. Any offense related to the unlawful use, possession, delivery or manufacture of a controlled substance, narcotic or dangerous drug
4. Any offense that would subject the candidate to a denial or revocation of a peace officer license pursuant to OAR 259-008-0070

(e) Be of good moral fitness

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(f) Possess a high school diploma, GED equivalent or a four-year advanced degree

(g) Submit to a physical examination

(h) Meet the vision and hearing requirements set forth in OAR 259-008-0010

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Employee Performance Assessment

1001.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Department's employee performance assessment system is designed to record work performance for both the Department and the employee, providing recognition for good work and developing a means to partner with the employee for improvement and work product enhancement.

1001.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office utilizes a performance appraisal report to measure performance success and to use as a factor in making personnel decisions that relate to merit increases, promotion, reassignment, discipline, demotion and termination. The performance appraisal report is intended to serve as a guide for work planning, review, and partnership for performance by the supervisor and employee. It gives supervisors a way to create an objective history of work performance based on job standards.

The Department assesses employee performance in a non-discriminatory manner based upon job-related factors specific to the employee's position, without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, religion, age, disability or other protected classes.

1001.3 PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Performance assessment reports will cover a specific period of time and should be based on documented performance during that period. Assessment reports will be completed by each employee's immediate supervisor in conjunction with said employee. Other supervisors directly familiar with the employee's performance during the rating period should be consulted by the immediate supervisor for their input.

All sworn and non-sworn supervisory personnel shall attend an approved supervisory course that includes training on the completion of performance assessments within one year of the supervisory appointment.

Each supervisor should discuss the tasks of the position, standards of performance expected and the evaluation criteria with each employee at the beginning of the rating period. Supervisors should document this discussion in the prescribed manner.

Assessment of an employee's job performance is an ongoing process. Continued coaching and feedback provides supervisors and employees with opportunities to correct performance issues as they arise.

Non-probationary employees demonstrating substandard performance shall be notified in writing of such performance as soon as possible in order to have an opportunity to remediate the issues. Such notification should occur at the earliest opportunity, with the goal being a minimum of 90 days written notice prior to the end of the evaluation period.

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Employees who disagree with their performance assessment and who desire to provide a formal response or a rebuttal may do so in writing in the prescribed format and time period.

1001.3.1 RESERVE DEPUTY PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENTS
Reserve deputy evaluations are covered in the Reserve Deputies Policy.

1001.4 FULL TIME PROBATIONARY PERSONNEL
Non-sworn personnel are on probation for 12 months before being eligible for certification as permanent employees. An evaluation is completed monthly for all full-time non-sworn personnel during the probationary period.

Sworn personnel are on probation for 18 months before being eligible for certification as permanent employees. Probationary deputies are evaluated daily, weekly and monthly during the probationary period.

1001.5 FULL-TIME PERMANENT STATUS PERSONNEL
Permanent employees are subject to three types of performance evaluations:

Regular - For patrol personnel and those assignments/positions that have scheduled shift changes, an evaluation "Employee Performance Summary" shall be completed twice a year in conjunction with the January and July shift changes. These two "Employee Performance Summary" forms will be combined in January of each year to make up one formal evaluation. For those assignments that do not require a shift change and/or change in direct supervision, the evaluations shall be completed each January.

Transfer - If an employee is transferred from one assignment to another in the middle of a six-month evaluation period and more than 90 days have transpired since the shift change, then an evaluation shall be completed by the immediate supervisor before the transfer is made. No additional evaluation will be required at the end of that six-month rating period.

Special - A special evaluation may be completed any time the rater and the rater's supervisor feel one is necessary due to employee performance that is deemed less than standard. Generally, the special evaluation will be the tool used to demonstrate those areas of performance deemed less than standard when follow-up action is planned (work plan, remedial training, retraining, etc.). The evaluation form and the attached documentation shall be submitted as one package.

All performance assessment reports shall also note whether or not the assessment is associated with a Merit Step Increase.

1001.5.1 RATING DEFINITIONS
When completing the Employee Performance Evaluation, the rater will place a check mark in the box that best describes the employee’s performance. The definition of each rating category is as follows:

Meets Expectations - Is the performance of a fully competent employee. It means satisfactory performance that meets the standards required of the position.

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Below Expectations- Is a level of performance less than that expected of a fully competent employee and less than standards required of the position. A needs improvement rating must be thoroughly discussed with the employee.

Unacceptable - Performance is inferior to the standards required of the position. It is very inadequate or undesirable performance that cannot be tolerated.

Space for written comments is provided below each CORE STANDARD. This section allows the rater to document the employee's strengths, weaknesses and suggestions for improvement. Any rating under any job dimension marked unsatisfactory or outstanding shall be substantiated in the rater comments section.

1001.6 APPRAISAL INTERVIEW

The supervisor should work to ensure the best possible environment to partner with the employee for outstanding performance. When the supervisor has completed the preliminary appraisal, arrangements shall be made for a private discussion of the appraisal with the employee. The supervisor should discuss the results of the just completed rating period and clarify any questions the employee may have. There should be no surprises in this report, as the supervisor and the employee should already have addressed almost all of the issues contained therein throughout the reporting period. However, if the employee has valid and reasonable protests of any of the ratings, the supervisor may make appropriate changes to the appraisal report. Areas needing improvement and goals for reaching the expected level of performance should be identified and discussed. The supervisor should also provide relevant counseling regarding advancement, specialty positions and training opportunities. The supervisor and employee will sign and date the appraisal report.

1001.7 APPRAISAL REVIEW

After the supervisor finishes the discussion with the employee, the signed performance appraisal is forwarded to the rater's supervisor (Jail Commander or Undersheriff). The Jail Commander or Undersheriff shall review the evaluation for fairness, impartiality, uniformity, and consistency. The Jail Commander or Undersheriff shall evaluate the supervisor on the quality of ratings given and forward the signed performance appraisal to the Sheriff for final signature

1001.8 APPRAISAL DISTRIBUTION

The original performance appraisal shall be maintained in the employee's personnel file in the office of the Sheriff for the tenure of the employee's employment. A copy will be given to the employee and a copy will be forwarded to County Department of Human Resources.

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Anti-Retaliation

1002.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy prohibits retaliation against members who identify workplace issues, such as fraud, waste, abuse of authority, gross mismanagement or any inappropriate conduct or practices, including violations that may pose a threat to the health, safety or well-being of members.

This policy does not prohibit actions taken for nondiscriminatory or non-retaliatory reasons, such as discipline for cause.

These guidelines are intended to supplement and not limit members' access to other applicable remedies. Nothing in this policy shall diminish the rights or remedies of a member pursuant to any applicable federal law, provision of the U.S. Constitution, law, ordinance or collective bargaining agreement.

1002.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office has a zero tolerance for retaliation and is committed to taking reasonable steps to protect from retaliation members who, in good faith, engage in permitted behavior or who report or participate in the reporting or investigation of workplace issues. All complaints of retaliation will be taken seriously and will be promptly and appropriately investigated.

1002.3 RETALIATION PROHIBITED

No member may retaliate against any person for engaging in lawful or otherwise permitted behavior; for opposing a practice believed to be unlawful, unethical, discriminatory or retaliatory; for reporting or making a complaint under this policy; or for participating in any investigation related to a complaint under this or any other policy.

Retaliation includes any adverse action or conduct, including but not limited to:

- Refusing to hire or denying a promotion.
- Extending the probationary period.
- Unjustified reassignment of duties or change of work schedule.
- Real or implied threats or other forms of intimidation to dissuade the reporting of wrongdoing or filing of a complaint, or as a consequence of having reported or participated in protected activity.
- Taking unwarranted disciplinary action.
- Spreading rumors about the person filing the complaint or about the alleged wrongdoing.
- Shunning or unreasonably avoiding a person because he/she has engaged in protected activity.

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1002.4 COMPLAINTS OF RETALIATION

Any member who feels he/she has been retaliated against in violation of this policy should promptly report the matter to any supervisor, command staff member, Sheriff or the Columbia County County Human Resources Director.

Members shall act in good faith, not engage in unwarranted reporting of trivial or minor deviations or transgressions, and make reasonable efforts to verify facts before making any complaint in order to avoid baseless allegations. Members shall not report or state an intention to report information or an allegation knowing it to be false, with willful or reckless disregard for the truth or falsity of the information or otherwise act in bad faith.

Investigations are generally more effective when the identity of the reporting member is known, thereby allowing investigators to obtain additional information from the reporting member. However, complaints may be made anonymously. All reasonable efforts shall be made to protect the reporting member’s identity. However, confidential information may be disclosed to the extent required by law or to the degree necessary to conduct an adequate investigation and make a determination regarding a complaint. In some situations, the investigative process may not be complete unless the source of the information and a statement by the member is part of the investigative process.

1002.5 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Supervisors are expected to remain familiar with this policy and ensure that members under their command are aware of its provisions.

The responsibilities of supervisors include, but are not limited to:

(a) Ensuring complaints of retaliation are investigated as provided in the Personnel Complaints Policy.

(b) Receiving all complaints in a fair and impartial manner.

(c) Documenting the complaint and any steps taken to resolve the problem.

(d) Acknowledging receipt of the complaint, notifying the Sheriff via the chain of command and explaining to the member how the complaint will be handled.

(e) Taking appropriate and reasonable steps to mitigate any further violations of this policy.

(f) Monitoring the work environment to ensure that any member making a complaint is not subjected to further retaliation.

(g) Periodic follow-up with the complainant to ensure that retaliation is not continuing.

(h) Not interfering with or denying the right of a member to make any complaint.

(i) Taking reasonable steps to accommodate requests for assignment or schedule changes made by a member who may be the target of retaliation if it would likely mitigate the potential for further violations of this policy.

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1002.6 COMMAND STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

The Sheriff should communicate to all supervisors the prohibition against retaliation.

Command staff shall treat all complaints as serious matters and shall ensure that prompt actions take place, including but not limited to:

(a) Communicating to all members the prohibition against retaliation.

(b) The timely review of complaint investigations.

(c) Remediation of any inappropriate conduct or condition and instituting measures to eliminate or minimize the likelihood of recurrence.

(d) The timely communication of the outcome to the complainant.

1002.7 WHISTLE-BLOWING

Oregon law protects members who disclose or threaten to disclose information that the member reasonably believes is evidence of (ORS 659A.203):

(a) A violation of federal,state or local law, rule or regulation.

(b) Mismanagement, gross waste of funds, abuse of authority or substantial and specific danger to public health and safety.

(c) A person who is receiving public assistance is subject to a felony or misdemeanor warrant.

Members are encouraged to report such violations or disclosures of information through the chain of command (ORS 659A.221; ORS 654.062).

Members who believe they have been the subject of retaliation for engaging in such protected behaviors should promptly report it to a supervisor. Supervisors should refer the complaint to the Undersheriff for investigation pursuant to the Personnel Complaints Policy.

1002.8 RECORDS RETENTION AND RELEASE

The Support Services Supervisor shall ensure that documentation of investigations is maintained in accordance with the established records retention schedules.

1002.9 TRAINING

The policy should be reviewed with each new member.

All members should receive periodic refresher training on the requirements of this policy.

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Reporting of Employee Convictions

1003.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Convictions of certain offenses may restrict or prohibit an employee's ability to properly perform official duties; therefore, all employees shall be required to promptly notify the Department of any past and current criminal convictions.

1003.2 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONVICTIONS AND RESTRAINING ORDERS

Oregon and federal law prohibit individuals convicted of certain offenses and individuals subject to certain court orders from lawfully possessing a firearm. Such convictions and court orders often involve allegations of the use or attempted use of force or threatened use of a weapon on any individual in a domestic relationship (e.g., spouse, cohabitant, parent, child) (18 USC § 922; ORS 107.095(5); ORS 166.270).

All members are responsible for ensuring that they have not been disqualified from possessing a firearm by any such conviction or court order and shall promptly report any such conviction or court order to a supervisor, as provided in this policy.

ORS 166.270 carries specific prohibitions on the carrying of firearms or other weapons upon a felony conviction in the State of Oregon, any other state or under federal law.

ORS 107.095(5) addresses when a restraining order can lead to a violation of the firearms prohibitions of 18 USC § 922. Employees that are or have become subject to such an order shall promptly report that information to a supervisor.

1003.3 OTHER CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

Oregon Administrative Rules 259-008-0010(4) prohibits any person convicted of a felony from being a peace officer in the State of Oregon. This prohibition applies regardless of whether the guilt was established by way of a verdict, guilty or nolo contendere plea.

Convictions of certain violations of the Vehicle Code and other provisions of law may also place restrictions on an employee's ability to fully perform the duties of the job.

Moreover, while legal restrictions may or may not be imposed by statute or by the courts upon conviction of any criminal offense, criminal conduct by members of this department may be inherently in conflict with law enforcement duties and the public trust.

1003.4 REPORTING PROCEDURE

All members of this department and all retired deputies with an identification card issued by the Department shall promptly notify their immediate supervisor (or the Sheriff in the case of retired deputies) in writing of any past or current criminal arrest or conviction regardless of whether or not the matter is currently on appeal and regardless of the penalty or sentence, if any.

All members and all retired deputies with an identification card issued by the Department shall further promptly notify their immediate supervisor (or the Sheriff in the case of retired deputies)

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in writing if the member or retiree becomes the subject of a domestic violence restraining order or similar court order.

Any member whose criminal conviction unduly restricts or prohibits that member from fully and properly performing his/her duties may be disciplined including, but not limited to being placed on administrative leave, reassignment and/or termination.

Any member failing to provide prompt written notice pursuant to this policy shall be subject to discipline.

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Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace

1004.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear and uniform guidelines regarding drugs and alcohol in the workplace.

1004.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this department to provide a drug- and alcohol-free workplace for all members.

1004.3 GENERAL GUIDELINES

Alcohol and drug use in the workplace or on department time can endanger the health and safety of department members and the public. Such use shall not be tolerated (41 USC § 8103).

Members who have consumed an amount of an alcoholic beverage or taken any medication, or combination thereof, that would tend to adversely affect their mental or physical abilities shall not report for duty. Affected members shall notify the Enforcement Lieutenant or appropriate supervisor as soon as the member is aware that he/she will not be able to report to work. If the member is unable to make the notification, every effort should be made to have a representative contact the supervisor in a timely manner. If the member is adversely affected while on-duty, he/she shall be immediately removed and released from work (see Work Restrictions in this policy).

1004.3.1 USE OF MEDICATIONS

Members should avoid taking any medications that will impair their ability to safely and completely perform their duties. Any member who is medically required or has a need to take any such medication shall report that need to his/her immediate supervisor prior to commencing any on-duty status.

No member shall be permitted to work or drive a vehicle owned or leased by the Department while taking any medication that has the potential to impair his/her abilities, without a written release from his/her physician.

Possession of medical marijuana or being under the influence of marijuana on- or off-duty is prohibited and may lead to disciplinary action.

1004.4 MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Members shall report for work in an appropriate mental and physical condition. Members are prohibited from purchasing, manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, possessing or using controlled substances or alcohol on department premises or on department time (41 USC § 8103). The lawful possession or use of prescribed medications or over-the-counter remedies is excluded from this prohibition.

Members who are authorized to consume alcohol as part of a special assignment shall not do so to the extent of impairing on-duty performance.

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Members shall notify a supervisor immediately if they observe behavior or other evidence that they believe demonstrates that a fellow member poses a risk to the health and safety of the member or others due to drug or alcohol use.

Members are required to notify their immediate supervisors of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such conviction (41 USC § 8103).

1004.5 EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

There may be available a voluntary employee assistance program to assist those who wish to seek help for alcohol and drug problems (41 USC § 8103). Insurance coverage that provides treatment for drug and alcohol abuse also may be available. Employees should contact the Department of Human Resources, their insurance providers or the employee assistance program for additional information. It is the responsibility of each employee to seek assistance before alcohol or drug problems lead to performance problems.

1004.6 WORK RESTRICTIONS

If a member informs a supervisor that he/she has consumed any alcohol, drug or medication that could interfere with a safe and efficient job performance, the member may be required to obtain clearance from his/her physician before continuing to work.

If the supervisor reasonably believes, based on objective facts, that a member is impaired by the consumption of alcohol or other drugs, the supervisor shall prevent the member from continuing work and shall ensure that he/she is safely transported away from the Department.

1004.7 REQUESTING SCREENING TESTS

A supervisor may request an employee to submit to a screening test under the following circumstances:

(a) The supervisor reasonably believes, based upon objective facts, that the employee is under the influence of alcohol or drugs that are impairing his/her ability to perform duties safely and efficiently.

(b) The employee discharges a firearm, other than by accident, in the performance of his/her duties.

(c) During the performance of his/her duties, the employee drives a motor vehicle and becomes involved in an incident that results in bodily injury to him/herself or another person or substantial damage to property.

This policy does not apply to Employees chosen to participate in the department's random drug-testing program.

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1004.7.1 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY

The supervisor shall prepare a written record documenting the specific facts that led to the decision to request the test, and shall inform the employee in writing of the following:

(a) The test will be given to detect either alcohol or drugs, or both.

(b) The result of the test is not admissible in any criminal proceeding against the employee.

(c) The employee may refuse the test, but refusal may result in dismissal or other disciplinary action.

1004.7.2 SCREENING TEST REFUSAL

An employee may be subject to disciplinary action if he/she:

(a) Fails or refuses to submit to a screening test as requested.

(b) After taking a screening test that indicates the presence of a controlled substance, fails to provide proof, within 72 hours after being requested, that he/she took the controlled substance as directed, pursuant to a current and lawful prescription issued in his/her name.

(c) Violates any provisions of this policy.

1004.8 COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACT

No later than 30 days following notice of any drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace involving a member, the Department will take appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, and/or requiring the member to satisfactorily participate in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program (41 USC § 8104).

1004.9 CONFIDENTIALITY

The Department recognizes the confidentiality and privacy due to its members. Disclosure of any information relating to substance abuse treatment, except on a need-to-know basis, shall only be with the express written consent of the member involved or pursuant to lawful process.

The written results of any screening tests and all documents generated by the employee assistance program are considered confidential medical records and shall be maintained separately from the employee’s other personnel files.

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Sick Leave

1005.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides general guidance regarding the use and processing of sick leave. The accrual and terms of use of sick leave for eligible employees are detailed in the County personnel manual or applicable collective bargaining agreement (ORS 653.606; ORS 653.611).

This policy is not intended to cover all types of sick or other leaves. For example, employees may be entitled to additional paid or unpaid leave for certain family and medical reasons as provided for in the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), the Oregon Family Leave Act or leave related to protections because of domestic violence, harassment, sexual assault or stalking (29 USC § 2601 et seq.; ORS 659A.150 et seq.; ORS 659A.270 et seq.).

1005.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to provide eligible employees with a sick-leave benefit that provides time off for personal or family illness.

1005.3 USE OF SICK LEAVE

Sick leave is intended to be used for absences caused by mental or physical illness, injury, health conditions or temporary disability (including pregnancy/maternity), or for medical, dental or vision exams or medical treatment of the employee or the employee's immediate family when it is not reasonable to schedule such appointments during non-working hours (ORS 653.616; OAR 839-007-0020).

Members who do not have compensated leave benefits may be eligible for unpaid leave.

Sick leave is not considered vacation. Abuse of sick leave may result in discipline, denial of sick-leave benefits, or both. Employees on sick leave shall not engage in other employment or self-employment, or participate in any sport, hobby, recreational activity or other activity that may impede recovery from the injury or illness.

1005.3.1 NOTIFICATION

All members should notify the appropriate supervisor as soon as they are aware that they will not be able to report to work. At a minimum, members shall make such notification no less than one hour before the start of their scheduled shifts or as soon as practicable when there are extenuating circumstances. If, due to an emergency, a member is unable to contact the supervisor, every effort should be made to have a representative for the member contact the supervisor (ORS 653.621; OAR 839-007-0040).

When the necessity to be absent from work is foreseeable, such as planned medical appointments or treatments, the member shall, whenever possible, provide the with no less than 10 days' notice of the impending absence. The member shall make a reasonable attempt to schedule the use of sick time so that it does not disrupt the operations of the Sheriff's Office (ORS 653.621; OAR 839-007-0040).

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Upon return to work, members are responsible for ensuring their time off was appropriately accounted for, and for completing and submitting the required documentation describing the type of time off used and the specific amount of time taken.

1005.4 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of supervisors include, but are not limited to:

(a) Monitoring and regularly reviewing the attendance of those under their command to ensure that the use of sick leave and absences are consistent with this policy.

(b) Attempting to determine whether an absence of four or more days may qualify as family medical leave and consulting with legal counsel or the County Human Resources Director as appropriate.

(c) Addressing absences and sick leave use in the member's performance evaluation when excessive or unusual use has:

  1. Negatively affected the member's performance or ability to complete assigned duties.

  2. Negatively affected [department/office] operations.

(d) When appropriate, counseling members regarding excessive absences and/or use of sick leave.

(e) Referring eligible members to an available employee assistance program when appropriate.

1005.5 EXTENDED ABSENCE

Members absent from duty in excess of three consecutive days may be required to furnish a statement from their health care provider supporting the need to be absent and/or the ability to return to work (ORS 653.626; OAR 839-007-0045).

Members on an extended absence shall, if possible, contact their supervisor at specified intervals to provide an update on their absence and expected date of return.

Nothing in this section precludes a supervisor from requiring, with cause, a health care provider's statement for an absence of three or fewer days (ORS 653.626; OAR 839-007-0045).

1005.6 REQUIRED NOTICES

The County Human Resources Director shall ensure that each employee is provided written notice of the following (ORS 653.631; OAR 839-007-0050):

(a) Accrued and unused sick time available at least quarterly.

(b) The sick leave provisions of the Oregon sick leave law as provided in ORS 653.601 et seq.

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Communicable Diseases

1006.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides general guidelines to assist in minimizing the risk of department members contracting and/or spreading communicable diseases.

1006.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Communicable disease - A human disease caused by microorganisms that are present in and transmissible through human blood, bodily fluid, tissue, or by breathing or coughing. These diseases commonly include, but are not limited to, hepatitis B virus (HBV), HIV and tuberculosis.

Exposure - When an eye, mouth, mucous membrane or non-intact skin comes into contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials, or when these substances are injected or infused under the skin; when an individual is exposed to a person who has a disease that can be passed through the air by talking, sneezing or coughing (e.g., tuberculosis), or the individual is in an area that was occupied by such a person. Exposure only includes those instances that occur due to a member's position at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. (See the exposure control plan for further details to assist in identifying whether an exposure has occurred.)

1006.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing a safe work environment for its members. Members should be aware that they are ultimately responsible for their own health and safety.

1006.3 EXPOSURE CONTROL OFFICER

The Sheriff will assign a person as the Exposure Control Officer (ECO). The ECO shall develop an exposure control plan that includes:

(a) Exposure-prevention and decontamination procedures.

(b) Procedures for when and how to obtain medical attention in the event of an exposure or suspected exposure.

(c) The provision that department members will have no-cost access to the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g., gloves, face masks, eye protection, pocket masks) for each member's position and risk of exposure.

(d) Evaluation of persons in custody for any exposure risk and measures to separate them.

(e) Compliance with all relevant laws or regulations related to communicable diseases, including:

1. Complying with the Oregon Safe Employment Act (ORS 654.001 et seq.).
2. Responding to requests and notifications regarding exposures covered under the Ryan White law (42 USC § 300ff-133; 42 USC § 300ff-136).

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3. Exposure control mandates in 29 CFR 1910.1030 including bloodborne pathogen precautions (OAR 437-002-0360).

The ECO should also act as the liaison with the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OR-OSHA) and may request voluntary compliance inspections. The ECO should annually review and update the exposure control plan and review implementation of the plan.

1006.4 EXPOSURE PREVENTION AND MITIGATION

1006.4.1 GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

All members are expected to use good judgment and follow training and procedures related to mitigating the risks associated with communicable disease. This includes, but is not limited to (29 CFR 1910.1030; OAR 437-002-0360):

(a) Stocking disposable gloves, antiseptic hand cleanser, CPR masks or other specialized equipment in the work area or department vehicles, as applicable.

(b) Wearing department-approved disposable gloves when contact with blood, other potentially infectious materials, mucous membranes and non-intact skin can be reasonably anticipated.

(c) Washing hands immediately or as soon as feasible after removal of gloves or other PPE.

(d) Treating all human blood and bodily fluids/tissue as if it is known to be infectious for a communicable disease.

(e) Using an appropriate barrier device when providing CPR.

(f) Using a face mask or shield if it is reasonable to anticipate an exposure to an airborne transmissible disease.

(g) Decontaminating non-disposable equipment (e.g., flashlight, control devices, clothing and portable radio) as soon as possible if the equipment is a potential source of exposure.

1. Clothing that has been contaminated by blood or other potentially infectious materials shall be removed immediately or as soon as feasible and stored/decontaminated appropriately.

(h) Handling all sharps and items that cut or puncture (e.g., needles, broken glass, razors, knives) cautiously and using puncture-resistant containers for their storage and/or transportation.

(i) Avoiding eating, drinking or smoking, applying cosmetics or lip balm, or handling contact lenses where there is a reasonable likelihood of exposure.

(j) Disposing of biohazardous waste appropriately or labeling biohazardous material properly when it is stored.

1006.4.2 IMMUNIZATIONS

Members who could be exposed to HBV due to their positions may receive the HBV vaccine and any routine booster at no cost (29 CFR 1910.1030; OAR 437-002-0360).

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Other preventive, no-cost immunizations shall be provided to members who are at risk of contracting a communicable disease if such preventive immunization is available and is medically appropriate. A member shall not be required to be immunized unless such immunization is otherwise required by federal or state law, rule or regulation (ORS 433.416).

1006.5 POST EXPOSURE

1006.5.1 INITIAL POST-EXPOSURE STEPS

Members who experience an exposure or suspected exposure shall:

(a) Begin decontamination procedures immediately (e.g., wash hands and any other skin with soap and water, flush mucous membranes with water).

(b) Obtain medical attention as appropriate.

(c) Notify a supervisor as soon as practicable.

1006.5.2 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The supervisor on-duty shall investigate every exposure or suspected exposure that occurs as soon as possible following the incident. The supervisor shall ensure the following information is documented (29 CFR 1910.1030; OAR 437-002-0360):

(a) Name and Social Security number of the member exposed

(b) Date and time of the incident

(c) Location of the incident

(d) Potentially infectious materials involved and the source of exposure (e.g., identification of the person who may have been the source)

(e) Work being done during exposure

(f) How the incident occurred or was caused

(g) PPE in use at the time of the incident

(h) Actions taken post-event (e.g., clean-up, notifications)

The supervisor shall advise the member that disclosing the identity and/or infectious status of a source to the public or to anyone who is not involved in the follow-up process is prohibited. The supervisor should complete the incident documentation in conjunction with other reporting requirements that may apply (see the Occupational Disease and Work-Related Injury Reporting Policy).

1006.5.3 MEDICAL CONSULTATION, EVALUATION AND TREATMENT

Department members shall have the opportunity to have a confidential medical evaluation immediately after an exposure and follow-up evaluations as necessary (29 CFR 1910.1030; OAR 437-002-0360).

The ECO should request a written opinion/evaluation from the treating medical professional that contains only the following information:

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(a) Whether the member has been informed of the results of the evaluation.

(b) Whether the member has been notified of any medical conditions resulting from exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials which require further evaluation or treatment.

No other information should be requested or accepted by the ECO.

1006.5.4 COUNSELING
The Department shall provide the member, and his/her family if necessary, the opportunity for counseling and consultation regarding the exposure (29 CFR 1910.1030; OAR 437-002-0360).

1006.5.5 SOURCE TESTING
Testing a person for communicable diseases when that person was the source of an exposure should be done when it is desired by the exposed member or when it is otherwise appropriate. Source testing is the responsibility of the ECO. If the ECO is unavailable to seek timely testing of the source, it is the responsibility of the exposed member's supervisor to ensure testing is sought.

Source testing may be achieved by:

(a) Obtaining consent from the individual.

(b) Contacting the Oregon Health Authority to seek voluntary consent for source testing for HIV (ORS 433.065).

(c) Petitioning for a court order to compel source testing for HIV, hepatitis B or hepatitis C (ORS 433.080; ORS 433.085).

(d) Working with the district attorney if the person is charged with a criminal offense that may involve exposure to a communicable disease (ORS 135.139).

Since there is the potential for overlap between the different manners in which source testing may occur, the ECO is responsible for coordinating the testing to prevent unnecessary or duplicate testing.

The ECO should seek the consent of the individual for testing and consult the County Counsel to discuss other options when no statute exists for compelling the source of an exposure to undergo testing if he/she refuses.

1006.6 CONFIDENTIALITY OF REPORTS
Medical information shall remain in confidential files and shall not be disclosed to anyone without the member's written consent (except as required by law). Test results from persons who may have been the source of an exposure are to be kept confidential as well.

1006.7 TRAINING
All members shall participate in training regarding communicable diseases commensurate with the requirements of their position. The training (29 CFR 1910.1030; OAR 437-002-0360):

(a) Shall be provided at the time of initial assignment to tasks where an occupational exposure may take place and at least annually after the initial training.

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(b) Shall be provided whenever the member is assigned new tasks or procedures affecting his/her potential exposure to communicable disease.

(c) Should provide guidance on what constitutes an exposure, what steps can be taken to avoid an exposure and what steps should be taken if a suspected exposure occurs.

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Smoking and Tobacco Use

1007.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes limitations on smoking and the use of tobacco products by members and others while on-duty or while in Columbia County Sheriff's Office facilities or vehicles.

For the purposes of this policy, smoking and tobacco use includes, but is not limited to, any tobacco product, such as cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, tobacco pouches and chewing tobacco, as well as any device intended to simulate smoking, such as an electronic cigarette or personal vaporizer.

1007.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office recognizes that tobacco use is a health risk and can be offensive to others.

Smoking and tobacco use also presents an unprofessional image for the Department and its members. Therefore smoking and tobacco use is prohibited by members and visitors in all department facilities, buildings and vehicles, and as is further outlined in this policy (ORS 433.845; ORS 433.850).

1007.3 SMOKING AND TOBACCO USE

Smoking and tobacco use by members is prohibited anytime members are in public view representing the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

It shall be the responsibility of each member to ensure that no person under his/her supervision smokes or uses any tobacco product inside County facilities and vehicles.

1007.4 ADDITIONAL PROHIBITIONS

Visitors and the public shall not be allowed to smoke in any department facility (ORS 433.845).

1007.4.1 NOTICE

The Sheriff or the authorized designee shall ensure that proper signage prohibiting smoking is posted at each entrance and exit to the department facilities (ORS 433.850; OAR 333-015-0040).

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Personnel Complaints

1008.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for the reporting, investigation and disposition of complaints regarding the conduct of members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. This policy shall not apply to any questioning, counseling, instruction, general performance assessment, informal verbal admonishment or other routine or unplanned contact of a member in the normal course of duty, by a supervisor or any other member, nor shall this policy apply to a criminal investigation.

1008.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office takes seriously all complaints regarding the service provided by the Department and the conduct of its members.

The Sheriff's Office will accept and address all complaints of misconduct in accordance with this policy and applicable federal, state and local law, municipal and county rules and the requirements of any collective bargaining agreements.

It is also the policy of this department to ensure that anyone can report misconduct without concern for reprisal or retaliation.

The terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) related to any administrative investigation and subsequent discipline also apply to those employees who are represented by the CBA.

1008.3 PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS

Personnel complaints include any allegation of misconduct or improper job performance that, if true, would constitute a violation of department policy or of federal, state or local law, policy or rule. Personnel complaints may be generated internally or by the public.

Inquiries about conduct or performance that, if true, would not violate department policy or federal, state or local law, policy or rule may be handled informally by a supervisor and shall not be considered a personnel complaint. Such inquiries generally include: general assessment of performance competency, clarification regarding policy and procedures, or the response to specific incidents by the Department.

1008.3.1 COMPLAINT CLASSIFICATIONS

Personnel complaints shall be classified in one of the following categories:

Informal - A matter in which Command Staffr is satisfied that appropriate action has been taken by a supervisor of rank greater than the accused member.

Formal - A matter in which a supervisor determines that further action is warranted. Such complaints may be investigated by a supervisor of rank greater than the accused member or referred to a third party at the discretion of the Sheriff, depending on the seriousness, nature and/or complexity of the investigation.

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Incomplete - A matter in which the complaining party either refuses to cooperate or becomes unavailable after diligent follow-up investigation. At the discretion of the assigned supervisor or a commander , such matters may be further investigated depending on the seriousness of the complaint and the availability of sufficient information.

1008.4 AVAILABILITY AND ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLAINTS

1008.4.1 COMPLAINT FORMS

Personnel complaint forms will be maintained in a clearly visible location in the public area of the sheriff's facility and be accessible through the Sheriff's Office website. Forms may also be available at other County facilities.

Personnel complaint forms in languages other than English may also be provided, as determined necessary or practicable.

1008.4.2 ACCEPTANCE

All complaints will be courteously accepted by any department member and promptly given to the appropriate supervisor. Although written complaints are preferred, a complaint may also be filed orally, either in person or by telephone. Such complaints will be directed to a supervisor. If a supervisor is not immediately available to take an oral complaint, the receiving member shall obtain contact information sufficient for the supervisor to contact the complainant. The supervisor, upon contact with the complainant, shall complete and submit a complaint form as appropriate.

Although not required, complainants should be encouraged to file complaints in person so that proper identification, signatures, photographs or physical evidence may be obtained as necessary.

1008.5 DOCUMENTATION

Supervisors shall ensure that all formal and informal complaints are documented on a complaint form. The supervisor shall ensure that the nature of the complaint is defined as clearly as possible.

All complaints and inquiries should also be documented in a log that records and tracks complaints. The log shall include the nature of the complaint and the actions taken to address the complaint. On an annual basis, the Department should audit the log and send an audit report to the Sheriff or the authorized designee.

1008.5.1 COMPLAINTS ALLEGING PROFILING

Complaints related to profiling should be clearly marked to assist in reporting as required in the Racial or Bias-Based Profiling Policy (ORS 131.920).

1008.6 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

Allegations of misconduct will be administratively investigated as follows.

1008.6.1 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

In general, the primary responsibility for the investigation of a personnel complaint shall rest with the member's immediate supervisor, unless the supervisor is the complainant, or the supervisor is the ultimate decision-maker regarding disciplinary action or has any personal involvement

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regarding the alleged misconduct. The Sheriff or the authorized designee may direct that another supervisor or designee investigate any complaint.

A supervisor who becomes aware of alleged misconduct shall take reasonable steps to prevent aggravation of the situation.

The responsibilities of supervisors include, but are not limited to:

(a) Ensuring that upon receiving or initiating any formal complaint, a complaint form is completed.

    1. The original complaint form will be directed to a supervisor of the accused member, via the chain of command, who will take appropriate action and/or determine who will have responsibility for the investigation.

    2. In circumstances where the integrity of the investigation could be jeopardized by reducing the complaint to writing or where the confidentiality of a complainant is at issue, a supervisor shall orally report the matter to the Division Commander or the Sheriff, who will initiate appropriate action.

(b) Responding to all complaints in a courteous and professional manner.

(c) Resolving those personnel complaints that can be resolved immediately.

    1. Follow-up contact with the complainant should be made within 24 hours (or as soon as practicable) of the Sheriff's Office receiving the complaint.

    2. If the matter is resolved and no further action is required, the supervisor will note the resolution on a complaint form and forward the form up the chain of command .

(d) Ensuring that upon receipt of a complaint involving allegations of a potentially serious nature, command staff and/or the Sheriff are notified via the chain of command as soon as practicable.

(e) Promptly contacting the Department of Human Resources and the Division Commander (unless the Division Commander is alleged as the offending office member) for direction regarding their roles in addressing a complaint that relates to sexual, racial, ethnic or other forms of prohibited harassment or discrimination.

(f) Forwarding unresolved personnel complaints to the Division Commander, who will determine whether to contact the complainant or assign the complaint for investigation.

(g) Informing the complainant of the investigator’s name and the complaint number within three days after assignment.

(h) Investigating a complaint as follows:

    1. Making reasonable efforts to obtain names, addresses and telephone numbers of witnesses.

    2. When appropriate, ensuring immediate medical attention is provided and photographs of alleged injuries and accessible uninjured areas are taken.

(i) Ensuring that the procedural rights of the accused member are followed

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(j) Ensuring interviews of the complainant are generally conducted during reasonable hours.

(k) Providing the complainant with periodic updates on the status of the investigation, as appropriate.

(l) Ensuring compliance with the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement related to the investigation/displine for any complaints regarding employees represented by the CBA.

1008.6.2 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES
CONSIDERATIONS

In conducting a personnel investigation, the following applies to all employees:

(a) Interviews of an accused employee shall be conducted during reasonable (normal waking) hours and preferably when the employee is on-duty, unless the seriousness of the investigation requires otherwise. If the employee is off-duty, he/she shall be compensated.

(b) Unless waived by the employee, interviews of an accused employee shall be at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office or other reasonable and appropriate place.

(c) No more than two interviewers should ask questions of an accused employee.

(d) The interviewers shall inform the employee of their authority to compel a statement and of the identity of the investigators and all persons present during the interview.

(e) Prior to any interview, an employee should be informed of the nature of the investigation and of facts reasonably sufficient to inform the employee of the circumstances surrounding the allegations under investigation.

(f) All interviews should be for a reasonable period and the employee's personal needs should be accommodated.

(g) No employee should be subjected to offensive or threatening language, nor shall any promises, rewards or other inducements be used to obtain answers. Any employee refusing to answer questions directly related to the investigation may be ordered to answer questions administratively and may be subject to discipline for failing to do so.

(h) A member should be given an order to answer questions in an administrative investigation that might incriminate the member in a criminal matter only after the member has been given a *Garrity* advisement and after the investigator has consulted with the prosecuting agency.

(i) The interviewer should record all interviews of employees and witnesses. The employee may also record the interview. If the employee has been previously interviewed, a copy of that recorded interview, and upon request any existing transcripts of the interview or reports describing the interview, shall be provided to the employee prior to any subsequent interview.

(j) All employees subjected to interviews that could result in discipline have the right to have an uninvolved representative present during the interview. However, in order to maintain the integrity of each individual’s statement, involved employees shall not consult or meet with a representative or attorney collectively or in groups prior to being interviewed. Involved employees shall be allowed to have a representative present who is also a member of the Collective Bargaining Unit.

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(k) In a disciplinary or administrative investigation, the employee's chosen representative cannot be required to disclose, or be subject to disciplinary action for refusing to disclose, statements made by the employee to the representative for purposes of the representation.

(l) As soon as it is determined that the employee may be charged with a criminal offense, the employee shall be informed of the employee's right to consult with criminal defense counsel with respect to the criminal charge.

(m) All employees shall provide complete and truthful responses to questions posed during interviews.

(n) No employee may be compelled to submit to a polygraph examination, nor shall any refusal to submit to such examination be mentioned in any investigation.

ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION FORMAT

Investigations of personnel complaints shall be detailed, complete and essentially follow this format:

Introduction - Include the identity of the employee(s), the identity of the assigned investigator(s), the initial date and source of the complaint.

Synopsis - Provide a very brief summary of the facts giving rise to the investigation.

Summary of allegations - List the allegations separately (including applicable policy sections) with a very brief summary of the evidence relevant to each allegation. A separate recommended finding should be provided for each allegation.

Evidence as to each allegation - Each allegation should be set forth with the details of the evidence applicable to each allegation provided, including comprehensive summaries of employee and witness statements. Other evidence related to each allegation should also be detailed in this section.

Conclusion - A recommendation regarding further action or disposition should be provided.

Exhibits - A separate list of exhibits (e.g., recordings, photos, documents) should be attached to the report.

1008.6.3 STEPS PRIOR TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION

If an investigation discloses misconduct or improper job performance that was not alleged in the original complaint, the investigator shall take appropriate action with regard to any additional allegations. ALL notifications referred to under this policy must be made in accordance with the timelines set forth for such notifications in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Disciplinary action may not be taken against any public safety employee without just cause (ORS 236.360 (4)). The Sheriff shall ensure the following before any disciplinary action against an employee is taken:

(a) Notification is made to the employee in writing of the charges against the employee and the proposed disciplinary action (ORS 236.360 (5)(a)).

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(b) The employee is given an opportunity to respond to the charges at an informal hearing, which may be recorded, that is attended by the person or persons having authority to impose the proposed disciplinary action (ORS 236.360 (5)(b)).

1008.6.4 DISPOSITIONS

Each personnel complaint shall be classified with one of the following dispositions:

Unfounded - When the investigation discloses that the alleged acts did not occur or did not involve [department/office] members. Complaints that are determined to be frivolous will fall within the classification of unfounded.

Exonerated - When the investigation discloses that the alleged act occurred but that the act was justified, lawful and/or proper.

Not sustained - When the investigation discloses that there is insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or fully exonerate the member.

Sustained - When the investigation discloses sufficient evidence to establish that the act occurred and that it constituted misconduct.

If an investigation discloses misconduct or improper job performance that was not alleged in the original complaint, the investigator shall take appropriate action with regard to any additional allegations.

1008.6.5 COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATIONS

Division Commanders shall ensure that investigations are completed and employees are provided notification of intended discipline no later than six months from the date of the first interview. The Sheriff or Division Commander may extend the investigation to a maximum of 12 months from the date of the first interview, provided that, before the extended period begins, the Sheriff's Office gives written notice explaining the reason for the extension to the peace officer and the peace officer’s chosen representative and union representative, if any (ORS 236.360(6)(a)).

The above time limits do not apply when (ORS 236.360(6)(b)):

(a) The investigation involves a peace officer who is incapacitated or unavailable.

(b) The investigation involves an allegation of workers' compensation or disability fraud by the peace officer.

(c) The deputy, in writing, waives the limit.

(d) The investigation requires a reasonable extension of time for coordination with one or more other jurisdictions.

(e) The investigation involves more than one peace officer and requires a reasonable extension of time.

(f) The alleged misconduct is also the subject of a criminal investigation or criminal prosecution. Time does not run for the period during which the criminal investigation or criminal prosecution is pending.

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(g) The investigation involves a matter in civil litigation in which the peace officer is a named defendant or the peace officer’s actions are alleged to be a basis for liability. Time does not run for the period during which the civil action is pending.

(h) The investigation is the result of a complaint by a person charged with a crime. Time does not run for the period during which the criminal matter is pending.

1008.7 ADMINISTRATIVE SEARCHES

Assigned lockers, storage spaces and other areas, including desks, offices and vehicles, may be searched as part of an administrative investigation upon a reasonable suspicion of misconduct.

Such areas may also be searched any time by a supervisor for non-investigative purposes, such as obtaining a needed report, radio or other document or equipment.

1008.8 ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE

When a complaint of misconduct is of a serious nature, or when circumstances indicate that allowing the accused to continue to work would adversely affect the mission of the Sheriff's Office, the Sheriff or the authorized designee may temporarily assign an accused employee to administrative leave. Any employee placed on administrative leave:

(a) May be required to relinquish any badge, identification, assigned weapons and any other Sheriff's Office equipment.

(b) Shall be required to continue to comply with all policies and lawful orders of a supervisor.

(c) May be temporarily reassigned to a different shift, generally a normal business-hours shift, during the investigation. The employee may be required to remain available for contact at all times during such shift, and will report as ordered.

1008.8.1 CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONNEL FILES

All investigations of personnel complaints shall be considered confidential peace officer personnel files. The contents of such files shall not be revealed to other than the involved employee or authorized personnel, except pursuant to lawful process.

In the event that an accused employee (or the representative of such employee) knowingly makes false representations regarding any internal investigation, and such false representations are communicated to any media source, the Department may disclose sufficient information from the employee's personnel file to refute such false representations.

Disciplinary action resulting from sustained complaints shall be maintained in the employee's personnel file. Complaints, and any investigative reports, shall be maintained by the Supervisor apart from the employee's personnel file.

1008.9 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Where a member is accused of potential criminal conduct, a separate supervisor or investigator shall be assigned to investigate the criminal allegations apart from any administrative investigation. Any separate administrative investigation may parallel a criminal investigation.

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The Sheriff shall be notified as soon as practicable when a member is accused of criminal conduct. The Sheriff may request a criminal investigation by an outside law enforcement agency.

A member accused of criminal conduct shall be provided with all rights afforded to a civilian. The member should not be administratively ordered to provide any information in the criminal investigation.

No information or evidence administratively coerced from a member may be provided to anyone involved in conducting the criminal investigation or to any prosecutor.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office may release information concerning the arrest or detention of any member, including a deputy, that has not led to a conviction. No disciplinary action should be taken until an independent administrative investigation is conducted.

1008.10 POST-ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES

Upon completion of a formal investigation, an investigation report should be forwarded to the supervisor who requested the investigation and forwarded through the chain of command for notification purposes. The supervisor who requested the investigation shall determine what discipline, if any, shall be imposed and forward that information through the chain of command. The supervisor who requested the investigation shall then notify the employee in question of each of the following:

(a) A written notice advising of the discipline to be imposed,

(b) Access to all of the materials considered in recommending the proposed discipline.

(c) An opportunity to respond orally or in writing to the supervisor within five days of receiving the notice.

    1. Upon a showing of good cause by the member, the Supervisor may grant a reasonable extension of time for the member to respond.

    2. If the member elects to respond orally, the presentation shall be recorded by the Sheriff's Office. Upon request, the member shall be provided with a copy of the recording.

Once the member has completed his/her response or if the member has elected to waive any such response, the supervisor shall consider all information received in regard to the imposition of discipline. The supervisor shall render a timely written decision to the member and specify the grounds and reasons for discipline and the effective date of the discipline. Once the supervisor has issued a written decision, the discipline shall become effective.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the rights and process afforded to the member according to County Civil Service or the Collective Bargaining Agreement for employees in the collective bargaining unit.

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1008.11 RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS PRIOR TO DISCIPLINE

In the event that a member tenders a written resignation or notice of retirement prior to the imposition of discipline, it shall be noted in the file. The tender of a resignation or retirement by itself shall not serve as grounds for the termination of any pending investigation or discipline.

1008.12 POST-DISCIPLINE APPEAL RIGHTS

Non-probationary employees have the right to appeal a suspension without pay, punitive transfer, demotion, reduction in pay or step, or termination from employment. The employee has the right to appeal using the procedures established by any collective bargaining agreement and/or personnel rules.

1008.13 PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEES AND OTHER MEMBERS

At-will and probationary employees and members other than non-probationary employees may be disciplined and/or released from employment without adherence to any of the procedures set out in this policy, and without notice or cause at any time. These individuals are not entitled to any rights under this policy. However, any of these individuals released for misconduct should be afforded an opportunity solely to clear their names through a liberty interest hearing, which shall be limited to a single appearance before the Sheriff or the authorized designee.

Any probationary period may be extended at the discretion of the Sheriff in cases where the individual has been absent for more than a week or when additional time to review the individual is considered to be appropriate.

1008.14 RETENTION OF PERSONNEL INVESTIGATION FILES

All personnel complaints shall be maintained in accordance with the established records retention schedule and as described in the Personnel Files Policy.

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Safety Belts

1009.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes guidelines for the use of safety belts and child restraints. This policy will apply to all members operating or riding in department vehicles.

1009.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Child restraint system - An infant or child passenger restraint system that meets Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) and Regulations set forth in 49 CFR 571.213.

1009.2 WEARING OF SAFETY RESTRAINTS

All members shall wear properly adjusted safety restraints when operating or riding in a seat equipped with restraints, in any vehicle owned, leased or rented by this department, while on- or off-duty, or in any privately owned vehicle while on-duty. The member driving such a vehicle shall ensure that all other occupants, including non-members, are also properly restrained (ORS 811.210).

Exceptions to the requirement to wear safety restraints may be made only in exceptional situations where, due to unusual circumstances, wearing a safety belt would endanger the department member or the public. Members must be prepared to justify any deviation from this requirement.

1009.3 TRANSPORTING SUSPECTS, PRISONERS OR ARRESTEES

Suspects, prisoners and arrestees should be in a seated position and secured in the rear seat of any department vehicle with a prisoner restraint system or, when a prisoner restraint system is not available, by safety belts provided by the vehicle manufacturer. The prisoner restraint system is not intended to be a substitute for handcuffs or other appendage restraints. In unusual circumstances where it is unsafe or impractical to do so, prisoners may be transported without the use of safety belts (ORS 811.215(6)).

Prisoners in leg restraints shall be transported in accordance with the Handcuffing and Restraints Policy.

1009.4 INOPERABLE SAFETY BELTS

Department vehicles shall not be operated when the safety belt in the driver's position is inoperable. Persons shall not be transported in a seat in which the safety belt is inoperable.

Department vehicle safety belts shall not be modified, removed, deactivated or altered in any way, except by the vehicle maintenance and repair staff, who shall do so only with the express authorization of the Sheriff.

Members who discover an inoperable restraint system shall report the defect to the appropriate supervisor. Prompt action will be taken to replace or repair the system.

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1009.5 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office that members use safety and child restraint systems to reduce the possibility of death or injury in a motor vehicle collision.

1009.6 TRANSPORTING CHILDREN

A child restraint system should be used for all children of an age, height or weight for which such restraints are required by law (ORS 811.210).

Rear seat passengers in a cage-equipped vehicle may have reduced clearance, which requires careful seating and positioning of safety belts. Due to this reduced clearance, and if permitted by law, children and any child restraint system may be secured in the front seat of such vehicles provided this positioning meets federal safety standards and the vehicle and child restraint system manufacturer’s design and use recommendations. In the event that a child is transported in the front seat of a vehicle, the seat should be pushed back as far as possible and the passenger-side airbag should be deactivated. If this is not possible, members should arrange alternate transportation when feasible.

1009.7 VEHICLES MANUFACTURED WITHOUT SAFETY BELTS

Vehicles manufactured and certified for use without safety belts or other restraint systems are subject to the manufacturer’s operator requirements for safe use.

1009.8 VEHICLE AIRBAGS

In all vehicles equipped with airbag restraint systems, the system will not be tampered with or deactivated, except when transporting children as written elsewhere in this policy. All equipment installed in vehicles equipped with airbags will be installed as per the vehicle manufacturer specifications to avoid the danger of interfering with the effective deployment of the airbag device.

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Body Armor

1010.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide law enforcement officers with guidelines for the proper use of body armor.

1010.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to maximize officer safety through the use of body armor in combination with prescribed safety procedures. While body armor provides a significant level of protection, it is not a substitute for the observance of officer safety procedures.

1010.3 ISSUANCE OF BODY ARMOR

Each Division Commander shall ensure that body armor is issued to all deputies, including Corrections Deputies in their respective divisions, when the deputy begins service at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and that, when issued, the body armor meets or exceeds the standards of the National Institute of Justice.

Each Division Commander shall establish a body armor replacement schedule for deputies under their command and ensure that replacement body armor is issued pursuant to the schedule or whenever the body armor becomes worn or damaged to the point that its effectiveness or functionality has been compromised.

1010.3.1 USE OF SOFT BODY ARMOR

Generally, the use of body armor is required subject to the following:

(a) Deputies shall only wear agency-approved, agency-provided body armor.

(b) Deputies shall wear body armor anytime they are in a situation where they could reasonably be expected to take enforcement action.

(c) Deputies may be excused from wearing body armor when they are functioning primarily in an administrative or support capacity and could not reasonably be expected to take enforcement action.

(d) Body armor shall be worn when a deputy is working in uniform or taking part in Department range training.

(e) A deputy may be excused from wearing body armor when he/she is involved in undercover or plainclothes work that his/her supervisor determines could be compromised by wearing body armor, or when a supervisor determines that other circumstances make it inappropriate to mandate wearing body armor.

1010.3.2 INSPECTIONS OF BODY ARMOR

Supervisors should ensure that body armor is worn and maintained in accordance with this policy through routine observation and periodic documented inspections. Annual inspections of body

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armor should be conducted by an authorized designee for fit, cleanliness and signs of damage, abuse and wear.

1010.3.3 CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF SOFT BODY ARMOR
Soft body armor should never be stored for any period of time in an area where environmental conditions (e.g., temperature, light, humidity) are not reasonably controlled (e.g., normal ambient room temperature/humidity conditions), such as in automobiles or automobile trunks.

Soft body armor should be cared for and cleaned pursuant to the manufacturer's care instructions provided with the soft body armor. The instructions can be found on labels located on the external surface of each ballistic panel. The carrier should also have a label that contains care instructions. Failure to follow these instructions may damage the ballistic performance capabilities of the armor. If care instructions for the soft body armor cannot be located, contact the manufacturer to request care instructions.

Soft body armor should not be exposed to any cleaning agents or methods not specifically recommended by the manufacturer, as noted on the armor panel label.

Soft body armor should be replaced in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended replacement schedule.

1010.4 RANGEMASTER RESPONSIBILITIES

The Rangemaster should:

(a) Monitor technological advances in the body armor industry for any appropriate changes to Department approved body armor.

(b) Assess weapons and ammunition currently in use and the suitability of approved body armor to protect against those threats.

(c) Provide training that educates deputies about the safety benefits of wearing body armor.

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Personnel Records

1011.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy governs maintenance and access to personnel records. Personnel records include any file maintained under an individual member's name.

1011.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this [department/office] to maintain personnel records and preserve the confidentiality of personnel records pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of Oregon (ORS 181A.830; ORS 192.502; ORS 652.750).

1011.3 EMPLOYEE RECORD LOCATIONS

Employee records will generally be maintained in any of the following:

Human Resources File - That file which is maintained at the County Human Resources Department and serves as the official, permanent record of an employee's employment with the County.

Department File - That file which is maintained in the office of the Sheriff as a permanent record of an employee's background investigation, disciplinary actions and investigations, and other relevant information associated with the employee's relationship with the Sheriff's Office.

Division File - Any file which is separately maintained internally by an employee's supervisor(s) within an assigned division for the purpose of completing timely performance evaluations.

Supervisor Log Entries - Any written comment, excluding actual performance evaluations, made by a supervisor concerning the conduct of an employee of this department.

Training File - Any file which documents the training records of an employee.

Internal Affairs Files - Those files that contain complaints of employee misconduct and all materials relating to the investigation into such allegations, regardless of disposition.

Medical File - That file which is maintained separately that exclusively contains material relating to an employee’s medical history.

1011.4 DIVISION FILE

Specific Division files may be separately maintained internally by a member's supervisor for the purpose of completing timely performance evaluations. The Division file may contain supervisor comments, notes, notices to correct, and other materials that are intended to serve as a foundation for the completion of timely performance evaluations. Any adverse comments shall be provided to the deputy prior to being placed in the file in accordance with ORS 652.750.

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1011.5 REQUESTS FOR DISCLOSURE

No requests for the disclosure of any information contained in any personnel record shall be considered received unless it is in written form. Since the format of such requests may be strictly governed by law with specific responses required, all such requests shall be promptly brought to the attention of the Undersheriff, the Custodian of Records or other person charged with the maintenance of such records.

Upon receipt of any such request, the responsible person shall notify the affected employee(s) as soon as practicable that such a request has been made (Oregon Revised Statutes 181.854).

The responsible person shall further ensure that an appropriate response to the request is made in a timely manner and consistent with applicable law. In many cases, this will require assistance of approved and available legal counsel.

All requests for disclosure, which result in access to an employee's personnel file(s), shall be logged in the corresponding file.

1011.5.1 RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Except as provided by Policy Manual 810 or pursuant to lawful process, no information contained in any peace officer personnel file shall be disclosed to any unauthorized employee or other person(s) without the expressed prior written consent of the involved deputy (Oregon Revised Statutes 181.854(4)).

If an investigation of a public safety employee of this department results from a complaint, the Department may disclose to the complainant the disposition of the complaint and if necessary provide a written summary of the information obtained in the investigation (Oregon Revised Statutes 181.854(5)).

1011.6 EMPLOYEE ACCESS TO OWN FILE

An employee or former employee may request to review his/her personnel file. The request should be made to the employee's immediate supervisor. The Supervisor should ensure that the employee is provided a reasonable opportunity to review their personnel file or, if requested, receive a certified copy of the records per ORS 652.750.

If an employee believes that any portion of the material is mistakenly or unlawfully placed in the employee's personnel record, the employee may submit a written request to the Sheriff that the mistaken or unlawful material be corrected or deleted. The request must describe the corrections or deletions requested and the reasons supporting the request and provide any documentation that supports the request. The Sheriff must respond within 30 days from the date the request is received. If the Sheriff chooses not to make any changes, the Sheriff shall ensure that a written response to the request is made. The Sheriff shall ensure that the request and response is placed in the employee's personnel record (ORS 652.750 (7)).

1011.7 TYPES OF PERSONNEL FILES

Personnel files can be located in any of the following places:

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1011.7.1 HUMAN RESOURCES FILE

The Human Resources Department file should contain, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) All personnel actions;

(b) Performance evaluations;

(c) Individual training records;

(d) Disciplinary actions;

(e) Commendation records;

(f) Changes of personal information; and

(g) Any other item that is intended to be part of the employee's official record.

The Human Resources Department shall keep a separate medical file that contains all medical information (including pre-hire medical and psychiatric evaluations) in the official employee file for the County.

Separate working files for the Sheriff's Office may contain elements of these official records for operational purposes, however, staff will ensure that all of the above original documents remain with the County's Human Resources Department file. Those documents that are not required to be forwarded to the Human Resources file include:

(a) Supervisors' Notes

(b) Leqve requests or time records

(c) Casual correspondence between supervisor and employee

(d) Detailed background investigation reports on prospective hires

(e) underlying disciplinary documents (unless specifically requested by Human Resources), such as:

1. Recordings or transcripts of interviews
2. Detailed Investigation reports

1011.7.2 DEPARTMENT FILE

The Department file should contain, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) Copies of Performance evaluation reports regularly completed by appropriate supervisor(s) and signed by the affected employee shall be permanently maintained (original documents belong with Human Resources Department employee file).

(b) Documents related to disciplinary action:

1. Copies of Disciplinary action resulting from sustained complaints or observation of misconduct shall be maintained in the individual employee's Department file at least three (3) years. If the disciplinary action results in an employee’s termination from this agency, the record of that action will be maintained for ten years after the separation in accordance with Oregon Administrative Rules 166-200-0090(6)

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and OAR 166-150-0160(6) (original documents belong with Human Resources Department employee file).

2. Copies of Investigative files relating to complaints or discipline (original documents for investigation reports belong with Human Resources Department employee file)

1011.7.3 DIVISION FILE

The Division File should contain, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) Supervisor log entries, notices to correct and other materials intended to serve as a foundation for the completion of timely Performance Evaluations.

1. All materials intended for this interim file shall be provided to the employee prior to being placed in the file.

2. Once the permanent performance evaluation form has been made final, the underlying foundational material(s) and/or duplicate copies may be purged in accordance with this policy.

(b) Duplicate copies of items that will also be included in the employee's department file may be placed in this interim file in anticipation of completing any upcoming performance evaluation.

All rules of confidentiality and disclosure shall apply equally to the division file.

1011.7.4 INTERNAL AFFAIRS FILE

The internal affairs file shall be maintained under the exclusive control of Undersheriff the in conjunction with the office of the Sheriff. Access to these files may only be approved by the Sheriff or the Undersheriff. These files shall contain the complete investigation of all formal complaints of employee misconduct regardless of disposition. Each investigation file shall be sequentially numbered within a calendar year (e.g., yy-001, yy-002) with an alphabetically arranged index card cross-referenced for each involved employee.

1011.7.5 TRAINING FILES

An individual training file shall be maintained by the training office or supervisor for each employee. Training files will contain records of all training and education mandated by law or the Department, including firearms qualifications and mandated annual proficiency requalification.

(a) It shall be the responsibility of the involved employee to provide the training officer or immediate supervisor with evidence of completed training/education in a timely manner.

(b) The training officer or supervisor shall ensure that copies of such training records are placed in the employee’s training file.

1011.7.6 MEDICAL FILE

The Medical file shall be maintained in the offices of the Human Resources Departmentand shall contain all documents relating to the employee’s medical condition and history, including but not limited to the following:

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(a) Materials relating to medical leaves of absence.

(b) Documents relating to workers compensation claims or receipt of short or long term disability benefits.

(c) Fitness for duty examinations, psychological and physical examinations, follow-up inquiries and related documents.

(d) Medical release forms, doctor’s slips and attendance records which reveal an employee’s medical condition.

(e) Any other documents or material which reveals the employee’s medical history or medical condition, including past, present, or future anticipated mental, psychological or physical limitations.

1011.8 PURGING OF FILES

Generally, personnel files must be maintained by the Department according to corresponding state Archives Division law. Investigations resulting in disciplinary action or exoneration must be retained for two years (counties) or for three years (cities) after resolution (OAR 166-150-0135; OAR 166-200-0090; OAR 166-200-0100).

Unfounded investigation records and all related files not resulting in disciplinary action and having no pending litigation or other ongoing legal proceedings may be purged after being held for one year (counties) or three years (cities) (OAR 166-150-0135; OAR 166-200-0090; OAR 166-200-0100).

If the investigation resulted in termination, all related files must be retained for 10 years after separation (OAR 166-200-0090; OAR 166-200-0100; OAR 166-150-0135).

(a) Each supervisor responsible for completing the employee's performance evaluation shall also determine whether any prior sustained disciplinary file should be retained beyond the required retention period for reasons other than pending litigation or other ongoing legal proceedings.

(b) If a supervisor determines that records of prior discipline should be retained beyond the applicable required retention period, approval for such retention shall be obtained through the chain of command from the Sheriff.

(c) During the preparation of each employee’s performance evaluation, all complaints and discipline should be reviewed to determine the relevancy, if any, to progressive discipline, training and career development. If, in the opinion of the Sheriff, a complaint or disciplinary action beyond the required retention period is no longer relevant, all records of such matter may be destroyed pursuant to resolution.

1011.8.1 RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Except as provided by the Records Maintenance and Release Policy or pursuant to lawful process, no information about a personnel investigation of a deputy that does not result in discipline

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contained in any personnel file shall be disclosed to any unauthorized member or other persons unless (ORS 181A.830(4)):

(a) The deputy consents to disclosure in writing.

(b) The public interest requires disclosure of the information.

(c) Disclosure is necessary for an investigation by the public body, the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training or a citizen review body designated by the public body.

(d) The public body determines that nondisclosure of the information would adversely affect the confidence of the public.

If an investigation of a deputy of the Sheriff's Office results from a complaint, the Sheriff's Office may disclose to the complainant the disposition of the complaint and if necessary provide a written summary of the information obtained in the investigation (ORS 181A.830).

Audio or video records of internal investigation interviews of an deputy are confidential and shall not be released (ORS 192.405).

Photographs of a deputy shall not be disclosed without the written consent of the deputy (ORS 181A.830).

1011.9 BRADY MATERIAL IN PERSONNEL FILES

The purpose of this section is to establish a procedure for releasing potentially exculpatory information (Brady material) contained within personnel files.

If an employee is a material witness in a criminal case, a person or persons designated by the Sheriff may examine the subject deputy’s personnel file to determine whether it contains Brady material.

Brady material includes all material evidence and facts that are reasonably believed to be exculpatory to any individual in a case (to impeach a witness, for example). Evidence or facts are considered material if there is a reasonable probability that they may affect the result of any criminal proceeding, including sentencing. If potential Brady material is located, the prosecuting attorney shall be notified.

Because a determination of what is or is not Brady material will often require legal or even judicial review, any questions should be resolved by the prosecuting attorney.

Prior to the release of any materials pursuant to this process, the custodian of records should request a protective order from the court limiting the use of such materials to the involved case and requiring the return of all copies upon completion of the case.

1011.10 MEMBER ACCESS TO THEIR PERSONNEL RECORDS

A member or former member may request to review his/her personnel file. The request should be made to the appropriate Division Commander . The Division Commander should ensure that the member is provided a reasonable opportunity to review their personnel file or, if requested, receive a certified copy of the records as provided in ORS 652.750.

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If a deputy believes that any portion of the material is mistakenly or unlawfully placed in the deputy personnel record, the deputy may submit a written request to the Sheriff that the mistaken or unlawful material be corrected or deleted. The request must describe the corrections or deletions requested and the reasons supporting the request and provide any documentation that supports the request. The Sheriff must respond within 30 days from the date the request is received. If the Sheriff chooses not to make any changes, the Sheriff shall ensure that a written response to the request is made. The Sheriff shall ensure that the request and response is placed in the deputy's personnel record (ORS 652.750).

Members may be restricted from accessing files containing any of the following information:

(a) An ongoing internal affairs investigation to the extent that it could jeopardize or compromise the investigation pending final disposition or notice to the member of the intent to discipline.

(b) Confidential portions of internal affairs files that have not been sustained against the member.

(c) Criminal investigations involving the member.

(d) Letters of reference concerning employment/appointment, licensing or issuance of permits regarding the member.

(e) Any portion of a test document, except the cumulative total test score for either a section of the test document or for the entire test document.

(f) Materials used by the Sheriff's Office for staff management planning, including judgments or recommendations concerning future salary increases and other wage treatments, management bonus plans, promotions and job assignments or other comments or ratings used for Sheriff's Office planning purposes.

(g) Information of a personal nature about a person other than the member if disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the other person's privacy.

(h) Records relevant to any other pending claim between the Sheriff's Office and the member that may be discovered in a judicial proceeding.

1011.11 RETENTION AND PURGING

Unless provided otherwise in this policy, personnel records shall be maintained in accordance with the established records retention schedule.

(a) During the preparation of each member’s performance evaluation, all personnel complaints and disciplinary actions should be reviewed to determine the relevancy, if any, to progressive discipline, training and career development. Each supervisor responsible for completing the member's performance evaluation should determine whether any prior sustained disciplinary file should be retained beyond the required period for reasons other than pending litigation or other ongoing legal proceedings.

(b) If a supervisor determines that records of prior discipline should be retained beyond the required period, approval for such retention should be obtained through the chain of command from the Sheriff.

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(c) If, in the opinion of the Sheriff, a personnel complaint or disciplinary action maintained beyond the required retention period is no longer relevant, all records of such matter may be destroyed in accordance with the established records retention schedule.

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Employee Commendations

1012.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Special recognition may be in order whenever an employee performs his/her duties in an exemplary manner. This procedure provides general guidelines for the commending of exceptional employee performance. Those desiring to officially commend exceptional performance shall document the commendation on Sheriff's Office letterhead, with a cc up the chain of command and to the personnel file.

Those wishing to issue letters of commendation to employees or others shall use the format shown in the attachment included in this policy.

See attachment: Commendation_Go-By.pdf

1012.2 WHO MAY MAKE COMMENDATIONS

A written commendation may be made by any supervisor regarding any other employee of the Department, provided the reporting person is superior in rank or is the person-in-charge of the individual being commended. Additionally, investigating deputies may commend uniformed deputies for exceptional assistance in investigative functions, with approval from the investigator's supervisor. Any employee may recommend a commendation to the supervisor of the employee subject to commendation.

The Sheriff also, on occasion, will write letters of commendation to citizens and/or partners for exemplary conduct. Employees and volunteers who become aware of others in the community who might qualify for a letter of commendation are encouraged to document the conduct through the chain of command.

1012.3 COMMENDABLE ACTIONS

A meritorious or commendable act by an employee of this department may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Superior handling of a difficult situation by an employee
- Conspicuous bravery or outstanding performance by any employee of the Department
- Any action or performance that is above and beyond the typical duties of an employee

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Fitness for Duty

1013.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The safety and well-being of employees and the citizens we serve, requires that all deputies be free from any physical, emotional or mental condition which might adversely affect the exercise of assigned duties, including peace officer powers. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all members of the Sheriff's Office remain fit for duty and able to perform their established job functions.

1013.2 EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) It shall be the responsibility of each member of this department to maintain good physical condition sufficient to safely and properly perform the duties of their job function.

(b) Each member of this department shall perform his/her respective duties without physical, emotional, and/or mental constraints.

(c) During working hours, all employees are required to be alert, attentive, and capable of performing their assigned responsibilities.

(d) Any employee who feels unable to perform his/her duties shall promptly notify a supervisor. In the event that an employee believes that another employee is unable to perform his/her duties, such observations and/or belief shall be promptly reported to a supervisor.

(e) A certificate from a doctor or health care professional verifying that the employee is able to perform his/her essential duties in a manner that does not threaten his/her safety or the safety of others may be required, whenever the County has a good faith concern regarding an employee’s ability to do so. The County also reserves the right to require employees to submit verification of the precise nature of any limitations of an employee’s ability to safely perform his/her job duties, as a condition of returning the employee to work, whenever there are good faith concerns regarding an employee’s limitations, consistent with applicable law.

(f) All medical expenses incurred by the employee in complying with verification requests that are not covered by insurance will be reimbursed by the County.

1013.3 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) A supervisor observing an employee or receiving a report of an employee who is perceived to be unable to perform his/her duties shall take prompt and appropriate action in an effort to resolve the situation.

(b) Whenever feasible, the supervisor should attempt to ascertain the reason or source of the problem and in all cases a preliminary evaluation should be made in an effort to determine the level of inability of the employee to perform his/her duties.

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(c) In the event the employee appears to be in need of immediate medical or psychiatric treatment, all reasonable efforts should be made to provide such care.

(d) In conjunction with the chain of command, a determination should be made whether or not the employee should be temporarily relieved from their duties.

(e) The Sheriff shall be promptly notified in the event that any employee is relieved from duty.

1013.4 NON-WORK RELATED CONDITIONS

Any employee suffering from a non-work related condition which warrants a temporary relief from duty may be required to use sick leave or other paid time off (PTO) in order to obtain medical treatment or other reasonable rest period.

1013.5 WORK RELATED CONDITIONS

Any employee suffering from a work related condition which warrants a temporary relief from duty shall be required to comply with personnel rules and guidelines for processing such claims.

An employee's use of force results in death or serious physical injury, the duly adopted Deadly Physical Force Plan for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office shall be activated, including portions of the plan requiring the employee's relief from duty.

1013.6 PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS

(a) Whenever circumstances reasonably indicate that an employee is unfit for duty, and in compliance with any applicable Collective Bargaining Agreements, the Sheriff may serve that employee with a written order to undergo a physical and/or psychological examination in cooperation with Human Resources Department to determine the level of the employee’s fitness for duty. The order shall indicate the date, time and place for the examination.

(b) The examining physician or therapist will provide the Department with a report indicating that the employee is either fit for duty or, if not, listing any functional limitations which limit the employee's ability to perform job duties.

(c) In order to facilitate the examination of any employee, the Department will provide all appropriate documents and available information to assist in the evaluation and/or treatment.

(d) All reports and evaluations submitted by the treating physician or therapist shall be part of the employee’s confidential personnel / medical file.

(e) Any employee ordered to receive a fitness for duty examination shall comply with the terms of the order and cooperate fully with the examining physician or therapist regarding any clinical interview, tests administered or other procedures as directed. Any failure to comply with such an order and any failure to cooperate with the examining physician or therapist may be deemed insubordination and shall be subject to discipline up to and including termination.

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(f) Once an employee has been deemed fit for duty by the examining physician or therapist, the employee will be notified to resume his/her duties.

1013.7 LIMITATION ON HOURS WORKED

Absent emergency operations, and in compliance with applicable Collective Bargaining Agreements, members should not work more than:

- 16 hours in one day (24 hour) period or
- 30 hours in any 2 day (48 hour) period or
- 84 hours in any 7 day (168 hour) period

Except in very limited circumstances members should have a minimum of 8 hours off between shifts. Supervisors should give consideration to reasonable rest periods and are authorized to deny overtime or relieve to off-duty status any member who has exceeded the above guidelines.

Limitations on the number of hours worked apply to shift changes, shift trades, rotation, holdover, training, general overtime and any other work assignments.

1013.8 APPEALS

An employee who is separated from paid employment or receives a reduction in salary resulting from a fitness for duty exam shall be entitled to an administrative appeal as outlined in the Personnel Complaints Policy.

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Meal Periods and Breaks

1014.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy regarding meals and breaks, insofar as possible shall conform to the policy governing all County employees that has been established by the County and Sheriff's Office Administration .

1014.1.1 MEAL PERIODS

Sworn employees, Corrections Technicians, temporary employees working in a Patrol Deputy, Corrections Deputy or Corrections Technician function, and Reserve Deputies working in a Patrol Deputy , Corrections Deputy or Corrections Technician function shall remain on duty subject to call during meal breaks. All other employees are not on call during meal breaks unless directed otherwise by a supervisor.

The time spent for the meal period shall not exceed the authorized time allowed.

1014.1.2 15 MINUTE BREAKS

Each employee is entitled to a 15 minute break, near the midpoint, for each four-hour work period. Only one 15 minute break shall be taken during each four hours of duty. No breaks shall be taken during the first or last hour of an employee’s shift unless approved by a supervisor.

Employees normally assigned to the sheriff's facility shall remain in the sheriff's facility for their breaks. This would not prohibit them from taking a break outside the facility if on official business.

Field deputies will take their breaks in their assigned areas, subject to call and shall monitor their radios.

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Lactation Break Policy

1015.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide reasonable accommodations to employees desiring to express breast milk for the employee's infant child.

1015.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this department to provide reasonable break time and appropriate facilities to accommodate any employee desiring to express breast milk for her nursing child 18 months or younger in compliance with state law and the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 USC § 207 and ORS 653.077).

1015.3 LACTATION BREAK TIME

A rest period should be permitted each time the employee has the need to express breast milk (29 USC § 207). In general, lactation breaks that cumulatively total 30 minutes or less during any four-hour work period or major portion of a four-hour work period would be considered reasonable. However, individual circumstances may require more or less time.

Lactation breaks, if feasible, should be taken at the same time as the employee's regularly scheduled rest or meal periods.

Employees desiring to take a lactation break shall notify communications or a supervisor prior to taking such a break and such breaks may be reasonably delayed if they would seriously disrupt department operations.

Once a lactation break has been approved, the break should not be interrupted except in emergency or exigent circumstances.

1015.4 PRIVATE LOCATION

The Department will make reasonable efforts to provide lactating employees with the use of an appropriate room or other location to express milk in private. Such room or place should be in close proximity to the employee's work area and shall be other than a bathroom or toilet stall. The location must be shielded from view and free from intrusion from co-workers and the public (29 USC § 207).

Employees occupying such private areas shall either secure the door or otherwise make it clear that the area is occupied with a need for privacy. All other employees should avoid interrupting a lactating employee during an authorized break, except to announce an emergency or other urgent circumstance.

Authorized lactation breaks for employees assigned to the field may be taken at the nearest appropriate private area.

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1015.5 STORAGE OF EXPRESSED MILK

Any employee storing expressed milk in any authorized refrigerated area within the department shall clearly label it as such and shall remove it when the employee ends her shift. Alternatively the Department will make reasonable provisions to provide a place for the employee to store her own cooler for the purpose of storing expressed milk.

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Payroll Record Procedures

1016.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Payroll records are submitted to the County Finance Department on a monthly basis for the payment of wages.

1016.1.1 RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLETION OF PAYROLL RECORDS

Employees are responsible for the accurate and timely submission of timecard payroll records for the payment of wages. Time cards shall be submitted to the employee's supervisor, who will turn them in the Sheriff's Administrative Assistant for processing.

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Overtime Compensation Requests

1017.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

It is the policy of the Department to compensate non-exempt salaried employees who work authorized overtime either by payment of wages as agreed and in effect through the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), or by the allowance of accrual of compensatory time off. In order to qualify for either, the employee must complete and submit a Request for Overtime Payment as soon as practical after overtime is worked.

1017.1.1 DEPARTMENT POLICY

Because of the nature of police work, and the specific needs of the Department, a degree of flexibility concerning overtime policies must be maintained.

Non-exempt employees are not authorized to volunteer work time for the Department. All requests to work overtime shall be approved in advance by a supervisor. If circumstances do not permit prior approval, then approval shall be sought as soon as practical during the overtime shift and in no case later than the end of shift in which the overtime is worked.

Short periods of work at the end of the normal duty day (e.g., less than one hour in duration) may be handled unofficially between the supervisor and the employee by flexing a subsequent shift schedule to compensate for the time worked rather than by submitting requests for overtime payments. If the supervisor authorizes or directs the employee to complete a form for such a period, the employee shall comply.

The individual employee may request compensatory time in lieu of receiving overtime payment, however, the employee may not exceed a maximum accrual of 80 hours of compensatory time.

1017.2 REQUEST FOR OVERTIME COMPENSATION

Employees shall submit all overtime compensation requests to their immediate supervisors as soon as practicable for verification and forwarding to the Sheriff's Administrative Assistant. Failure to submit a request for overtime compensation in a timely manner may result in discipline.

1017.2.1 EMPLOYEES RESPONSIBILITY

Employees shall complete the requests immediately after working the overtime and turn them in to their immediate supervisor or the Division Commander. Employees submitting overtime cards for on-call pay when off duty shall submit cards to their immediate supervisor or the Division Commander the first day after returning for work.

1017.3 ACCOUNTING FOR OVERTIME WORKED

Employees are to record the actual time claimed in an overtime status. In some cases, the Collective Bargaining Agreement provides that a minimum number of hours will be paid.

1017.3.1 ACCOUNTING FOR PORTIONS OF AN HOUR

When accounting for less than a full hour, time worked shall be rounded up to the nearest quarter of an hour as indicated by the following chart:

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TIME WORKED	INDICATE ON CARD
1 to 15 minutes	.25 hour
16 to 30 minutes	.50 hour
31 to 45 minutes	.75 hour
46 to 60 minutes	1.0 hour

1017.3.2 VARIATION IN TIME REPORTED

Where two or more employees are assigned to the same activity, case, or court trial and the amount of time for which payment is requested varies from that reported by the other deputy, the Enforcement Lieutenant or other approving supervisor may require each employee to include the reason for the variation on the back of the overtime payment request.

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Outside Employment

1018.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

In order to avoid actual or perceived conflicts of interest for departmental employees engaging in outside employment, all employees shall obtain written approval from the Sheriff prior to engaging in any outside employment. Approval of outside employment shall be at the discretion of the Sheriff in accordance with the provisions of this policy.

1018.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Outside Employment - Any member of this department who receives wages, compensation or other consideration of value from another employer, organization or individual not affiliated directly with this department for services, product(s) or benefits rendered. For purposes of this section, the definition of outside employment includes those employees who:

(a) are self-employed and not affiliated directly with this department for services, product(s) or benefits rendered; or,

(b) are seeking to work in a reserve status as a law enforcement officer

Outside Overtime - Any member of this department who performs duties or services on behalf of an outside organization, company, or individual within this jurisdiction. Such outside overtime shall be requested and scheduled directly through this department so that the Department may be reimbursed for the cost of wages and benefits.

1018.2 OBTAINING APPROVAL

No member of this department may engage in any outside employment without first obtaining prior written approval of the Sheriff. Failure to obtain prior written approval for outside employment or engaging in outside employment prohibited by this policy may lead to disciplinary action.

In order to obtain approval for outside employment, the employee must write a memorandum to the sheriff, which shall be submitted to the employee’s immediate supervisor. The memorandum will then be forwarded through channels to the Sheriff for consideration (see the attachment below for the proper memorandum format)

If approved, the employee will be provided with a memorandum from the Sheriff designating the duration period for the granted permission for outside employment. Unless otherwise indicated in writing in the memorandum, a permit will be valid through the end of the calendar year in which the outside employment is approved. Any employee seeking to renew the request shall submit a new memorandum in a timely manner.

Any employee seeking approval of outside employment, whose request has been denied, shall be provided with a written reason (by memorandum) for the denial of the application at the time of the denial.

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1018.2.1 APPEAL OF DENIAL OF OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

If an employee's Outside Employment request is denied or withdrawn by the Department, the employee may file a written notice of appeal to the Sheriff within ten days of the date of denial.

If the employee's appeal is denied, the employee may file a grievance pursuant to the procedure set forth in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).

1018.2.2 REVOCATION/SUSPENSION OF OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT PERMITS

Any permission for outside employment may be revoked or suspended under the following circumstances:

(a) Should an employee's performance at this department decline to a point where it is evaluated by a supervisor as needing improvement to reach an overall level of competency, the Sheriff may, at his or her discretion, revoke any previously approved outside employment.That revocation will stand until the employee's performance has been reestablished at a satisfactory level and a new memorandum requesting outside employment is submitted through the chain of command.

(b) Suspension or revocation of previously approved outside employmentmay be included as a term or condition of sustained discipline.

(c) If, at any time during the period of permitted outside employment, an employee's conduct or outside employment conflicts with the provisions of department policy, the permission may be suspended or revoked.

(d) When an employee is unable to perform at regular duty capacity due to an injury or other condition, any previously approved outside employment may be subject to similar restrictions as those applicable to the employee's regularly assigned duties until the employee has returned to regular duty status.

1018.3 PROHIBITED OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

The Department expressly reserves the right to deny any Outside Employment Application submitted by an employee seeking to engage in any activity which:

(a) Involves the employee's use of departmental time, facilities, equipment or supplies, the use of the Department badge, uniform, prestige or influence for private gain or advantage

(b) Involves the employee's receipt or acceptance of any money or other consideration from anyone other than this department for the performance of an act which the employee, if not performing such act, would be required or expected to render in the regular course or hours of employment or as a part of the employee's duties as a member of this department

(c) Involves the performance of an act in other than the employee's capacity as a member of this department that may later be subject directly or indirectly to the control, inspection, review, audit or enforcement of any other employee of this department

(d) Involves time demands that would render performance of the employee's duties for this department less efficient

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1018.3.1 OUTSIDE SECURITY AND PEACE OFFICER EMPLOYMENT

No member of this department may engage in any outside or secondary employment as a private security guard, private investigator or other similar private security position.

Any private organization, entity or individual seeking special services for security or traffic control from members of this department must submit a written request to the Sheriff in advance of the desired service. Such outside overtime will be assigned, monitored and paid through the Department.

(a) The applicant will be required to enter into an indemnification agreement prior to approval.

(b) The applicant will further be required to provide for the compensation and full benefits of all employees requested for such outside security services.

(c) Should such a request be approved, any employee working outside overtime shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. The deputy(s) shall wear the departmental uniform/identification.
2. The deputy(s) shall be subject to the rules and regulations of this department.
3. No deputy may engage in such outside employment during or at the site of a strike, lockout, picket, or other physical demonstration of a labor dispute.
4. Compensation for such approved outside security services shall be pursuant to normal overtime procedures.
5. No deputy may engage in outside employment as a peace officer for any other public agency without prior written authorization of the Sheriff.

1018.3.2 OUTSIDE OVERTIME ARREST AND REPORTING PROCEDURE

Any employee making an arrest or taking other official police action while working in an approved outside overtime assignment shall be required to complete all related reports in a timely manner pursuant to department policy. Time spent on the completion of such reports shall be considered incidental to the outside overtime assignment.

1018.3.3 SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

Except for emergency situations or with prior authorization from the Undersheriff, undercover deputies or deputies assigned to covert operations shall not be eligible to work overtime or other assignments in a uniformed or other capacity which might reasonably disclose the deputy's law enforcement status.

1018.4 DEPARTMENT RESOURCES

Employees are prohibited from using any department equipment or resources in the course of or for the benefit of any outside employment. This shall include the prohibition of access to official records or databases of this department or other agencies through the use of the employee’s position with this department.

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1018.4.1 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL RECORDS
Employees approved for outside employment expressly agree that their personal financial records may be requested and reviewed/audited for potential conflict of interest.

1018.5 MATERIAL CHANGES TO OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

If an employee terminates his or her outside employment during the period of where Outside Employment permission has been granted, the employee shall promptly submit written notification (by memorandum) of such termination to the Sheriff through channels. Any subsequent request for renewal or continued outside employment must thereafter be processed and approved through normal procedures set forth in this policy.

Employees shall also promptly submit in writing to the Sheriff any material changes in outside employment including any change in the number of hours, type of duties, or demands of any approved outside employment. Employees who are uncertain whether a change in outside employment is material should to report the change.

1018.6 OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT WHILE ON DISABILITY

Department members engaged in outside employment who are placed on disability leave or modified/light-duty shall inform their immediate supervisor in writing within five days whether or not they intend to continue to engage in such outside employment while on such leave or light-duty status. The immediate supervisor shall review the duties of the outside employment along with any related doctor’s orders, and make a recommendation to the Sheriff whether such outside employment should continue.

In the event the Sheriff determines that the outside employment should be discontinued or if the employee fails to promptly notify his/her supervisor of his/her intentions regarding their work permit, a notice of revocation of the member's permission to work Outside Employment will be forwarded to the involved employee, and a copy attached to the memorandum granting permission.

Criteria for revoking outside employment include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) The outside employment is medically detrimental to the total recovery of the disabled member, as indicated by the County's professional medical advisors.

(b) The outside employment performed requires the same or similar physical ability, as would be required of an on-duty member.

(c) The employee’s failure to make timely notice of their intentions to their supervisor.

When the disabled member returns to full duty with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, a request (in writing) may be made to the Sheriff to restore permission to engage in outside employment.

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Occupational Disease and Work-Related Injury Reporting

1019.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance regarding the timely reporting of occupational diseases, mental health issues and work-related injuries.

1019.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Occupational disease or work-related injury - An accidental injury or any disease or infection arising out of and in the course of employment that requires medical services or results in disability or death. The occupational disease (including a mental disorder) must be caused by substances or activities to which the member would not ordinarily be subjected or exposed except during employment with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office (ORS 656.005(7); ORS 656.802).

1019.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will address occupational diseases, mental health issues and work-related injuries appropriately, and will comply with applicable state workers' compensation requirements (ORS 656.001 et seq.).

1019.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

1019.3.1 MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Any member sustaining any occupational disease or work-related injury shall report such event as soon as practicable, but within 24 hours, to a supervisor, and shall seek medical care when appropriate.

1019.3.2 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

A supervisor learning of any occupational disease or work-related injury should ensure the member receives medical care as appropriate. The supervisor shall provide every injured member with a Report of Job Injury or Illness form (Form 801) immediately upon the member's request (ORS 656.265; OAR 436-060-0010).

Supervisors shall determine whether the Major Incident Notification and Illness and Injury Prevention policies apply and take additional action as required.

1019.3.3 DIVISION COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITIES

Division Commanders who receive any report of an occupational disease or work-related injury should review the report for accuracy and determine what additional action should be taken. The report shall then be forwarded to the Sheriff, the County's risk management entity and the County Human Resources Director to ensure any required Oregon Occupational Safety and

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Health Administration (OR-OSHA) reporting is made as required in the injury and illness prevention plan identified in the Illness and Injury Prevention Policy.

Claims shall be reported to the department's insurer no later than five days after notice or knowledge of any claim or accident that may result in a compensable injury (OAR 436-060-0010(3)).

1019.3.4 SHERIFF RESPONSIBILITIES
The Sheriff shall review and forward copies of the report to the Department of Human Resources. Copies of the report and related documents retained by the Department shall be filed in the member's confidential medical file.

1019.4 OTHER DISEASE OR INJURY

Diseases and injuries caused or occurring on-duty that do not qualify for workers' compensation reporting shall be documented on the designated report of injury form, which shall be signed by a supervisor. A copy of the completed form shall be forwarded to the appropriate Division Commander through the chain of command and a copy sent to the County Human Resources Director.

Unless the injury is extremely minor, this report shall be signed by the affected member, indicating that he/she desired no medical attention at the time of the report. By signing, the member does not preclude his/her ability to later seek medical attention.

1019.5 SETTLEMENT OFFERS

When a member sustains an occupational disease or work-related injury that is caused by another person and is subsequently contacted by that person, his/her agent, insurance company or attorney and offered a settlement, the member shall take no action other than to submit a written report of this contact to his/her supervisor as soon as possible.

1019.5.1 NO SETTLEMENT WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL
No less than 10 days prior to accepting and finalizing the settlement of any third-party claim arising out of or related to an occupational disease or work-related injury, the member shall provide the Sheriff with written notice of the proposed terms of such settlement. In no case shall the member accept a settlement without first providing written notice to the Sheriff. The purpose of such notice is to permit the County to determine whether the offered settlement will affect any claim the County may have regarding payment for damage to equipment or reimbursement for wages against the person who caused the disease or injury, and to protect the County's right of subrogation, while ensuring that the member's right to receive compensation is not affected.

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Personal Appearance Standards

1020.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

In order to project uniformity and neutrality toward the public and other members of the Sheriff's Office, employees of the Sheriff's Office shall maintain their personal hygiene and appearance to project a professional image appropriate for this department and for their assignment.

1020.2 GROOMING STANDARDS

Unless otherwise stated and because deviations from these standards could present officer safety issues, the following appearance standards shall apply to all employees, except those whose current assignment would deem them not appropriate, and where the Sheriff has granted exception.

1020.2.1 SWORN HAIRSTYLE AND GROOMING STANDARDS

All sworn members will keep their hair clean, neatly trimmed and combed:

(a) Dyed, tinted or bleached hair must be within a naturally occurring color range and must be professional in appearance. For purposes of this order, naturally occurring color range does not include unique hair colors such as pink, blue, purple or green.

(b) Hair must be styled in such a manner so that it does not interfere with uniform headgear or any specialized equipment and will not interfere with officer safety and effectiveness.

(c) Non-uniform, sworn members may be temporarily excused from these hair and grooming regulations while on undercover assignment. However, such members will again comply with these regulations once the special assignment is completed or whenever wearing the official uniform.

Specific Sworn Male Standards:

(a) Facial hair may not be more than ¼ inch in length.

(b) Mustaches and goatees are allowed. Beards are not allowed. Mustaches must be kept neatly trimmed and will not exceed the upper border of the lip or extend more than 1/4 inch horizontally beyond the corners of the mouth.

(c) Mustaches and goatees must follow the natural arch of the mouth.

(d) Handlebar mustaches are prohibited.

(e) Goatees may not extend more than ¼ inch below the bottom of the chin.

(f) Sideburns may not extend below the lower opening of the ear and must end with a clean horizontal line, not flared out at the bottom.

(g) A man’s hair will be cut so as not to extend below the lower edge of the collar. Additionally, a man’s hair will not extend over the top of the ears.

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The Sheriff's Office will consider and may approve accommodations to this standard on a case by case basis. Such accommodations may be appropriate only in cases where the member demonstrates a religious or medical need for accommodation. In such instances, the member should bring the need for accommodation through the chain of command to the Sheriff.

Specific Sworn Female Standards:

(a) Hair will be neatly trimmed, shaped and in a style that permits wearing of the uniform cap or hat or other Sheriff's Office emergency equipment.

(b) If hair is longer than collar length, it must be pulled back and cannot extend below the top of the shoulder blades.

The Sheriff's Office will consider and may approve accommodations to this standard on a case by case basis. Such accommodations may be appropriate only in cases where the member demonstrates a religious or medical need for accommodation. In such instances, the member should bring the need for accommodation through the chain of command to the Sheriff.

1020.2.2 NON-SWORN HAIRSTYLE AND GROOMING STANDARDS
Non-Sworn, Male and Female Hairstyle and Grooming Standards:

(a) All non-sworn members will keep their hair clean, neatly trimmed and combed. Hair must be styled in such a manner as to not interfere with the duties assigned within their respective division. Final determination will be at the discretion of the Sheriff.

(b) Dyed, tinted or bleached hair must be within a naturally occurring color range, and be professional on appearance. For purposes of this order, naturally occurring color range does not include unique hair colors such as pink, blue, purple or green.

(c) Hair must be styled in such a manner so that it does not interfere with any specialized equipment and will not interfere with member safety and effectiveness.

(d) Mustaches and beards are allowed. They must be kept neatly trimmed.

1020.2.3 NON-SWORN MALE AND FEMALE CLOTHING STANDARDS
Sheriff's Office approved uniforms are permitted as outlined by the Support Services Supervisor.

1020.2.4 JEWELRY
All members may wear jewelry that is clean, neat and of a style that presents a professional appearance, is not offensive to others, and is consistent with the type of assignment and duty performed.

Standards for wearing jewelry:

(a) No ring will be worn so that it interferes with the use of equipment or hinders the use of the hand and fingers.

(b) Sworn members, while in uniform, may wear one watch, one bracelet, and a necklace that is not visible.

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(c) No more than two rings may be worn.

(d) One earring stud per natural earlobe is allowed. Plugs (used to enlarge piercing holes in the ear lobes) are prohibited.

(e) No tongue studs or visible body piercing (other than the listed earring stud), will be worn.

Division Commanders or a designee may grant an exception to members where deviation from this policy is appropriate for a specific assignment.

1020.2.5 BODY ART

Visible body art on the hands, face and/or neck is prohibited, except for reasonable cosmetic purposes. Members will not expose any offensive forms of body art while on duty. Offensive forms of body art include images which are sexually explicit, racially and/or sexually biased or could be viewed as discriminatory in nature.

For the purposes of this directive, body art is defined as procedures used to alter the body's appearance including, but not limited to, branding, scarification and tattoos.

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Uniform Regulations

1021.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The uniform policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office is established to ensure that uniformed deputies will be readily identifiable to the public through the proper use and wearing of department uniforms. Employees should also refer to the following associated Policy Manual sections:

Section 700 - Department Owned and Personal Property

Section 1010 - Body Armor

Section 1020 - Grooming Standards

The Uniform and Equipment Specifications manual is maintained and periodically updated by the Sheriff or his/her designee. That manual should be consulted regarding authorized equipment and uniform specifications.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will provide uniforms for all employees required to wear them in the manner, quantity and frequency agreed upon in the respective employee group's collective bargaining agreement.

1021.2 WEARING AND CONDITION OF UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

Sheriff employees wear the uniform to be identified as the law enforcement authority in society. The uniform also serves an equally important purpose to identify the wearer as a source of assistance in an emergency, crisis or other time of need.

(a) Uniform and equipment shall be maintained in a serviceable condition and shall be ready at all times for immediate use. Uniforms shall be neat, clean, and appear professionally pressed.

(b) All deputies of this department shall possess and maintain at all times, a serviceable uniform and the necessary equipment to perform uniformed field duty.

(c) Personnel shall wear only the uniform specified for their rank and assignment.

(d) The uniform is to be worn in compliance with the specifications set forth in the department's uniform specifications that are maintained separately from this policy.

(e) All supervisors will perform periodic inspections of their personnel to ensure conformance to these regulations.

(f) Civilian attire shall not be worn in combination with any distinguishable part of the uniform except when the uniform is worn while in transit, an outer garment shall be worn over the uniform shirt so as not to bring attention to the employee while he/she is off duty.

(g) Uniforms are only to be worn while on duty, while in transit to or from work, for court, or at other official department functions or events.

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(h) Employees are not to purchase or drink alcoholic beverages while wearing any part of the department uniform, including the uniform pants.

(i) Mirrored sunglasses will not be worn with any Department uniform.

1021.2.1 DEPARTMENT ISSUED IDENTIFICATION
The Department issues each employee an official department identification card bearing the employee's name, identifying information and photo likeness. All employees shall be in possession of their department issued identification card at all times while on duty or when carrying a concealed weapon.

(a) Whenever on duty or acting in an official capacity representing the department, employees shall display their department issued identification in a courteous manner to any person upon request and as soon as practical.

(b) Deputies working specialized assignments may be excused from the possession and display requirements when directed by their Division Commander.

1021.3 UNIFORM CLASSES

1021.3.1 CLASS A UNIFORM
The Class A uniform is to be worn on special occasions such as funerals, graduations, ceremonies, or as directed. The Class A uniform is required for all sworn personnel. The Class A uniform includes the standard issue uniform with:

(a) Long sleeve shirt with tie

(b) Class A uniform trousers with black stripe

(c) Polished shoes

Boots with pointed toes are not permitted.

1021.3.2 CLASS B UNIFORM
All deputies will possess and maintain a serviceable Class B uniform at all times.

The Class B uniform will consist of the same garments and equipment as the Class A uniform with the following exceptions:

(a) The long or short sleeve shirt may be worn with the collar open. No tie is required

(b) A black crew neck t-shirt must be worn with the uniform. Long sleeve undershirts will only be worn with long sleeve uniform shirts.

(c) All shirt buttons must remain buttoned except for the last button at the neck

(d) Shoes for the Class B uniform may be as described in the Class A uniform

(e) Boots with pointed toes are not permitted

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1021.3.3 CLASS C UNIFORM
The Class C uniform may be established to allow field personnel cooler clothing during the summer months or special duty. The Sheriff will establish the regulations and conditions for wearing the Class C Uniform and the specifications for the Class C Uniform.

1021.3.4 SPECIALIZED UNIT UNIFORMS
The Sheriff may authorize special uniforms to be worn by deputies in specialized units such as Marine Patrol Unit, Canine Team, SWAT, Bicycle Patrol, Motor Deputies and other specialized assignments.

1021.3.5 FOUL WEATHER GEAR
The Uniform and Equipment Specifications lists the authorized uniform jacket and rain gear.

1021.3.6 RESERVE DEPUTY UNIFORM
The reserve deputy's uniform will be the same as for the regular deputy with the exception of the badge. All uniform policies, regulations and specifications apply equally to reserve deputies.

1021.4 INSIGNIA AND PATCHES

(a) Shoulder Patches - The authorized shoulder patch authorized by the Department shall be machine stitched to the sleeves of all uniform shirts and jackets, three-quarters of an inch below the shoulder seam of the shirt and be bisected by the crease in the sleeve.

(b) The regulation nameplate, or an authorized sewn on cloth nameplate, shall be worn at all times while in uniform. The nameplate shall display the employee's last name. The nameplate shall be worn and placed above the right pocket located in the middle, bisected by the pressed shirt seam, with equal distance from both sides of the nameplate to the outer edge of the pocket.

(c) When a jacket is worn, the nameplate or an authorized sewn on cloth nameplate shall be affixed to the jacket in the same manner as the uniform.

(d) Assignment Insignias - Assignment insigniasmay be worn as designated by the Sheriff.

(e) Badge - The department issued badge, or an authorized sewn on cloth replica, must be worn and visible at all times while in uniform.

(f) Rank Insignia - The designated insignia indicating the employee’s rank must be worn at all times while in uniform. The Sheriff may authorize exceptions.

1021.4.1 MOURNING BADGE
Uniformed employees should wear a black mourning band across the uniform badge whenever a law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty. The following mourning periods will be observed:

(a) A deputy of this department - From the time of death until midnight on the 14th day after the death.

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(b) A deputy from this or an adjacent county - From the time of death until midnight on the day of the funeral.

(c) Funeral attendee - While attending the funeral of an out of region fallen officer.

(d) National Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15th) - From 0001 hours until 2359 hours.

(e) As directed by the Sheriff.

1021.5 CIVILIAN ATTIRE

There are assignments within the Department that do not require the wearing of a uniform because recognition and authority are not essential to their function. There are also assignments in which the wearing of civilian attire is necessary.

(a) All employees shall wear clothing that fits properly, is clean and free of stains, and not damaged or excessively worn.

(b) All male administrative, investigative and support personnel who elect to wear civilian clothing to work shall wear button style shirts with a collar, slacks or suits that are moderate in style.

(c) All female administrative, investigative, and support personnel who elect to wear civilian clothes to work shall wear dresses, slacks, shirts, blouses, or suits which are moderate in style.

(d) The following items shall not be worn on duty:

1. T-shirt alone
2. Open toed sandals or thongs
3. Swimsuit, tube tops, or halter-tops
4. Spandex type pants or see-through clothing
5. Distasteful printed slogans, buttons or pins

(e) Variations from this order are allowed at the discretion of the Sheriff or designee when the employee's assignment or current task is not conducive to the wearing of such clothing.

(f) No item of civilian attire may be worn on duty that would adversely affect the reputation of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office or the morale of the employees.

1021.6 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, ENDORSEMENTS, AND ADVERTISEMENTS

Unless specifically authorized by the Sheriff, Columbia County Sheriff's Office employees may not wear any part of the uniform, be photographed wearing any part of the uniform, utilize a department badge, patch or other official insignia, or cause to be posted, published, or displayed, the image of another employee, or identify himself/herself as an employee of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to do any of the following:

(a) Endorse, support, oppose, or contradict any political campaign or initiative.

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(b) Endorse, support, oppose, or contradict any social issue, cause, or religion.

(c) Endorse, support, or oppose, any product, service, company or other commercial entity.

(d) Appear in any commercial, social, or non-profit publication; or any motion picture, film, video, public broadcast, or any website.

1021.7 OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT - MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT

(a) Any of the items listed in the Uniform and Equipment Specifications as optional shall be purchased totally at the expense of the employee. No part of the purchase cost shall be offset by the Department for the cost of providing the Department issued item.

(b) Maintenance of optional items shall be the financial responsibility of the purchasing employee. For example, repairs due to normal wear and tear.

(c) Replacement of items listed in this order as optional shall be done as follows:

1. When the item is no longer functional because of normal wear and tear, the employee bears the full cost of replacement.
2. When the item is no longer functional because of damage in the course of the employee's duties, it shall be replaced following the procedures for the replacement of damaged personal property (see the Department-Owned and Personal Property Policy).

1021.8 UNAUTHORIZED UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES

Columbia County Sheriff's Office employees may not wear any uniform item, accessory or attachment unless specifically authorized in the Uniform and Equipment Specifications or by the Sheriff or designee.

Columbia County Sheriff's Office employees may not use or carry any safety item, tool or other piece of equipment unless specifically authorized in the Uniform and Equipment Specifications or by the Sheriff or designee.

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Nepotism and Conflicting Relationships

1022.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure equal opportunity and effective employment practices by avoiding actual or perceived favoritism, discrimination, or actual or potential conflicts of interest by or between members of this department. These employment practices include: recruiting, testing, hiring, compensation, assignment, promotion, use of facilities, access to training opportunities, supervision, performance appraisal, purchasing and contracting, discipline and workplace safety and security.

1022.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Business relationship - Serving as an employee, independent contractor, compensated consultant, owner, board member, shareholder or investor in an outside business, company, partnership, corporation, venture or other transaction where the Department employee's annual interest, compensation, investment or obligation is greater than $250.

Conflict of interest - Any actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest in which it reasonably appears that a department employee's action, inaction, or decisions are or could be influenced by the employee's personal or business relationship (ORS 244.020).

Nepotism - The practice of showing favoritism to relatives in appointment, employment, promotion or advancement by any public official in a position to influence these personnel decisions.

Personal relationship – Includes marriage, cohabitation, dating or any other intimate relationship beyond mere friendship.

Public official - Any person who is serving the State of Oregon, any of its political subdivisions or any other public body as defined in ORS 174.109 as an elected official, appointed official, employee or agent, irrespective of whether the person is compensated for the services (ORS 244.020).

Relative - The spouse of the member, any children of the member or of the member's spouse, and brothers, sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, stepparents, stepchildren or parents of the member or of the member's spouse, or any individual for which the member has a legal support obligation (ORS 244.020).

Subordinate - An employee who is subject to the temporary or ongoing direct or indirect authority of a supervisor.

Supervisor - An employee who has temporary or ongoing direct or indirect authority over the actions, decisions, evaluation and/or performance of a subordinate employee.

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1022.2 RESTRICTED DUTIES AND ASSIGNMENTS

The Department will not prohibit all personal or business relationships between employees. However, in order to avoid nepotism or other inappropriate conflicts, the following reasonable restrictions shall apply:

(a) Employees are prohibited from directly supervising, occupying a position in the line of supervision or being directly supervised by any other employee who is a relative, who resides with the member or with whom they are involved in a personal or business relationship (ORS 244.179).

1. If circumstances require that such a supervisor/subordinate relationship exist temporarily, the supervisor shall make every reasonable effort to defer matters pertaining to the involved employee to an uninvolved supervisor.

2. When personnel and circumstances permit, the Department will attempt to make every reasonable effort to avoid placing employees in such supervisor/subordinate situations. The Department reserves the right to transfer or reassign any employee to another position within the same classification in order to avoid conflicts with any provision of this policy.

(b) Employees are prohibited from participating in, contributing to, or recommending promotions, assignments, performance evaluations, transfers or other personnel decisions affecting an employee who is a relative or who resides with the member or with whom they are involved in a personal or business relationship (ORS 244.177).

(c) Whenever possible, FTOs and other trainers will not be assigned to train relatives. FTOs and other trainers are prohibited from entering into or maintaining personal or business relationships with any employee they are assigned to train until such time as the training has been successfully completed and the employee is off probation.

(d) To avoid actual or perceived conflicts of interest, members of this department shall refrain from developing or maintaining personal or financial relationships with victims, witnesses or other individuals during the course of, or as a direct result of, any official contact.

(e) Except as required in the performance of official duties or, in the case of immediate relatives, employees shall not develop or maintain personal or financial relationships with any individuals they know or reasonably should know are under criminal investigation, are convicted felons, parolees, fugitives, registered sex offenders or who engage in serious violations of state or federal laws.

1022.2.1 EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITY

Prior to entering into any personal or business relationship or other circumstance which the employee knows or reasonably should know could create a conflict of interest or other violation of this policy, the employee shall promptly notify his/her uninvolved, next highest level of supervisor.

Whenever any employee is placed in circumstances that would require the employee to take enforcement action or provide official information or services to any relative, individual who resides

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with the member or individual with whom the employee is involved in a personal or business relationship, the employee shall promptly notify his/her uninvolved, immediate supervisor.

In the event that no uninvolved supervisor is immediately available, the employee shall promptly notify dispatch to have another uninvolved employee either relieve the involved employee or minimally remain present to witness the action.

1022.2.2 SUPERVISOR’S RESPONSIBILITY

Upon being notified of, or otherwise becoming aware of any circumstance that could result in or constitute an actual or potential violation of this policy, a supervisor shall take all reasonable steps to promptly mitigate or avoid such violations whenever possible. Supervisors shall also promptly notify the Sheriff of such actual or potential violations, through the chain of command.

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Employee Involved Domestic Violence

1023.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for handling matters of domestic violence and abuse involving law enforcement employees. This policy applies to incidents involving any law enforcement employee regardless of his/her employing agency or jurisdiction.

1023.1.1 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office has a zero tolerance policy for domestic violence whether committed by a citizen or an employee. Where incidents of domestic violence occur, the Department will act quickly to protect the victim, arrest the perpetrator and conduct appropriate criminal and/or administrative investigations.

1023.1.2 DEFINITIONS

Domestic Violence, Abuse and Family Members - are as defined in the Domestic Violence Policy in this manual.

Employee - means any person employed on a full-time or part-time basis by a law enforcement agency. It also includes any unpaid volunteer with enforcement authority, such as a reserve officer.

Law Enforcement Agency - means any federal, state, county, or local criminal justice agency employing persons having peace officer powers granted under authority of the Oregon Revised Statutes.

Restraining Order - Any court order restricting or prohibiting a person's contact with another person or persons, and/or restricting where and when a person may be at a location or time. Such an order may also result in restricting possession of firearms and ammunition. This includes, but is not limited to, restraining orders and protective orders.

1023.2 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to the Federal Domestic Violence Gun Control Act (18 USC §921(a) and 18 USC § 922(d)), any person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor domestic violence offense is prohibited from possessing any firearm or ammunition. Additionally, any person convicted of a felony is prohibited from possessing a firearm (ORS 166.270).

Oregon and Federal law also prohibit firearm possession by any individual who is the subject of a domestic violence restraining order (this federal restriction does not apply to temporary restraining orders) (18 USC § 922(d)(8)) and ORS 107.718).

1023.2.1 REPORTING

Employees who are arrested for, or convicted of, any crime involving domestic violence, or who become the subject of a criminal investigation, or criminal or civil protective or restraining order related to domestic violence, regardless of jurisdiction, shall report that fact to their supervisor as required in the Reporting of Employee Convictions Policy at the earliest opportunity and provide notice of any scheduled court dates, times, appearances and proceedings.

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1023.3 INCIDENT RESPONSE

All department personnel shall accept, document in writing, and preserve all calls, reports, telephone and radio tapes, including those made anonymously, involving possible employee domestic violence as “on-the-record” information. The information shall be forwarded to the Enforcement Lieutenant and respective employee’s supervisor for appropriate investigative action.

Upon arrival at the scene of a domestic violence incident involving any department employee as the suspect or victim, the handling deputy shall immediately notify Dispatch and request a supervisor be sent to the scene. If there is a question about whether an incident falls under this policy a supervisor shall be requested.

1023.3.1 ON-SCENE SUPERVISOR RESPONSE

A supervisor shall, whenever possible, report to the scene of all domestic violence incidents that occur within this jurisdiction where an Columbia County Sheriff's Office employee, or any other law enforcement agency employee, is identified as a suspect or victim, regardless of the involved individual’s agency jurisdiction. All the provisions of the department Domestic Violence policy shall be followed (see the Domestic Violence Policy).

(a) The supervisor will ensure that a thorough investigation is conducted and all appropriate reports are forwarded to the District Attorney’s Office.

(b) Whenever a law enforcement employee domestic violence call does not result in an arrest, the on-scene supervisor shall submit a written report explaining any and all reasons why an arrest was not made or a warrant was not sought. When feasible, a sworn supervisor from this department will respond to the location of any domestic violence incident involving an employee of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office which occurs in another jurisdiction to assist the responding agency and to take custody of any department weapons or other department equipment removed from the employee's possession.

1023.3.2 ARREST OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

(a) Whenever a sworn employee of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office is arrested, the supervisor shall relieve the accused of any department issued duty weapon(s).

(b) The investigating deputy or supervisor shall also request permission to take any other firearms on scene for safekeeping.

(c) If the arrested employee is in uniform, he/she should be allowed to change to civilian clothes prior to transport to the jail, if feasible.

(d) The transporting deputy shall ensure that corrections personnel are notified of the person’s employee status to ensure the safety of the employee while he/she is in custody.

(e) Employees who are arrested shall be placed on administrative leave pending the disposition of criminal and administrative investigations.

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1023.3.3 FIREARMS RESTRICTIONS

Any deputy who is arrested, becomes a defendant, or is the respondent of a restraining or protective order that restricts or prevents the deputy from possessing firearms, will not be allowed to possess firearms on or off-duty as directed by the order. Deputies will immediately ensure that all firearms are removed from their residences, department lockers and all other locations where they would have actual or constructive possession of such items.

Deputies who are prohibited from possessing firearms may be placed on administrative leave or assigned to a position involving no contact with the public or access to firearms.

1023.4 EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITY

(a) Employees are encouraged to seek confidential assistance from department or county resources (e.g., Employee Assistance Program), or other qualified individuals or entities, to prevent a problem from escalating to the level of criminal conduct against a family or household member.

(b) Employees with definitive knowledge of abuse and/or violence involving fellow employees must report such information in a timely manner to their supervisor.

(c) If an employee becomes aware of possible witness or victim intimidation/coercion, he/she shall prepare a written report and immediately deliver it to the investigator handling the case through the proper chain of command.

(d) Employees may not engage in threatening, harassing, stalking, surveillance or other such behavior designed to interfere with cases against fellow employees or intimidate witnesses.

(e) No employee shall solicit or be afforded any privileges or special considerations.

(f) Employees who fail to cooperate with the investigation of a law enforcement employee domestic violence case will be subject to investigation and applicable administrative sanction and/or criminal charges.

(g) An employee who falsely reports that a victim of law enforcement involved domestic violence has committed a crime (such as child abuse or neglect) will be subject to applicable administrative sanction and/or criminal charges.

(h) An employee who becomes aware of another employee having difficulties which might lead to domestic violence should encourage him/her to get assistance.

1023.5 DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) Supervisors should be aware of on or off-duty behaviors that may be warning signs of domestic violence which may include, but are not be limited to:

1. Stalking and inappropriate surveillance activities.
2. Unusually high incidences of physical altercations, injuries, or verbal disputes.
3. Alcohol and/or drug abuse.

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4. Increase in controlling behaviors.
5. Citizen or fellow employee complaints of aggression.
6. Inappropriate aggression toward animals.

(b) The Department, either in response to observed warning signs or at the request of an employee and/or their family or household member, shall provide non-punitive avenues of assistance to department members, their partners, and other family members as long as there is no probable cause to believe a crime has been committed.

(c) Confidential referrals to counseling services in collaboration with existing community services that have specific expertise in domestic violence, including the department chaplain, will be made available to employees.

(d) Employees who disclose to any member of the department that they have personally engaged in domestic violence are not entitled to confidentiality within the department. The report of such criminal conduct will be treated as an admission of a crime and shall be investigated both criminally and administratively.

(e) The Department will make annual checks of every member’s criminal history records, including but not limited to CCH, to determine if there are any entries for domestic violence arrests, convictions or restraining orders. Any such records found will be forwarded to the Sheriff.

(f) Any Department employee convicted of a domestic violence crime or found to have committed an act of domestic violence through an internal investigation may be subject to referrals, change in assignment and/or discipline up to and including termination.

1023.6 TRAINING

The Department will provide training to employees regarding domestic violence and this policy and will collaborate with local and state agencies dealing with domestic violence in designing curriculum and providing training.

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Department Badges

1024.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office badge and uniform patch as well as the likeness of these items and the name of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office are property of the Department and their use shall be restricted as set forth in this policy.

1024.2 POLICY

The uniform badge shall be issued to department members as a symbol of authority and the use and display of departmental badges shall be in strict compliance with this policy. Only authorized badges issued by this department shall be displayed, carried or worn by members while on duty or otherwise acting in an official or authorized capacity.

1024.2.1 FLAT BADGE

Sworn deputies, with the written approval of the Sheriff may purchase, at his/her own expense, a flat badge capable of being carried in a wallet. The use of the flat badge is subject to all the same provisions of departmental policy as the uniform badge.

(a) A deputy may sell, exchange, or transfer the flat badge he/she purchased to another deputy within the Columbia County Sheriff's Office with the written approval of the Sheriff.

(b) Should the flat badge become lost, damaged, or otherwise removed from the deputy's control, he/she shall make the proper notifications as outlined in the Policy Manual 700.

(c) An honorably retired deputy may keep his/her flat badge upon retirement.

(d) The purchase, carrying or display of a flat badge is not authorized for non-sworn personnel.

1024.2.2 CIVILIAN AND NON-SWORN PERSONNEL

Badges and departmental identification cards issued to non-sworn personnel shall be clearly marked to reflect the position of the assigned employee (e.g. Parking Control, Dispatcher).

(a) Non-sworn personnel shall not display any department badge except as a part of his/her uniform and while on duty, or otherwise acting in an official and authorized capacity.

(b) Non-sworn personnel shall not display any department badge or represent him/herself, on or off duty, in such a manner which would cause a reasonable person to believe that he/she is a sworn peace officer.

1024.2.3 RETIREE UNIFORM BADGE

Upon honorable retirement employees may purchase his/her assigned duty badge for display purposes. It is intended that the duty badge be used only as private memorabilia as other uses of the badge may be unlawful or in violation of this policy.

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1024.3 UNAUTHORIZED USE

Except as required for on-duty use by current employees, no badge designed for carry or display in a wallet, badge case or similar holder shall be issued to anyone other than a current or honorably retired peace officer.

Department badges are issued to all sworn employees and non-sworn uniformed employees. Badges are for official use only. The department badge, shoulder patch or the likeness thereof, or the department name shall not be used for personal or private reasons including, but not limited to, letters, memoranda, and electronic communications such as electronic mail or web sites and web pages.

The use of the badge, uniform patch and department name for all material (printed matter, products or other items) developed for department use shall be subject to approval by the Sheriff.

Employees shall not loan his/her department badge or identification card to others and shall not permit the badge or identification card to be reproduced or duplicated.

1024.4 PERMITTED USE BY EMPLOYEE GROUPS

The likeness of the department badge shall not be used without the expressed authorization of the Sheriff and shall be subject to the following:

(a) The employee associations may use the likeness of the department badge for merchandise and official association business provided they are used in a clear representation of the association and not the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. The following modifications shall be included

  1. The text on the upper and lower ribbons is replaced with the name of the employee association.
  2. The badge number portion displays the initials of the employee association.

(b) The likeness of the department badge for endorsement of political candidates shall not be used without the expressed approval of the Sheriff.

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Temporary Modified-Duty Assignments

1025.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes procedures for providing temporary modified-duty assignments. This policy is not intended to affect the rights or benefits of employees under federal or state law, County rules, current collective bargaining agreements or memorandums of understanding. For example, nothing in this policy affects the obligation of the Department to engage in a good faith, interactive process to consider reasonable accommodations for any employee with a temporary or permanent disability that is protected under federal or state law.

1025.2 POLICY

Subject to operational considerations, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office may identify temporary modified-duty assignments for employees who have an injury or medical condition resulting in temporary work limitations or restrictions. A temporary assignment allows the employee to work, while providing the Department with a productive employee during the temporary period. Temporary modified duty assignments are not available for employees whose health care provider finds the employee to be medically stationary.

1025.3 GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Priority consideration for temporary modified-duty assignments will be given to employees with work-related injuries or illnesses that are temporary in nature. Employees having disabilities covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or the Oregon Family Leave Act (OFLA) shall be treated equally, without regard to any preference for a work-related injury.

No position in the Columbia County Sheriff's Office shall be created or maintained as a temporary modified-duty assignment.

Temporary modified-duty assignments are a management prerogative and not an employee right. The availability of temporary modified-duty assignments will be determined on a case-by-case basis, consistent with the operational needs of the Department. Temporary modified-duty assignments are subject to continuous reassessment, with consideration given to operational needs and the employee’s ability to perform in a modified-duty assignment.

The Sheriff or the authorized designee may restrict employees working in temporary modified-duty assignments from wearing a uniform, displaying a badge, carrying a firearm, operating an emergency vehicle, engaging in outside employment, or being otherwise limited in employing their peace officer powers.

Temporary modified-duty assignments shall generally not exceed a cumulative total of 1,040 hours in any one-year period.

1025.4 PROCEDURE

Employees may request a temporary modified-duty assignment for short-term injuries or illnesses.

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Employees seeking a temporary modified-duty assignment should submit a written request to their respective Division Commanders or the authorized designees. The request should, as applicable, include a certification from the treating medical professional containing:

(a) An assessment of the nature and probable duration of the illness or injury.

(b) The prognosis for recovery.

(c) The nature and scope of limitations and/or work restrictions.

(d) A statement regarding any required workplace accommodations, mobility aids or medical devices.

(e) A statement that the employee can safely perform the duties of the temporary modified-duty assignment.

The Division Commander will make a recommendation to the Sheriff regarding temporary modified-duty assignments that may be available based on the needs of the Department and the limitations of the employee. The Sheriff or the authorized designee shall confer with the Department of Human Resources or the County Counsel as appropriate.

1025.5 ACCOUNTABILITY

Written notification of assignments, work schedules and any restrictions should be provided to employees assigned to temporary modified-duty assignments and their supervisors. Those assignments and schedules may be adjusted to accommodate department operations and the employee's medical appointments, as mutually agreed upon with the Division Commander.

1025.5.1 EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of employees assigned to temporary modified duty shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Communicating and coordinating any required medical and physical therapy appointments in advance with their supervisors.

(b) Promptly notifying their supervisors of any change in restrictions or limitations after each appointment with their treating medical professionals.

(c) Communicating a status update to their supervisors no less than once every 30 days while assigned to temporary modified duty.

(d) Submitting a written status report to the [Division Commander] that contains a status update and anticipated date of return to full-duty when a temporary modified-duty assignment extends beyond 60 days.

1025.5.2 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The employee's immediate supervisor shall monitor and manage the work schedule of those assigned to temporary modified duty.

The responsibilities of supervisors shall include, but not be limited to:

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(a) Periodically apprising the Division Commander of the status and performance of employees assigned to temporary modified duty.

(b) Notifying the Division Commander and ensuring that the required documentation facilitating a return to full duty is received from the employee.

(c) Ensuring that employees returning to full duty have completed any required training and certification.

1025.6 MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Prior to returning to full-duty status, employees shall be required to provide certification from their treating medical professionals stating that they are medically cleared to perform the essential functions of their jobs without restrictions or limitations.

The Department may require a fitness-for-duty examination prior to returning an employee to full-duty status, in accordance with the Fitness for Duty Policy.

1025.7 PREGNANCY

If an employee is temporarily unable to perform regular duties due to a pregnancy, childbirth or a related medical condition, the employee will be treated the same as any other temporarily disabled employee (42 USC § 2000e(k)). A pregnant employee shall not be involuntarily transferred to a temporary modified-duty assignment.

1025.7.1 NOTIFICATION

Pregnant employees should notify their immediate supervisors as soon as practicable and provide a statement from their medical providers identifying any pregnancy-related job restrictions or limitations. If at any point during the pregnancy it becomes necessary for the employee to take a leave of absence, such leave shall be granted in accordance with the County’s personnel rules and regulations regarding family and medical care leave.

1025.8 PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEES

Probationary employees who are assigned to a temporary modified-duty assignment shall have their probation extended by a period of time equal to their assignment to temporary modified duty.

1025.9 MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING

Employees assigned to temporary modified duty shall maintain all certification, training and qualifications appropriate to both their regular and temporary duties, provided that the certification, training or qualifications are not in conflict with any medical limitations or restrictions. Employees who are assigned to temporary modified duty shall inform their supervisors of any inability to maintain any certification, training or qualifications.

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Employee Speech, Expression and Social Networking

1026.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy is intended to address issues associated with employee use of social networking sites and to provide guidelines for the regulation and balancing of employee speech and expression with the needs of the Department.

Nothing in this policy is intended to prohibit or infringe upon any communication, speech or expression that is protected or privileged under law. This includes speech and expression protected under state or federal constitutions as well as labor or other applicable laws. For example, this policy does not limit an employee from speaking as a private citizen, including acting as an authorized member of a recognized bargaining unit or deputy associations, about matters of public concern, such as misconduct or corruption.

Employees are encouraged to consult with their supervisor regarding any questions arising from the application or potential application of this policy.

1026.1.1 APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all forms of communication including, but not limited to, film, video, print media, public or private speech, use of all Internet services, including the World Wide Web, e-mail, file transfer, remote computer access, news services, social networking, social media, instant messaging, blogs, forums, video and other file-sharing sites.

1026.2 POLICY

Public employees occupy a trusted position in the community, and thus, their statements have the potential to contravene the policies and performance of this department. Due to the nature of the work and influence associated with the law enforcement profession, it is necessary that employees of this department be subject to certain reasonable limitations on their speech and expression. To achieve its mission and efficiently provide service to the public, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office will carefully balance the individual employee’s rights against the Department’s needs and interests when exercising a reasonable degree of control over its employees’ speech and expression.

1026.3 SAFETY

Employees should consider carefully the implications of their speech or any other form of expression when using the Internet. Speech and expression that may negatively affect the safety of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office employees, such as posting personal information in a public forum, can result in compromising an employee’s home address or family ties. Employees should therefore not disseminate or post any information on any forum or medium that could reasonably be anticipated to compromise the safety of any employee, an employee's family or

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associates. Examples of the type of information that could reasonably be expected to compromise safety include:

- Disclosing a photograph and name or address of a deputy who is working undercover.
- Disclosing the address of a fellow deputy or other employee.
- Otherwise disclosing where another deputy can be located off-duty.

1026.4 PROHIBITED SPEECH, EXPRESSION AND CONDUCT

To meet the department's safety, performance and public-trust needs, the following are prohibited unless the speech is otherwise protected (for example, an employee speaking as a private citizen, including acting as an authorized member of a recognized bargaining unit or deputy associations, on a matter of public concern):

(a) Speech or expression made pursuant to an official duty that tends to compromise or damage the mission, function, reputation or professionalism of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office or its employees.

(b) Speech or expression that, while not made pursuant to an official duty, is significantly linked to, or related to, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and tends to compromise or damage the mission, function, reputation or professionalism of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office or its employees. Examples may include:

1. Statements that indicate disregard for the law or the state or U.S. Constitution.
2. Expression that demonstrates support for criminal activity.
3. Participating in sexually explicit photographs or videos for compensation or distribution.

(c) Speech or expression that could reasonably be foreseen as having a negative impact on the credibility of the employee as a witness. For example, posting statements or expressions to a website that glorify or endorse dishonesty, unlawful discrimination or illegal behavior.

(d) Speech or expression of any form that could reasonably be foreseen as having a negative impact on the safety of the employees of the Department. For example, a statement on a blog that provides specific details as to how and when prisoner transportations are made could reasonably be foreseen as potentially jeopardizing employees by informing criminals of details that could facilitate an escape or attempted escape.

(e) Speech or expression that is contrary to the canons of the Criminal Justice Code of Ethics as adopted by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

(f) Use or disclosure, through whatever means, of any information, photograph, video or other recording obtained or accessible as a result of employment with the Department for financial or personal gain, or any disclosure of such materials without the express authorization of the Sheriff or the authorized designee (or any other act that would constitute a misuse of public information in violation of ORS 162.425).

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(g) Posting, transmitting or disseminating any photographs, video or audio recordings, likenesses or images of department logos, emblems, uniforms, badges, patches, marked vehicles, equipment or other material that specifically identifies the Columbia County Sheriff's Office on any personal or social networking or other website or web page, without the express authorization of the Sheriff.

(h) Accessing websites for non-authorized purposes, or use of any personal communication device, game device or media device, whether personally or department-owned, for personal purposes while on-duty, except in the following circumstances:

1. When brief personal communications may be warranted by the circumstances (e.g., inform family of extended hours).
2. During authorized breaks; such usage should be limited as much as practicable to areas out of sight and sound of the public and shall not be disruptive to the work environment.

Employees must take reasonable and prompt action to remove any content, including content posted by others, that is in violation of this policy from any web page or website maintained by the employee (e.g., social or personal website).

1026.4.1 UNAUTHORIZED ENDORSEMENTS AND ADVERTISEMENTS

While employees are not restricted from engaging in the following activities as private citizens or as authorized members of a recognized bargaining unit or deputy associations, employees may not represent the Columbia County Sheriff's Office or identify themselves in any way that could be reasonably perceived as representing the Columbia County Sheriff's Office in order to do any of the following, unless specifically authorized by the Sheriff:

(a) Endorse, support, oppose or contradict any political campaign or initiative.

(b) Endorse, support, oppose or contradict any social issue, cause or religion.

(c) Endorse, support or oppose any product, service, company or other commercial entity.

(d) Appear in any commercial, social or nonprofit publication or any motion picture, film, video, public broadcast or on any website.

Additionally, when it can reasonably be construed that an employee, acting in his/her individual capacity or through an outside group or organization (e.g. bargaining group), is affiliated with this department, the employee shall give a specific disclaiming statement that any such speech or expression is not representative of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

A notice of restrictions on political activities by employees will be posted and maintained by the Department in a place that is conspicuous to all employees as required by law (ORS 260.432).

Employees retain their right to vote as they choose, to support candidates of their choice and to express their opinions as private citizens, including as authorized members of a recognized bargaining unit or deputy associations, on political subjects and candidates at all times while off-

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duty. However, employees may not use their official authority or influence to interfere with or affect the result of an election or a nomination for office. Employees are also prohibited from directly or indirectly using their official authority to coerce, command or advise another employee to pay, lend or contribute anything of value to a party, committee, organization, agency or person for political purposes (5 USC § 1502).

1026.5 PRIVACY EXPECTATION

Members forfeit any expectation of privacy with regard to e-mails, texts or anything published or maintained through file-sharing software or any Internet site (e.g., Facebook, MySpace) that is accessed, transmitted, received or reviewed on any department technology system (see the Information Technology Use Police for additional guidance).

The Department reserves the right to access, audit and disclose for whatever reason any message, including attachments, and any information accessed, transmitted, received or reviewed over any technology that is issued or maintained by the Department, including the department e-mail system, computer network or any information placed into storage on any department system or device.

This includes records of all key strokes or web-browsing history made at any department computer or over any department network. The fact that access to a database, service or website requires a user name or password will not create an expectation of privacy if it is accessed through department computers, electronic devices or networks. However, the Department may not require a member to disclose a personal user name or password, or open a personal social website, except when access is reasonably believed to be relevant to the investigation of allegations of work-related misconduct (ORS 659A.330)

1026.6 CONSIDERATIONS

In determining whether to grant authorization of any speech or conduct that is prohibited under this policy, the factors that the Sheriff or authorized designee should consider include:

(a) Whether the speech or conduct would negatively affect the efficiency of delivering public services.

(b) Whether the speech or conduct would be contrary to the good order of the Department or the efficiency or morale of its members.

(c) Whether the speech or conduct would reflect unfavorably upon the Department.

(d) Whether the speech or conduct would negatively affect the member’s appearance of impartiality in the performance of his/her duties.

(e) Whether similar speech or conduct has been previously authorized.

(f) Whether the speech or conduct may be protected and outweighs any interest of the Department.

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1026.7 TRAINING

Subject to available resources, the Department should provide training regarding employee speech and the use of social networking to all members of the Department.

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Illness and Injury Prevention

1027.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish an ongoing and effective plan to reduce the incidence of illness and injury for members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, in accordance with the requirements of the Oregon Safe Employment Act (OAR 437-001-0001 et seq.).

This policy specifically applies to illness and injury that results in lost time or that requires medical treatment beyond first aid. Although this policy provides the essential guidelines for a plan that reduces illness and injury, it may be supplemented by procedures outside the Policy Manual.

This policy does not supersede, but supplements any related County wide safety efforts.

1027.2 POLICY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing a safe environment for its members and visitors and to minimizing the incidence of work-related illness and injuries. The Department will establish and maintain an Illness and Injury Prevention program and will provide tools, training and safeguards designed to reduce the potential for accidents, illness and injuries. It is the intent of the Department to comply with all laws and regulations related to occupational safety.

1027.3 ILLNESS AND INJURY PREVENTION PLAN

The Sheriff's Office is a member of the Columbia County Safety Committee, which is responsible for developing an illness and injury prevention plan that shall include:

(a) Workplace safety and health training programs.

(b) Regularly scheduled safety meetings.

(c) Posted or distributed safety information.

(d) A system for members to anonymously inform management about workplace hazards.

(e) Establishment of a safety and health committee that will (OAR 437-001-0765):

1. Meet monthly.
2. Prepare a written record of safety and health committee meetings.
3. Establish procedures for conducting workplace safety and health inspections.
4. Conduct quarterly workplace inspections.
5. Review the results of periodic scheduled inspections.
6. Review investigations of accidents and exposures.
7. Make suggestions to command staff for the prevention of future incidents.
8. Review investigations of alleged hazardous conditions.
9. Submit recommendations to assist in the evaluation of member safety suggestions.

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10. Assess the effectiveness of efforts made by the Sheriff's Office to meet applicable standards (OAR 437-001-0001 et seq.).

(f) Establishing a process to ensure work-related fatalities and hospitalizations are reported as required by Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Notification is required within eight hours after the death of any member, and within 24 hours of an inpatient hospitalization of one or more members, an amputation, an avulsion that results in bone loss, or a loss of an eye as a result of a work-related incident (OR-OSHA) (29 CFR 1904.39; OAR 437-001-0704).

(g) Establishing a process that an OR-OSHA annual summary of work-related injuries and illnesses is completed and posted in a conspicuous location where notices to all members are customarily posted in compliance with the Oregon Safe Employment Act (OAR 437-001-0700(17)).

1027.4 COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The County Human Resources Director assists the Sheriff in Managing and implementing a plan to reduce the incidence of member illness and injury, by:

(a) Ensuring that a system of communication is in place that facilitates a continuous flow of safety and health information between supervisors and members. This system shall include:

1. New member orientation that includes a discussion of safety and health policies and procedures.
2. Regular member review of the illness and injury prevention plan.

(b) Ensuring that all safety and health policies and procedures are clearly communicated and understood by all members.

(c) Taking reasonable steps to ensure that all members comply with safety rules in order to maintain a safe work environment. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Informing members of the illness and injury prevention guidelines.
2. Recognizing members who perform safe work practices.
3. Ensuring that the member evaluation process includes member safety performance.
4. Ensuring Sheriff's Office compliance to meet standards regarding the following:

(d) Communicable diseases (29 CFR 1910.1030; OAR 437-002-0360)

(e) Personal protective equipment (PPE) (OAR 437-002-0134)

(f) Fire Prevention Plan (OAR 437-002-0043)

(g) Respiratory protection (29 CFR 1910.134; OAR 437-002-0120)

(h) Exit and exit routes (OAR 437-002-0041)

(i) Emergency Action Plan (OAR 437-002-0042)

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(j) Making available a form to document inspections, unsafe conditions or work practices, and actions taken to correct unsafe conditions and work practices.

(k) Making available a form to document individual incidents or accidents.

(l) Making available a form to document the safety and health training of each member. This form will include the member's name or other identifier, training dates, type of training and training providers.

(m) Conducting and documenting a regular review of the illness and injury prevention plan.

1027.5 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Supervisor responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

(a) Ensuring member compliance with illness and injury prevention guidelines and answering questions from members about this policy.

(b) Training, counseling, instructing or making informal verbal admonishments any time safety performance is deficient. Supervisors may also initiate discipline when it is reasonable and appropriate under the Standards of Conduct Policy.

(c) Establishing and maintaining communication with members on health and safety issues. This is essential for an injury-free, productive workplace.

(d) Completing required forms and reports relating to illness and injury prevention; such forms and reports shall be submitted to the Administration [Division Commander].

(e) Notifying the Administration [Division Commander] when:

1. New substances, processes, procedures or equipment that present potential new hazards are introduced into the work environment.
2. New, previously unidentified hazards are recognized.
3. Occupational illnesses and injuries occur.
4. New and/or permanent or intermittent members are hired or reassigned to processes, operations or tasks for which a hazard evaluation has not been previously conducted.
5. Workplace conditions warrant an inspection.

1027.6 HAZARDS

All members should report and/or take reasonable steps to correct unsafe or unhealthy work conditions, practices or procedures in a timely manner. Members should make their reports to a supervisor (as a general rule, their own supervisors).

Supervisors should make reasonable efforts to correct unsafe or unhealthy work conditions in a timely manner, based on the severity of the hazard. These hazards should be corrected when observed or discovered, when it is reasonable to do so. When a hazard exists that cannot be immediately abated without endangering members or property, supervisors should protect or remove all exposed members from the area or item, except those necessary to correct the existing condition.

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Members who are necessary to correct the hazardous condition shall be provided with the necessary protection.

All significant actions taken and dates they are completed shall be documented on the appropriate form. This form should be forwarded to the Administration [Division Commander] via the chain of command.

The Administration [Division Commander] will take appropriate action to ensure the illness and injury prevention plan addresses potential hazards upon such notification.

1027.7 INSPECTIONS

Safety inspections are crucial to a safe work environment. These inspections identify and evaluate workplace hazards and permit mitigation of those hazards. A hazard assessment checklist should be used for documentation and to ensure a thorough assessment of the work environment.

The Administration [Division Commander] shall ensure that the appropriate documentation is completed for each inspection.

1027.7.1 EQUIPMENT

Members are charged with daily vehicle inspections of their assigned vehicles and of their PPE prior to working in the field. Members shall complete the appropriate form if an unsafe condition cannot be immediately corrected. Members should forward this form to their supervisors.

1027.8 INVESTIGATIONS

Any member sustaining any work-related illness or injury, as well as any member who is involved in any accident or hazardous substance exposure while on-duty shall report such event as soon as practicable to a supervisor. Members observing or learning of a potentially hazardous condition are to promptly report the condition to their immediate supervisors.

A supervisor receiving such a report should personally investigate the incident or ensure that an investigation is conducted. Investigative procedures for workplace accidents and hazardous substance exposures should include:

(a) A visit to the accident scene as soon as possible.

(b) An interview of the injured member and witnesses.

(c) An examination of the workplace for factors associated with the accident/exposure.

(d) Determination of the cause of the accident/exposure.

(e) Corrective action to prevent the accident/exposure from reoccurring.

(f) Documentation of the findings and corrective actions taken.

Additionally, the supervisor should proceed with the steps to report an on-duty injury, as required under the Occupational Disease and Work-Related Injury Reporting Policy, in conjunction with this investigation to avoid duplication and ensure timely reporting.

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1027.9 TRAINING

The County Human Resources Director should work with the Undersheriff to provide all members, including supervisors, with training on general and job-specific workplace safety and health practices. Training shall be provided:

(a) To supervisors to familiarize them with the safety and health hazards to which members under their immediate direction and control may be exposed.

(b) To all members with respect to hazards specific to each member's job assignment.

(c) To all members given new job assignments for which training has not previously been provided.

(d) Whenever new substances, processes, procedures or equipment are introduced to the workplace and represent a new hazard.

(e) Whenever the Department is made aware of a new or previously unrecognized hazard.

1027.9.1 TRAINING TOPICS

The Undersheriff shall ensure that training includes:

(a) Reporting unsafe conditions, work practices and injuries, and informing a supervisor when additional instruction is needed.

(b) Use of appropriate clothing, including gloves and footwear.

(c) Use of respiratory equipment.

(d) Availability of toilet, hand-washing and drinking-water facilities.

(e) Provisions for medical services and first aid.

(f) Handling of bloodborne pathogens and other biological hazards.

(g) Prevention of heat and cold stress.

(h) Identification and handling of hazardous materials, including chemical hazards to which members could be exposed, and review of resources for identifying and mitigating hazards (e.g., hazard labels, Safety Data Sheets (SDS)).

(i) Mitigation of physical hazards, such as heat and cold stress, noise, and ionizing and non-ionizing radiation.

(j) Identification and mitigation of ergonomic hazards, including working on ladders or in a stooped posture for prolonged periods.

(k) Back exercises/stretches and proper lifting techniques.

(l) Avoidance of slips and falls.

(m) Good housekeeping and fire prevention.

(n) Other job-specific safety concerns.

1027.10 RECORDS

Records and training documentation relating to illness and injury prevention will be maintained in accordance with the established records retention schedule.

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Safety committee notes shall be kept for a minimum of three years (OAR 437-001-0765).

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Line-of-Duty Deaths

1028.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office in the event of the death of a member occurring in the line of duty and to direct the Sheriff's Office in providing proper support for the member's survivors.

The Sheriff may also apply some or all of this policy in situations where members are injured in the line of duty and the injuries are life-threatening.

1028.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Line-of-duty death - The death of a sworn member during the course of performing law enforcement-related functions while on- or off-duty, or a non-sworn member during the course of performing their assigned duties.

Survivors - Immediate family members of the deceased member, which can include spouse, children, parents, other next of kin or significant others. The determination of who should be considered a survivor for purposes of this policy should be made on a case-by-case basis given the individual's relationship with the member and whether the individual was previously designated by the deceased member.

1028.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to make appropriate notifications and to provide assistance and support to survivors and coworkers of a member who dies in the line of duty.

It is also the policy of this office to respect the requests of the survivors when they conflict with these guidelines, as appropriate.

1028.3 INITIAL ACTIONS BY COMMAND STAFF

(a) Upon learning of a line-of-duty death, the deceased member's supervisor should provide all reasonably available information to the Undersheriff and Dispatch.

   1. Communication of information concerning the member and the incident should be restricted to secure networks to avoid interception by the media or others (see the PIO section of this policy).

(b) The On-duty or On-call Supervisor should ensure that notifications are made in accordance with the Officer-Involved Shootings and Deaths and Major Incident Notification policies as applicable.

(c) If the member has been transported to the hospital, the On-duty or On-call Supervisor or the designee should respond to the hospital to assume temporary responsibilities as the Hospital Liaison.

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(d) The Sheriff or the authorized designee should assign members to handle survivor notifications and assign members to the roles of Hospital Liaison (to relieve the temporary Hospital Liaison) and the Sheriff's Office Liaison as soon as practicable (see the Notifying Survivors section and the Sheriff's Office Liaison and Hospital Liaison subsections in this policy).

1028.4 NOTIFYING SURVIVORS

Survivors should be notified as soon as possible in order to avoid the survivors hearing about the incident in other ways.

The Sheriff or the authorized designee should review the deceased member's emergency contact information and make accommodations to respect the member's wishes and instructions specific to notifying survivors. However, notification should not be excessively delayed because of attempts to assemble a notification team in accordance with the member's wishes.

The Sheriff, Undersheriff or the authorized designee should select at least two members to conduct notification of survivors, one of which may be the Sheriff's Office Chaplain.

Notifying members should:

(a) Make notifications in a direct and compassionate manner, communicating as many facts of the incident as possible, including the current location of the member. Information that is not verified should not be provided until an investigation has been completed.

(b) Determine the method of notifying surviving children by consulting with other survivors and taking into account factors such as the child's age, maturity and current location (e.g., small children at home, children in school).

(c) Plan for concerns such as known health concerns of survivors or language barriers.

(d) Offer to transport survivors to the hospital, if appropriate. Survivors should be transported in Sheriff's Office vehicles. Notifying members shall inform the Hospital Liaison over a secure network that the survivors are on their way to the hospital and should remain at the hospital while the survivors are present.

(e) When survivors are not at their residences or known places of employment, actively seek information and follow leads from neighbors, other law enforcement, postal authorities and other sources of information in order to accomplish notification in as timely a fashion as possible. Notifying members shall not disclose the reason for their contact other than a family emergency.

(f) If making notification at a survivor's workplace, ask a workplace supervisor for the use of a quiet, private room to meet with the survivor. Members shall not inform the workplace supervisor of the purpose of their visit other than to indicate that it is a family emergency.

(g) Offer to call other survivors, friends or clergy to support the survivors and to avoid leaving survivors alone after notification.

(h) Assist the survivors with meeting childcare or other immediate needs.

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(i) Provide other assistance to survivors and take reasonable measures to accommodate their needs, wishes and desires. Care should be taken not to make promises or commitments to survivors that cannot be met.

(j) Inform the survivors of the name and phone number of the Survivor Support Liaison (see the Survivor Support Liaison section of this policy), if known, and the Sheriff's Office Liaison.

(k) Provide their contact information to the survivors before departing.

(l) Document the survivor's names and contact information, as well as the time and location of notification. This information should be forwarded to the Sheriff's Office Liaison.

(m) Inform the Sheriff or the authorized designee once survivor notifications have been made so that other Columbia County Sheriff's Office members may be apprised that survivor notifications are complete.

1028.4.1 OUT-OF-AREA NOTIFICATIONS

The Sheriff's Office Liaison should request assistance from law enforcement agencies in appropriate jurisdictions for in-person notification to survivors who are out of the area.

(a) The Sheriff's Office Liaison should contact the appropriate jurisdiction using a secure network and provide the assisting agency with the name and telephone number of the Sheriff's Office member that the survivors can call for more information following the notification by the assisting agency.

(b) The Sheriff's Office Liaison may assist in making transportation arrangements for the member's survivors, but will not obligate the Sheriff's Office to pay travel expenses without the authorization of the Sheriff.

1028.5 NOTIFYING [DEPARTMENT/OFFICE] MEMBERS

Supervisors or members designated by the Sheriff are responsible for notifying [department/office] members of the line-of-duty death as soon as possible after the survivor notification is made. Notifications and related information should be communicated in person or using secure networks and should not be transmitted over the radio.

Notifications should be made in person and as promptly as possible to all members on-duty at the time of the incident. Members reporting for subsequent shifts within a short amount of time should be notified in person at the beginning of their shift. Members reporting for duty from their residence should be instructed to contact their supervisor as soon as practicable. Those members who are working later shifts or are on days off should be notified by phone as soon as practicable.

Members having a close bond with the deceased member should be notified of the incident in person. Supervisors should consider assistance (e.g., peer support group, modifying work schedules, approving sick leave) for members who are especially affected by the incident.

Supervisors should direct members not to disclose any information outside the [Department/ Office] regarding the deceased member or the incident.

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1028.6 LIAISONS AND COORDINATORS

The Sheriff or the authorized designee should select members to serve as liaisons and coordinators to handle responsibilities related to a line-of-duty death, including, but not limited to:

(a) Sheriff's Office Liaison.

(b) Hospital Liaison.

(c) Survivor Support Liaison.

(d) Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) coordinator.

(e) Funeral Liaison.

(f) Mutual aid coordinator.

(g) Benefits Liaison.

(h) Finance coordinator.

Liaisons and coordinators will be directed by the Sheriff's Office Liaison and should be given sufficient duty time to complete their assignments.

Members may be assigned responsibilities of more than one liaison or coordinator position depending on available resources. The Sheriff's Office Liaison may assign separate liaisons and coordinators to accommodate multiple family units, if needed.

1028.6.1 SHERIFF'S OFFICE LIAISON

The Sheriff's Office Liaison should be a Division Commander or of sufficient rank to effectively coordinate Sheriff's Office resources, and should serve as a facilitator between the deceased member’s survivors and the Sheriff's Office . The Sheriff's Office Liaison reports directly to the Sheriff. The Sheriff's Office Liaison’s responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

(a) Directing the other liaisons and coordinators in fulfilling survivors’ needs and requests. Consideration should be given to organizing the effort using the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

(b) Establishing contact with survivors within 24 hours of the incident and providing them contact information.

(c) Advising survivors of the other liaison and coordinator positions and their roles and responsibilities.

(d) Identifying locations that will accommodate a law enforcement funeral and presenting the options to the appropriate survivors, who will select the location.

(e) Coordinating all official law enforcement notifications and arrangements.

(f) Making necessary contacts for authorization to display flags at half-mast.

(g) Ensuring that Sheriff's Office members are reminded of appropriate information–sharing restrictions regarding the release of information that could undermine future legal proceedings.

(h) Coordinating security checks of the member’s residence as necessary and reasonable.

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(i) Serving as a liaison with visiting law enforcement agencies during memorial and funeral services.

1028.6.2 HOSPITAL LIAISON

The Hospital Liaison should work with hospital personnel to:

(a) Arrange for appropriate and separate waiting areas for:

1. The survivors and others whose presence is requested by the survivors.
2. Sheriff's Office members and friends of the deceased member.
3. Media personnel.

(b) Ensure, as much as practicable, that any suspects who are in the hospital and their families or friends are not in close proximity to the member's survivors or Columbia County Sheriff's Office members (except for members who may be guarding the suspect).

(c) Ensure that survivors receive timely updates regarding the member before information is released to others.

(d) Arrange for survivors to have private time with the member, if requested.

1. The Hospital Liaison or hospital personnel may need to explain the condition of the member to the survivors to prepare them accordingly.
2. The Hospital Liaison should accompany the survivors into the room, if requested.

(e) Stay with survivors and ensure that they are provided with other assistance as needed at the hospital.

(f) If applicable, explain to the survivors why an autopsy may be needed.

(g) Ensure hospital bills are directed to the Sheriff's Office, that the survivors are not asked to sign as guarantor of payment for any hospital treatment and that the member's residence address, insurance information and next of kin are not included on hospital paperwork.

Other responsibilities of the Hospital Liaison include, but are not limited to:

- Arranging transportation for the survivors back to their residence.
- Working with investigators to gather and preserve the deceased member's equipment and other items that may be of evidentiary value.
- Documenting his/her actions at the conclusion of his/her duties.

1028.6.3 SURVIVOR SUPPORT LIAISON

The Survivor Support Liaison should work with the Sheriff's Office Liaison to fulfill the immediate needs and requests of the survivors of any member who has died in the line of duty, and serve as the long-term Sheriff's Office contact for survivors.

The Survivor Support Liaison should be selected by the deceased member's Division Commander. The following should be considered when selecting the Survivor Support Liaison:

- The liaison should be an individual the survivors know and with whom they are comfortable working.

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- If the survivors have no preference, the selection may be made from names recommended by the deceased member's supervisor and/or coworkers. The deceased member's partner or close friends may not be the best selections for this assignment because the emotional connection to the member or survivors may impair their ability to conduct adequate liaison duties.
- The liaison must be willing to assume the assignment with an understanding of the emotional and time demands involved.

The responsibilities of the Survivor Support Liaison include, but are not limited to:

(a) Arranging for transportation of survivors to hospitals, places of worship, funeral homes and other locations, as appropriate.

(b) Communicating with the Sheriff's Office Liaison regarding appropriate security measures for the family residence, as needed.

(c) If requested by the survivors, providing assistance with instituting methods of screening telephone calls made to their residence after the incident.

(d) Providing assistance with travel and lodging arrangements for out-of-town survivors.

(e) Returning the deceased member's personal effects from the Sheriff's Office and the hospital to the survivors. The following should be considered when returning the personal effects:

1. Items should not be delivered to the survivors until they are ready to receive the items.
2. Items not retained as evidence should be delivered in a clean, unmarked box.
3. All clothing not retained as evidence should be cleaned and made presentable (e.g., items should be free of blood or other signs of the incident).
4. The return of some personal effects may be delayed due to ongoing investigations.

(f) Assisting with the return of Sheriff's Office-issued equipment that may be at the deceased member's residence.

1. Unless there are safety concerns, the return of the equipment should take place after the funeral at a time and in a manner considerate of the survivors' wishes.

(g) Working with the CISM coordinator to ensure that survivors have access to available counseling services.

(h) Coordinating with the Sheriff's Office's Public Information Officer (Sheriff or designee) to brief the survivors on pending press releases related to the incident and to assist the survivors with media relations in accordance with their wishes (see the Public Information officer section of this policy).

(i) Briefing survivors on investigative processes related to the line-of-duty death, such as criminal, internal and administrative investigations.

(j) Informing survivors of any related criminal proceedings and accompanying them to such proceedings.

(k) Introducing survivors to prosecutors, victim's assistance personnel and other involved personnel as appropriate.

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(l) Maintaining long-term contact with survivors and taking measures to sustain a supportive relationship (e.g., follow-up visits, phone calls, cards on special occasions, special support during holidays).

(m) Inviting survivors to Sheriff's Office activities, memorial services or other functions as appropriate.

Survivor Support Liaisons providing services after an incident resulting in multiple members being killed should coordinate with and support each other through conference calls or meetings as necessary.

The Sheriff's Office recognizes that the duties of a Survivor Support Liaison will often affect regular assignments over many years, and is committed to supporting members in the assignment.

If needed, the Survivor Support Liaison should be issued a personal communication device (PCD) owned by the Sheriff's Office to facilitate communications necessary to the assignment. The Sheriff's Office-issued PCD shall be used in accordance with the Personal Communication Devices Policy.

1028.6.4 CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

The CISM coordinator should work with the Sheriff or the authorized designee, liaisons, coordinators and other resources to make CISM and counseling services available to members and survivors who are impacted by a line-of-duty death. The responsibilities of the CISM coordinator include, but are not limited to:

(a) Identifying members who are likely to be significantly affected by the incident and may have an increased need for CISM and counseling services, including:

1. Members involved in the incident.
2. Members who witnessed the incident.
3. Members who worked closely with the deceased member but were not involved in the incident.

(b) Ensuring that members who were involved in or witnessed the incident are relieved of Sheriff's Office responsibilities until they can receive CISM support as appropriate and possible.

(c) Ensuring that CISM and counseling resources (e.g., peer support, debriefing, grief counselors) are available to members as soon as reasonably practicable following the line-of-duty death.

(d) Coordinating with the Survivor Support Liaison to ensure survivors are aware of available CISM and counseling services and assisting with arrangements as needed.

(e) Following up with members and the Survivor Support Liaison in the months following the incident to determine if additional CISM or counseling services are needed.

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1028.6.5 FUNERAL LIAISON

The Funeral Liaison should work with the Sheriff's Office Liaison, Survivor Support Liaison and survivors to coordinate funeral arrangements to the extent the survivors wish. The Funeral Liaison's responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

(a) Assisting survivors in working with the funeral director regarding funeral arrangements and briefing them on law enforcement funeral procedures.

(b) Completing funeral notification to other law enforcement agencies.

(c) Coordinating the funeral activities of the Sheriff's Office, including, but not limited to the following:

1. Honor Guard
    - (a) Casket watch
    - (b) Color guard
    - (c) Pallbearers
    - (d) Bell/rifle salute
2. Bagpipers/bugler
3. Uniform for burial
4. Flag presentation
5. Last radio call

(d) Briefing the Sheriff and command staff concerning funeral arrangements.

(e) Assigning a deputy to remain at the family home during the viewing and funeral.

(f) Arranging for transportation of the survivors to and from the funeral home and interment site using Sheriff's Office vehicles and drivers.

1028.6.6 MUTUAL AID COORDINATOR

The mutual aid coordinator should work with the Sheriff's Office Liaison and the Funeral Liaison to request and coordinate any assistance from outside law enforcement agencies needed for, but not limited to:

(a) Traffic control during the deceased member's funeral.

(b) Area coverage so that as many Columbia County Sheriff's Office members can attend funeral services as possible.

The mutual aid coordinator should perform his/her duties in accordance with the Outside Agency Assistance Policy.

1028.6.7 BENEFITS LIAISON

The Benefits Liaison should provide survivors with information concerning available benefits and assist them in applying for benefits. Responsibilities of the Benefits Liaison include, but are not limited to:

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(a) Confirming the filing of workers' compensation claims and related paperwork (see the Occupational Disease and Work-Related Injury Reporting Policy).

(b) Researching and assisting survivors with application for federal government survivor benefits, such as those offered through the:

1. Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Programs.
2. Public Safety Officers' Educational Assistance (PSOEA) Program.
3. Social Security Administration.
4. Department of Veterans Affairs.

(c) Researching and assisting survivors with application for state and local government survivor benefits.

1. Public Safety Memorial Fund (ORS 243.950 et seq.)
2. Education benefit (ORS 348.270)
3. Life insurance (ORS 243.025)
4. Death benefit (ORS 238.395; ORS 238A.230)

(d) Researching and assisting survivors with application for other survivor benefits such as:

1. Private foundation survivor benefits programs.
2. Survivor scholarship programs.

(e) Researching and informing survivors of support programs sponsored by sheriff's associations and other organizations.

(f) Documenting and informing survivors of inquiries and interest regarding public donations to the survivors.

1. If requested, working with the finance coordinator to assist survivors with establishing a process for the receipt of public donations.

(g) Providing survivors with a summary of the nature and amount of benefits applied for, including the name of a contact person at each benefit office. Printed copies of the summary and benefit application documentation should be provided to affected survivors.

(h) Maintaining contact with the survivors and assisting with subsequent benefit questions and processes as needed.

1028.6.8 FINANCE COORDINATOR

The finance coordinator should work with the Sheriff and the Sheriff's Office Liaison to manage financial matters related to the line-of-duty death. The finance coordinator's responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

(a) Establishing methods for purchasing and monitoring costs related to the incident.

(b) Providing information on finance-related issues, such as:

1. Paying survivors' travel costs if authorized.
2. Transportation costs for the deceased.

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3. Funeral and memorial costs.
4. Related funding or accounting questions and issues.

(c) Working with the Benefits Liaison to establish a process for the receipt of public donations to the deceased member's survivors.

(d) Providing accounting and cost information as needed.

1028.7 PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

In the event of a line-of-duty death, the Sheriff's Office's Public Information Office should be the Sheriff's Office's contact point for the media. In the event of a line-of-duty death, the Public Information Officer, should not be the Sheriff.

The designated Public Information Officer should coordinate with the Sheriff's Office Liaison to:

(a) Collect and maintain the most current incident information and determine what information should be released.

(b) Ensure that Sheriff's Office members are instructed to direct any media inquiries to the designated Public Information Officer .

(c) Prepare necessary press releases.

1. Ensure coordination with other entities having media roles (e.g., outside agencies involved in the investigation or incident).
2. Ensure that important public information is disseminated, such as information on how the public can show support for the Sheriff's Office and deceased member's survivors.

(d) Arrange for community and media briefings by the Sheriff or the authorized designee as appropriate.

(e) Respond, or coordinate the response, to media inquiries.

(f) If requested, assist the member's survivors with media inquiries.

1. Brief the survivors on handling sensitive issues such as the types of questions that reasonably could jeopardize future legal proceedings.

(g) Release information regarding memorial services and funeral arrangements to Sheriff's Office members, other agencies and the media as appropriate.

(h) If desired by the survivors, arrange for the recording of memorial and funeral services via photos and/or video.

The identity of deceased members should be withheld until the member's survivors have been notified. If the media has obtained identifying information for the deceased member prior to survivor notification, the Public Information Officer should request that the media withhold the information from release until proper notification can be made to survivors. The Public Information Officer should ensure that media are notified when survivor notifications have been made.

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1028.8 SHERIFF'S OFFICE CHAPLAIN

The Sheriff's Office chaplain may serve a significant role in line-of-duty deaths. His/her duties may include, but are not limited to:

- Assisting with survivor notifications and assisting the survivors with counseling, emotional support or other matters, as appropriate.
- Assisting liaisons and coordinators with their assignments, as appropriate.
- Assisting Sheriff's Office members with counseling or emotional support, as requested and appropriate.

Further information on the potential roles and responsibilities of the chaplain is in the Chaplains Policy.

1028.9 INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENT

The Sheriff shall ensure that line-of-duty deaths are investigated thoroughly and may choose to use the investigation process outlined in the Officer-Involved Shootings and Deaths Policy.

Investigators from other agencies may be assigned to work on any criminal investigation related to line-of-duty deaths. Partners, close friends or personnel who worked closely with the deceased member should not have any investigative responsibilities because such relationships may impair the objectivity required for an impartial investigation of the incident.

Involved Sheriff's Office members should be kept informed of the progress of the investigations and provide investigators with any information that may be pertinent to the investigations.

1028.10 LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT ANIMAL

The Sheriff may authorize appropriate memorial and funeral services for law enforcement animals killed in the line of duty.

1028.11 NON-LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH

The Sheriff may authorize certain support services for the death of a member not occurring in the line of duty.

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Chapter 11 - Civil Process Services

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Restraining Orders

1100.1 RECEIPT AND SERVICE OF RESTRAINING ORDERS

Restraining orders are documents that can only be served personally. When receiving restraining orders, the Sheriff's Office needs to be given at least two certified true copies. One copy is for service and the other is for records to enter the order into LEDS. The Civil deputy should always check the copies they receive for service to ensure that they are complete copies. In order to perform a legal service, a copy must be certified as a true copy. It must include the petition filled out by the plaintiff, the order signed by the judge, and the notice to respondent. The notice to respondent explains the order and contains the paperwork to request a hearing. In general, when serving restraining orders, the Civil Process Unit shall assure that:

(a) Restraining orders must be attempted every business day for 10 days. If they can not be served by then, the office will send out a "10-day letter". These can also be sent out before the 10 days has passed, if the civil deputy determines the address given is no longer valid. The letter is sent to the petitioner and gives them a chance to respond within 10 days to give us any additional information. If the office does not receive any new information, the restraining order is put into a permanent file to be kept for one year. Restraining orders can be served at any time within the year that they are valid (one year from the date that the judge signed it).

(b) As soon as a Restraining Order is served and the scene is cleared, the deputy will call the Records Division. Records will ask the deputy for information on the service so they can immediately enter it into LEDS. They will also ask for the deputy's DPSST number as well as the address and time of service. The Deputy will note on the case jacket the name of the Records Clerk that they spoke to. Once a restraining order has been served, a proof of service needs to be completed and sent to Records to go along with the LEDS entry. A restraining order that has been served by a law enforcement officer is immediately enforceable even if it has not yet been entered into LEDS. Civil Unit Civil deputy must complete an Affidavit Proof of Service and deliver it to Records no later than the end of their shift.

(c) The Civil Deputy then makes two copies of the original affidavit. These copies are stamped and signed as a True Copy. One true copy affidavit is to be attached to a true copy of the restraining order and taken immediately to the records division for LEDS entry. The original affidavit, and the 2nd true copy affidavit, is attached to the "court copy" of the restraining order and to the case jacket - these are to be placed in the Civil Documents Basket in the Civil Deputy Office.

(d) The case jacket will be filed in the office permanent record. The true copy of the affidavit is mailed to the petitioner as notification of service. The "court copy" of the R/O and the original affidavit are returned to the issuing court to document the service.

1100.2 OUT OF STATE DOCUMENTS

Any out of state document must be served personally, by default, unless special instructions are given by the issuing jurisdiction detailing what other forms of service are allowed by their state.

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1100.3 SERVICE OF RESTRAINING ORDERS IN COLUMBIA COUNTY ONLY

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office Civil Process Services Unit shall comply with the state law under ORS 107.700 to 107.735, which requires the Sheriff to attempt to serve restraining orders on residents living within Columbia County.:

(a) Upon receipt of a restraining order for service on a respondent who is a resident of Columbia County, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office will attempt personal service of the restraining order and will issue the order into LEDS and NCIC when served. Proof of service will be made in accordance with Oregon law.

(b) Upon receipt of a restraining order for service on a respondent who is not a resident of Columbia County, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office will notify the issuing Court that it will not attempt service on the respondent or enter the order in LEDS or NCIC. Such restraining orders are not filed with the Columbia County Sheriff. The issuing Court shall send the restraining order to the County in which the respondent resides for service and entry into LEDS and NCIC.

(c) Upon receipt of a restraining order for service directly from a petitioner or petitioner's representative, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office will notify the petitioner that it will only attempt service on a respondent who resides in Columbia County. If the respondent does not live in Columbia County, petitioner shall be directed to the Court to deliver a copy of the petition and order to the Sheriff of the County in which respondent resides.

(d) The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will not forward restraining orders to the Sheriff of the County in which the respondent resides. It is responsibility of the issuing Court to deliver a true copy of the petition and order to the Sheriff of the County in which the respondent resides. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will not forward restraining order modifications or terminations to the Sheriff's Office in the County where the original Order was filed. The issuing Court shall deliver all such modifications and terminations directly to the Sheriff's Office in the County where the Order was filed and entered into LEDS and NCIC.

(e) The Sheriff's Office shall document the receipt of restraining orders, modifications, terminations and communications with the Courts and petitioners for a period of two years.

1100.4 CIVIL DEPUTY

The Sheriff's Office Civil Deputy, when on-duty, is the primary employee assigned to serve and execute civil papers. Other staff may be called upon to assist the Civil Deputy when:

(a) More than one employee is needed for logistical or officer safety purposes

(b) Ease or convenience of the public or office efficiency needs call for a different employee to make service

(c) The civil deputy is not on duty.

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February 24, 2015

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L E T T E R O F C O M M E N D A T I O N

Dear John,

This is to commend you for the excellence you have demonstrated as the recipient of the Leo B. App High Shooter Award for Basic Corrections Local Class #XXXXX at your recent graduation from the Oregon Public Safety Academy.

I am extremely pleased by your devotion to excellence and the way you have carried yourself as one of the newest additions to our staff. I am proud to have you as one of our deputies and wish you continued success as you apply what you have learned to your duties here.

A copy of this letter of commendation will also go in your file, along with a copy of the attached letter from DPSST acknowledging your accomplishment.

Sincerely,

Jeff Dickerson
Sheriff

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COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF
M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: November 29, 2012

TO: Jeff Dickerson
Sheriff

FROM: Deputy John Doe
Corrections Division

SUBJECT: Request for Permission to Work in Outside Employment

Please consider this my request to engage in employment outside my duties at the sheriff's office. This request is unrelated to my official duties at the sheriff's office and will in no way demonstrate a conflict of interest to my duties here.

This outside employment is not with a law enforcement agency.

My proposed outside employment involves working for the family business—the XYZ Widget Company— on an as-available basis. My duties would involve answering phones, taking phone orders and providing customer assistance only on those days or hours where I am not engaged in my employment at the Sheriff's Office.

My proposed off-duty employment hours will not prevent me from focusing on, or being properly rested to perform my duties at the Sheriff's Office.

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