Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will 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 both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law 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, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office 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 police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.

I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession . . . law enforcement.

Mission Statement

The Plumas County Sheriff's Office serves our community by delivering fair and ethical law enforcement, protecting the innocent, apprehending criminals, maintaining public order, providing for the care and custody of prisoners, and by establishing the cause, manner, and mechanism of death in Coroner's cases.

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Chapter 1 -Law Enforcement Role and Authority

Law Enforcement Authority

100.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
Law enforcement officers are granted the authority to perform their function based on established legal authority. This department does not tolerate abuse of law enforcement authority.

100.2 PEACE OFFICER POWERS

Sworn members of this department shall be considered peace officers pursuant to Penal Code § 830.1. The authority of any such peace officer extends to any place in the State of California, as follows:

(a) As to any public offense committed or which there is probable cause to believe has been committed within the political subdivision which employs the peace officer; or

(b) Where the peace officer has the prior consent of the chief of police, or person authorized by him or her to give consent, if the place is within a city or of the sheriff, or person authorized by him or her to give such consent, if the place is within a county; or

(c) As to any public offense committed or which there is probable cause to believe has been committed in the peace officer's presence, and with respect to which there is immediate danger to person or property, or of the escape of the perpetrator of the offense.

100.3 CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

All employees shall observe and comply with every person's clearly established rights under the United States and California Constitutions.

Chief Executive Officer

102.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) has mandated that all sworn officers and dispatchers employed within the State of California shall receive certification by POST within prescribed time periods.

102.1.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUIREMENTS

Any chief executive officer of this department appointed after January 1, 1999, shall, as a condition of continued employment, complete the course of training prescribed by POST and obtain the Basic Certificate by POST within two years of appointment.

102.1.2 SHERIFF CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

Prior to filing for the office of Sheriff, any candidate shall at minimum meet the requirements of Government Code § 24004.3.

Oath of Office

104.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Deputies of this department are sworn to uphold the federal and state constitutions and to enforce federal, state and local laws.

104.1.1 OATH OF OFFICE

Upon employment, all sworn employees shall be required to affirm the oath of office expressing commitment and intent to respect constitutional rights in discharging the duties of a law enforcement officer (Cal. Const. Art. 20, § 3; Government Code § 3102). The oath shall be as follows:

I, [employee name], do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

Employee Conduct and Responsibility

105.1 PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT STATEMENT
The mark of every profession is a Code of Conduct and personnel of this department are no exception. The success or reputation of our Agency is highly dependent upon the individual character, commitment to excellence and customer service philosophy of each employee.

105.1.1 CUSTOMER SERVICE PHILOSOPHY

(a) Plumas County Sheriff's Office Employees have a major impact on the perception held by the community of the performance of the Sheriff's Office. In all contacts, the employee is representing the agency. Contacts with the public are to be courteous, diplomatic and professional.

(b) In stressful or emergency situations it is imperative that members of this department remain calm, assertive and professional. In some cases, employees will encounter rude or abusive citizens. Under no circumstances shall an employee refuse service or threaten no response unless the citizen cooperates. At the discretion of the initial employee, the citizen may be referred to proper supervisory staff.

105.2 RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER EMPLOYEES
As an agency employee, "customers" are sometimes employees of this agency, other law enforcement and fire protection or official agencies. All communications shall be characterized as professional and courteous. Rudeness or demeaning behavior is not acceptable. Complaints or instances of unprofessional or rude behavior shall be referred to supervisory personnel for appropriate action.

105.3 TEAM EFFORT OR COORDINATION
In carrying out the mission of the Agency, members will cooperate and coordinate their efforts in a manner that will establish and maintain the highest possible standard of efficiency and conduct. Agency employees will cooperate with and assist other employees in their agency work. Any deliberate and unjustified withholding of information from other members of the agency is prohibited.

105.4 CRITICISM OF OTHERS
No employee shall publicly disparage or ridicule lawful written or oral orders or instructions issued by their supervisor or by agency management.

105.5 REPRESENTATION OF THE AGENCY
Every employee is responsible for assuring that the agency is not represented by their actions or statements at any time, unless authorized.
By indicating, stating or implying to any person, agency or other entity that they are an employee of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office (while on-duty or off-duty), the employee builds the perception that they are speaking for or otherwise representing the agency and create a nexus to the agency through their actions. Employees shall not foster this perception unless requested or authorized by the Plumas County Sheriff's Office. In a Supreme Court decision (Garcetti v. Ceballos -March, 2009) government employees rights to "represent" their employer are more restrictive than that of other employees. This

limitation is not intended to discourage any "whistle-blowing" actions that are pursued through normal methods.

Use of Position: No employee may seek special treatment or other favor by revealing their place of employment, or their relationship with other public safety agencies, as an employee of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office. There are occasions that revealing employment information may enhance personal or officer safety; however, employees shall use extreme care that by identifying themselves to any person, public or private, they are not attempting to curry any special treatment, favor, or discount.

Statements and Written Material: The Plumas County Sheriff's Department has no desire to limit an employee's first amendment rights; however, employees shall not make direct or implied statements as to their employment with the Plumas County Sheriff's Office in public writings. For example, an employee may write a letter to the editor, speak to a reporter, or make a blog entry while indicating they are a "deputy/dispatcher". However it is not appropriate to identify themselves as an employee of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office either directly or by inference, as this labels their writings or speech as those of a spokesperson for the agency. Before submitting any material for any type of distribution or publication (in any form) or volunteering for an interview that has any linkage of that writing or interview to the Plumas County Sheriff's Office, it shall be submitted for review and approval by a Supervisor or Administration.

Social Networking: Various popular Internet entities provide methods of social dialog and interchange among users. Examples of these entities include, but are not limited to; "Facebook", "Myspace", and "Twitter". There are also various other communications methods, including blogging, instant messaging, and bulletin boards. Employees shall not imply, by submitting writings, comments or other media, such as photos of themselves or colleagues in a Plumas County Sheriff's Office work situation, or by their site "name" that they are an employee of the Sheriff's Office, thus creating a nexus to the agency, and portraying themselves as a spokesperson, unless authorized by the agency. Even though the employee may be consistently portraying the agency in a positive light, they shall not create the nexus to the agency.

Policy Manual

106.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The manual of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office is hereby established and shall be referred to as "The Policy Manual." The Policy Manual is a statement of the current policies, procedures, rules, and guidelines of this department. All employees are to conform to the provisions of this manual. All prior and existing manuals, orders, and regulations which are in conflict with this manual are revoked, except to the extent that portions of existing manuals, orders, and other regulations which have not been included herein shall remain in effect where they do not conflict with the provisions of this manual.

Except where otherwise expressly stated, the provisions of this manual shall be considered as guidelines. It is recognized, however, that police work 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.

106.1.1 DISCLAIMER
The provisions contained in this 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 Plumas County Sheriff's Department 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 employees. Violations of any provision of any policy contained within this manual shall only form the basis for departmental administrative action, training or discipline. The Plumas County Sheriff's Department reserves the right to revise any policy content, in whole or in part.

106.2 RESPONSIBILITIES
The ultimate responsibility for the contents of the manual rests with the Sheriff. Since it is not practical for the Sheriff to prepare and maintain the manual, the following delegations have been made:

106.2.1 SHERIFF
The Sheriff shall be considered the ultimate authority for the provisions of this manual and shall continue to issue General Orders which shall modify those provisions of the manual to which they pertain. General Orders shall remain in effect until such time as they may be permanently incorporated into the manual.

106.2.2 STAFF
Staff shall consist of the following:
- Sheriff
- Assistant Sheriff (Operations)
- Assistant Sheriff (Administration)
- Administrative Sergeant

The staff shall review all recommendations regarding proposed changes to the manual at staff meetings.

106.2.3 OTHER PERSONNEL
All Department employees suggesting revision of the contents of the Policy Manual shall forward their suggestion, in writing, to their Assistant Sheriff who will consider the recommendation and forward to staff.

106.3 FORMATTING CONVENTIONS FOR THE The purpose of this section is to provide examples of abbreviations and definitions used in this manual.

106.3.1 ACCEPTABLE ABBREVIATIONS
The following abbreviations are acceptable substitutions in the manual:

- General Orders may be abbreviated as "GO"
- Policy Manual sections may be abbreviated as "Section 106.X" or "§ 106.X"

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

Adult -Any person 18 years of age or older.

CHP -The California Highway Patrol.

C.F.R. -Code of Federal Regulations.

County -The County of Plumas County.

Department/Plumas County Sheriff's Office -The Plumas County Sheriff's Office.

DMV -The Department of Motor Vehicles.

Employee/Personnel -Any person employed by the Department.

Juvenile -Any person under the age of 18 years.

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

May -Indicates a permissive, discretionary or conditional action.

Member –Any person who is employed by the or appointed by the Plumas County Sheriff's Office including sworn deputies, reserve deputies, non-sworn employees and volunteers.

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

Deputy (To Include Reserve Deputy)/Sworn –Those employees, regardless of rank, who are sworn employees of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office.

On-Duty -Employee status during the period when he/she is actually engaged in the performance of his/her assigned duties.

Order -A written or verbal issued by a superior.

POST -The California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

Rank -The job classification title 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.

U.S.C. -United States Code

106.3.3 DISTRIBUTION OF MANUAL
Copies of the Policy Manual shall be distributed to the following:

• Dispatch Center

A computerized version of the Policy Manual will be made available on the Department network for access by all employees. The computerized version will be limited to viewing and printing of specific sections. No changes shall be made to the electronic version without authorization from Staff.

106.4 MANUAL ACCEPTANCE
As a condition of employment, all employees are required to read and obtain necessary clarification of this department's policies. All employees are required to sign a statement of receipt acknowledging that they have received a copy, or have been provided access to the Policy Manual and understand they are responsible to read and become familiar with its contents.

106.4.1 REVISIONS TO POLICIES
All employees are responsible for keeping abreast of all Policy Manual revisions. All changes to the Policy Manual will be posted on the Department Internet Home Page under the title Recent Policy Manual Revisions. The Administrative Sergeant will forward revisions to the Policy Manual as needed to all personnel via electronic mail. Each employee shall acknowledge receipt by return email, review the revisions and seek clarification as needed.

Each unit commander/manager/sergeant will ensure that employees under his/her command are aware of any Policy Manual revisions.

Chapter 2 -Organization and Administration

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 Plumas County Sheriff's Office. There are four Divisions in the Sheriff's Department as follows:

- Administration Division
- Patrol/Operations Division
- Investigation Division
- Correctional Division

200.2.1 ADMINISTRATION DIVISION
The Administration Division is commanded by an Administrative Assistant Sheriff, whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for the Administration Division. The Administration Division consists of the Correctional Division, Technical Services, Administrative Services, Civil Services, Records Services, Court Security and the Training unit.

200.2.2 PATROL/OPERATIONS DIVISION
The Operations Division is overseen by the Operations Assistant Sheriff, whose primary responsibility is to provide general management, direction and control for that Division. The Operations Division consists of Uniformed Patrol and Special Operations, which includes Boat Patrol, Search and Rescue, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), Reserves, Chaplains, Communications and Police Aides/Assistants.

200.2.3 INVESTIGATION DIVISION
The Investigation Division is overseen and commanded by the Detective Sergeant whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for the Investigation Division. The Investigation Division consists of the Investigations Bureau, Crime Analysis Unit, Property Bureau, and Forensic Services.

200.2.4 CORRECTIONAL DIVISION
The Correctional Division is overseen by the Operations Assistant Sheriff, and commanded by the Correction's Commander whose primary responsibility is to provide direction and control for the Correctional Division. The Correctional Division consists of Corrections and Correctional Officers who are assigned as Bailiffs.

200.3 COMMAND PROTOCOL

200.3.1 SUCCESSION OF COMMAND

The Sheriff exercises command over all personnel in the Department. During planned absences the Sheriff will designate an Assistant Sheriff to serve as the acting Sheriff.

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

(a) Assistant Sheriff (Operations)

(b) Assistant Sheriff (Administration)

(c) Investigation Sergeant

(d) Administrative Sergeant

(e) Shift Sergeant

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.

General Order

204.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
General Orders establish an interdepartmental communication that may be used by the Sheriff to make immediate changes to policy and procedure consistent with the current Memorandum of Understanding and as permitted by Government Code § 3500 et seq. General Orders will immediately modify or change and supersede sections of this manual to which they pertain.

204.1.1 GENERAL ORDER PROTOCOL
General Orders will be incorporated into the manual as required upon approval of Staff. General Orders will modify existing policies or create a new policy as appropriate and will be rescinded upon incorporation into the manual.

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

Any General Orders issued after publication of the manual shall be numbered consecutively starting with the last two digits of the year, followed by the number "01" For example, 11-01 signifies the first General Order for the year 2011.

204.2 RESPONSIBILITIES
All personnel are responsible for knowing and carrying out the provisions of all departmental general orders.

204.2.1 STAFF
The staff shall review and approve revisions of the Policy Manual, which will incorporate changes originally made by a General Order.

204.2.2 AGENCYHEAD
The Sheriff or Assistant Sheriff shall issue all General Orders.

204.3 ACCEPTANCE OF GENERAL ORDERS
All employees are required to read and obtain any necessary clarification of all General Orders. All employees are required to acknowledge in writing the receipt and review of any new General Order. Signed acknowledgement forms and/or e-mail receipts showing an employee's acknowledgement will be maintained by the Administrative Sergeant.

Emergency Management Plan

206.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The County has prepared an Emergency Management Plan for use by all employees in the event of a major disaster or other emergency event. The plan provides for a strategic response by all employees and assigns specific responsibilities in the event that the plan is activated (Government Code § 8610).

206.2 ACTIVATING THE EMERGENCY PLAN
The Emergency Management Plan can be activated in a number of ways. The Sheriff or the highest ranking official on duty may activate the Emergency Management Plan in response to a major emergency.

206.2.1 RECALL OF PERSONNEL
In the event that the Emergency Management Plan is activated, all employees of the Plumas 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.

206.3 LOCATION OF THE PLAN
The Emergency Management Plan is available in Administration and the Shift Sergeant's office. All supervisors should familiarize themselves with the Emergency Management Plan. The Operations Assistant Sheriff should ensure that department personnel are familiar with the roles police personnel will play when the plan is implemented.

206.4 UPDATING OF MANUALS
The Sheriff or designee shall review the Emergency Management 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 the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and should appropriately address any needed revisions.

Training Policy

208.1 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.

208.2 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 California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

208.3 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

208.4 TRAINING PLAN
A training plan will be developed and maintained by the Administrative Sergeant. It is the responsibility of the Administrative Sergeant to maintain, review, and update the training plan on an annual basis. The plan will address the following areas:

- Legislative Changes
- State Mandated Training
- Critical Issues Training

208.5 TRAINING NEEDS ASSESSMENT
The Training Sergeant will conduct an annual training-needs assessment of the Department. The needs assessment will be reviewed by staff. Upon approval by the staff, the needs assessment will form the basis for the training plan for the fiscal year.

208.6 TRAINING COMMITTEE
The Assistant Sheriff(s) shall establish a Training Committee, which will serve to assist with identifying training needs for the Department.

The Training Committee shall be comprised of at least three members, with the senior ranking member of the committee acting as the chairperson. Members should be selected based on their abilities at post-incident evaluation and at assessing related training needs. The Assistant Sheriff(s) may remove or replace members of the committee at their discretion.

The Training Committee should review certain incidents to determine whether training would likely improve future outcomes or reduce or prevent the recurrence of the undesirable issues related to the incident. Specific incidents the Training Committee should review include, but are not limited to:

(a) Any incident involving the death or serious injury of an employee.

(b) Incidents involving a high risk of death, serious injury or civil liability.

(c) Incidents identified by a supervisor as appropriate to review to identify possible training needs.

The Training Committee should convene on a regular basis as determined by the Assistant Sheriff(s) to review the identified incidents. The committee shall determine by consensus whether a training need exists and then submit written recommendations of its findings to the Assistant Sheriff(s). The recommendation should not identify specific facts of any incidents, such as identities of employees involved or the date, time and location of the incident, but should focus on the type of training being recommended.

The Assistant Sheriff(s) will consider the recommendations of the committee and determine what training should be addressed, taking into consideration the mission of the Department and available resources.

208.7 TRAINING PROCEDURES

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

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 one hour prior to the start of training.
2. Document his/her absence in a memorandum to his/her supervisor.
3. Make arrangements through his/her supervisor and the Administrative Sergeant to attend the required training on an alternate date.

Electronic Mail

212.1 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. E-mail is a communication tool available to employees to enhance efficiency in the performance of job duties and is to be used in accordance with generally accepted business practices and current law (e.g., California Public Records Act). Messages transmitted over the e-mail system must only be those that involve official business activities or contain information essential to employees for the accomplishment of business-related tasks and/or communication directly related to the business, administration, or practices of the Department.

212.2 E-MAIL RIGHT OF PRIVACY
All e-mail messages, including any attachments, that are transmitted over department networks are considered department records and therefore are department property. The Department reserves the right to access, audit or disclose, for any lawful reason, any message including any attachment that is transmitted over its e-mail system or that is stored on any department system.

The e-mail system is not a confidential system since all communications transmitted on, to or from the system are the property of the Department. Therefore, the e-mail system is not appropriate for confidential communications. If a communication must be private, an alternative method to communicate the message should be used instead of e-mail. Employees using the Department's e-mail system shall have no expectation of privacy concerning communications utilizing the system.

Employees should not use personal accounts to exchange e-mail or other information that is related to the official business of the Department.

212.3 PROHIBITED USE OF E-MAIL
Sending derogatory, defamatory, obscene, disrespectful, sexually suggestive and harassing or any other inappropriate messages on the e-mail system is prohibited and may result in discipline.

E-mail messages addressed to the entire department are only to be used for official business related items that are of particular interest to all users and must be approved by the Sheriff or a Assistant Sheriff. 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 e-mail, name and/or password by others.

212.4 MANAGEMENT OF E-MAIL
Because the e-mail system is not designed for long-term retention of messages, e-mail that the employee desires to save or that becomes part of an official record should be printed and/or stored in another database. Users of e-mail are solely responsible for the management of their mailboxes. Messages should be purged manually by the user at least

once per week. All messages in excess of one month will be deleted at regular intervals from the server computer.

Administrative Communications

214.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
Administrative communications of this department are governed by the following policies.

214.2 MEMORANDUMS
Memorandums may be issued periodically by the Sheriff or Assistant Sheriff(s) to announce and document all promotions, transfers, hiring of new personnel, separations, personnel and group commendations, or other changes in status.

214.2.1 MEMORANDUMS OF DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL
Periodic Memorandums may be utilized by department personnel for the purpose of directing or transferring information related to the essential accomplishment of the agencies mission. However, use of the departmental email system should be utilized as the first form of communication whenever possible or appropriate.

214.3 CORRESPONDENCE
In order to ensure that the letterhead and name of the Department are not misused, all external correspondence shall be on Department letterhead. All Department letterhead shall bear the signature element of the Sheriff. Personnel should use Department letterhead only for official business and with approval of their supervisor.

214.4 SURVEYS
All surveys made in the name of the Department shall be authorized by the Sheriff or an Assistant Sheriff.

Staffing Levels

216.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The purpose of this policy is to ensure that proper supervision 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 need to meet operational requirements of the Department.

216.2 MINIMUM STAFFING LEVELS
Minimum staffing levels should result in the scheduling of at least one regular supervisor on duty whenever possible. The Operations Assistant Sheriff will ensure that at least one Shift Sergeant is deployed during each shift.

License to Carry a Firearm

218.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The Sheriff is given the statutory discretion to issue a license to carry a firearm to residents within the community (Penal Code § 26150; Penal Code 26155). This policy will provide a written process for the application and issuance of such licenses. Pursuant to Penal Code § 26160, this policy shall be made accessible to the public.

218.2 POLICY
The Plumas County Sheriff's Office will fairly and impartially consider all applications to carry firearms in accordance with applicable law and this policy.

218.2.1 NEW RESIDENT APPLICANTS PROCESSING CCW FROM ANOTHER CALIFORNIA COUNTY

a. Be a resident of Plumas County verified by address on a valid California Driver's License and Voter Registration Card.
b. Be at least 21 years of age.
c. Fully complete an application that will include substantial personal information. Much of the information in the application may be subject to public access under the Public Records Act.
d. Be free from criminal convictions that would disqualify the applicant from carrying a concealed weapon. Fingerprints will be required and a complete criminal background check will be conducted.
e. Be of good moral character.
f. Show good cause for the issuance of the license.
g. Pay all associated application fees. These fees are set by statute and may not be refunded if the application is denied.
h. Provide at least five character references from references known for a period of no less than three years and not related to the applicant.
i. Be free from any medical and psychological conditions that may make the applicant unsuitable for carrying a concealed weapon.
j. Complete the required training listed in section 218.3.2 (d).

218.3 QUALIFIED APPLICANTS
In order to qualify for a license to carry a firearm, the applicant must meet certain requirements, including:

a. Be a resident of the County of Plumas County (Penal Code § 26150; Penal Code § 26155).
b. Be at least 21 years of age (Penal Code § 29610).
c. Fully complete an application that will include substantial personal information. Much of the information in the application may be subject to public access under the Public Records Act.

d. Be free from criminal convictions that would disqualify the applicant from carrying a firearm. Fingerprints will be required and a complete criminal background check will be conducted.

e. Be of good moral character (Penal Code § 26150; Penal Code § 26155). The applicant shall provide at least three letters of character reference.

f. Show good cause for the issuance of the license (Penal Code § 26150; Penal Code § 26155).

g. Pay all associated application fees. These fees are set by statute and may not be refunded if the application is denied.

h. Provide proof of ownership or registration of any firearm to be licensed.

i. Be free from any psychological conditions that might make the applicant unsuitable for carrying a firearm (Penal Code § 26190).

j. Complete required training (Penal Code § 26165).

218.4 APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process for a license to carry a firearm shall consist of two phases. Upon the successful completion of each phase, the applicant will advance to the next phase until the process is completed and the license is either issued or denied.

218.4.1 PHASE ONE (TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS)

(a) Any individual applying for a license to carry a firarm shall first fully complete a California Department of Justice (DOJ) application to be signed under penalty of perjury. Any applicant who provides false information or statements on the application will be removed from further consideration and may be prosecuted for a criminal offense (Penal Code § 26180).

1. In the event of any discrepancies in the application or background investigation, the applicant may be required to undergo a polygraph examination, at no cost to the applicant.

2. If an incomplete application package is received, the Sheriff or authorized designee may do any of the following:

   a. Require the applicant to complete the package before any further processing.

   b. Advance the incomplete package to phase two for conditional processing pending completion of all mandatory conditions.

   c. Issue a denial if the materials submitted at the time demonstrate that the applicant would not qualify for a license to carry a firearm even if the package was completed (e.g., not a resident, disqualifying criminal conviction, absence of good cause).

(b) At the time the completed application is submitted, the applicant shall submit a check made payable to the Plumas County Sheriff's Office for the required California DOJ application fee, and nonrefundable 20 percent of the application fee to cover the cost of processing the application (Penal Code § 26190).

1. Additional fees may be required for fingerprinting, training or psychological testing, in addition to the application fee.

2. Full payment of the remainder of the application fee will be required upon issuance of a license.

3. Payment of related fees may be waived if the applicant is a duly appointed reserve peace officer as defined in Penal Code § 830.6 (a) or (b) (Penal Code § 26170).

(c) The applicant shall be required to submit to fingerprinting and a complete criminal background check by the California DOJ. A second set of fingerprints may be required for retention in department files. Two recent passport quality (1 inch by 1 inch) photos of the applicant shall be submitted for department use. No person determined to fall within a prohibited class described in Penal Code § 29800, Penal Code § 29900, Welfare and Institutions Code § 8100 or Welfare and Institutions Code § 8103 will be issued a license to carry a firearm. A license shall not be issued if the California DOJ determines that the applicant is prohibited by state or federal law from possessing, receiving, owning or purchasing a firearm (Penal Code § 26195).

(d) The applicant shall submit proof of ownership or registration of each firearm to be licensed.

Once the Sheriff or authorized designee has reviewed the completed application package and relevant background information, the application will either be advanced to phase two or denied.

In the event that an application is denied at the conclusion of, or during, phase one, the applicant shall be notified in writing within 90 days of the initial application or within 30 days after receipt of the applicant's criminal background check from the California DOJ, whichever is later. If the license is denied, the notice shall state which requirement was not satisfied (Penal Code § 26205).

218.4.2 PHASE TWO
This phase is to be completed only by those applicants successfully completing phase one.

(a) Upon successful completion of phase one, the applicant shall be scheduled for a personal interview with the Sheriff or authorized designee. During this stage, there will be further discussion of the applicant's statement of good cause and any potential restrictions or conditions that might be placed on the license.

1. The determination of good cause should consider the totality of circumstances in each individual case.

2. Any denial for lack of good cause should be rational, articulable and not arbitrary in nature.

3. The Department will provide written notice to the applicant as to the determination of good cause (Penal Code § 26202).

(b) The Sheriff may, based upon criteria established by the Sheriff, require that the applicant be referred to an authorized psychologist used by the Department for psychological testing. The cost of such psychological testing (not to exceed $150) shall be paid by the applicant. The purpose of any such psychological testing is intended only to identify any outward indications or history of psychological problems that might render the applicant unfit to carry a firearm. This testing is not intended to certify in any other respect that the applicant is psychologically fit. If it is determined that the applicant is not a suitable candidate for carrying a firearm, the applicant shall be removed from further consideration (Penal Code § 26190).

(c) The applicant shall complete a course of training approved by the agency, which complieswithPenalCode§26165. The applicant will not be required to complete and

pay for any training courses prior to any determination of good cause (Penal Code § 26165; Penal Code § 26202).

(d) The applicant is required to submit any firearm to be considered for a license to a Department Rangemaster or other departmentally authorized Armorer or Firearms Safety Instructor, at no cost to the applicant, for a full safety inspection. The Sheriff reserves the right to deny a license for any firearm that has been altered from the manufacturer's specifications or that is unsafe (Penal Code § 31910).

(e) The applicant shall successfully complete a firearms safety and proficiency examination with the firearm to be licensed, to be administered by the department Rangemaster, or provide proof of successful completion of another departmentally approved firearms safety and proficiency examination, including completion of all releases and other forms. The cost of any outside inspection/examination shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

Once the Sheriff or authorized designee has verified the successful completion of phase two, the license to carry a firearm will either be granted or denied.

Whether an application is approved or denied at the conclusion of or during phase two, the applicant shall be notified in writing within 90 days of the initial application or within 30 days after receipt of the applicant's criminal background check from the California DOJ, whichever is later. If the license is denied, the notice shall state which requirement was not satisfied (Penal Code § 26205).

218.5 LIMITED BUSINESS LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED FIREARM

The authority to issue a limited business license to carry a concealed firearm to a non-resident applicant is granted only to the Sheriff of the county in which the applicant works. A chief of a municipal police department may not issue limited licenses (Penal Code § 26150). Therefore, such applicants may be referred to the Sheriff for processing.

An individual who is not a resident of the county but who otherwise successfully completes all portions of phases one and two above, may apply for and be issued a limited license subject to approval by the Sheriff and subject to the following:

(a) The applicant physically spends a substantial period of working hours in the applicant's principal place of employment or business within the County of Plumas County (Penal Code § 26150).

(b) Such a license will be valid for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of issuance (Penal Code § 26220).

(c) The applicant shall provide a copy of the license to the licensing authority of the city or county in which the applicant resides (Penal Code § 26220).

(d) Any application for renewal or reissuance of such a license may be granted only upon concurrence of the original issuing authority and the licensing authority of the city or county in which the applicant resides (Penal Code § 26220).

218.6 ISSUED FIREARMS PERMITS

In the event a license to carry a firearm is issued by the Sheriff, the following shall apply:

(a) The license will not be valid outside the state of California.

(b) The license will be subject to any and all reasonable restrictions or conditions the Sheriff has deemed warranted, including restrictions as to the time, place, manner and circumstances under which the person may carry the firearm.

1. All such restrictions or conditions shall be conspicuously noted on any license issued (Penal Code § 26200).
2. The licensee will be required to sign a Restrictions and Conditions Agreement. Any violation of any of the restrictions and conditions may result in the immediate revocation of the license.

(c) The license shall be laminated, bearing a photograph of the licensee with the expiration date, type of firearm, restrictions and other pertinent information clearly visible.
1. Each license shall be numbered and clearly identify the licensee.
2. All licenses shall be subjected to inspection by the Sheriff or any law enforcement officer.

(d) The license will be valid for a period not to exceed two years from the date of issuance (Penal Code § 26220).
1. A license issued to a state or federal magistrate, commissioner or judge will be valid for a period not to exceed three years.
2. A license issued to any reserve peace officer as defined in Penal Code § 830.6(a) or (b), or a custodial officer employed by the Sheriff as provided in Penal Code § 831.5 will be valid for a period not to exceed four years, except that such license shall be invalid upon the individual's conclusion of service as a reserve officer.

(e) If the licensee's place of residence was the basis for issuance of a license and the licensee moves out of the county of issuance, the license shall expire 90 days after the licensee has moved (Penal Code § 26210).

(f) The licensee shall notify this department in writing within 10 days of any change of place of residency.

218.6.1 LICENSE RESTRICTIONS

(a) The Sheriff may place special restrictions limiting time, place, manner and circumstances under which any license shall be valid. In general, these restrictions will prohibit the licensee from:
1. Consuming any alcoholic beverage while armed.
2. Falsely representing him/herself as a peace officer.
3. Unjustified or unreasonable displaying of a firearm.
4. Committing any crime.
5. Being under the influence of any medication or drug while armed.
6. Interfering with any law enforcement officer's duties.
7. Refusing to display his/her license or firearm for inspection upon demand of any peace officer.
8. Loading the permitted firearm with illegal ammunition.

(b) The Sheriff reserves the right to inspect any license or licensed firearm at any time.

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(c) The alteration of any previously approved firearm including, but not limited to adjusting the trigger pull, adding laser sights or modifications shall void any license and serve as grounds for revocation.

218.6.2 AMENDMENTS TO LICENSES

Any licensee may apply to amend a license at any time during the period of validity by completing and submitting a written Application for License Amendment along with the current processing fee to the Department in order to (Penal Code § 26215):

(a) Add or delete authority to carry a firearm listed on the license.
(b) Change restrictions or conditions previously placed on the license.
(c) Change the address or other personal information of the licensee (Penal Code § 26210).

In the event that any amendment to a valid license is approved by the Sheriff, a new license will be issued reflecting the amendment. An amendment to any license will not serve to extend the original expiration date and an application for an amendment will not constitute an application for renewal of the license.

218.6.3 REVOCATION OF LICENSES

Any license issued pursuant to this policy may be immediately revoked by the Sheriff for any of the following reasons:

(a) The licensee has violated any of the restrictions or conditions placed upon the license.
(b) The licensee becomes psychologically unsuitable to carry a firearm.
(c) The licensee is determined to be within a prohibited class described in Penal Code § 29800, Penal Code § 29900, Welfare and Institutions Code § 8100, Welfare and Institutions Code § 8103 or any state or federal law.
(d) The licensee engages in any conduct which involves a lack of good moral character or that might otherwise remove the good cause for the original issuance of the license.
(e) If the license is one to carry loaded and exposed, the license shall be revoked immediately upon a change of the licensee's place of residence to another county (Penal Code § 26210).

The issuance of a license by the Sheriff shall not entitle the holder to either a property or liberty interest as the issuance, amendment or revocation of such license remains exclusively within the discretion of the Sheriff as set forth herein.

If any license is revoked, the Department will immediately notify the licensee in writing and the California DOJ (Penal Code § 26225).

218.6.4 LICENSE RENEWAL

No later than 90 days prior to the expiration of any valid license to carry a firearm, the licensee may apply to the Sheriff for a renewal by:

(a) Verifying all information submitted in the original application under penalty of perjury.

(b) Completing a department-approved training course pursuant to Penal Code § 26165. The applicant shall not be required to pay for a training course prior to the determination of good cause (Penal Code § 26165).

(c) Submitting any firearm to be considered for a license renewal to the Rangemaster for a full safety inspection. The Sheriff reserves the right to deny a license for any firearm that has been altered from the manufacturer's specifications or that is unsafe (Penal Code § 31910).

(d) Paying a non-refundable renewal application fee.

Once the Sheriff or authorized designee has verified the successful completion of the renewal process, the renewal of the license to carry a firearm will either be granted or denied. Prior issuance of a license shall not entitle any licensee to any property or liberty right to renewal.

Whether an application for renewal is approved or denied, the applicant shall be notified in writing within 90 days of the renewal application or within 30 days after receipt of the applicant's criminal background check from the California DOJ, whichever is later (Penal Code § 26205).

218.7 DEPARTMENT REPORTING AND RECORDS
Pursuant to Penal Code § 26225, the Sheriff shall maintain a record of the following and immediately provide copies of each to the California DOJ:

(a) The denial of a license

(b) The denial of an amendment to a license

(c) The issuance of a license

(d) The amendment of a license

(e) The revocation of a license

The Sheriff shall annually submit to the State Attorney General the total number of licenses to carry firearms issued to reserve peace officers and judges.

218.8 CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS
The home address and telephone numbers of any peace officer, magistrate, commissioner or judge contained in an application or license shall not be considered public record (Government Code § 6254(u)(2)).

Any information in an application or license which tends to indicate when or where the applicant is vulnerable to attack or that concerns the applicant's medical or psychological history or that of his/her family shall not be considered public record (Government Code § 6254(u)(1)).

Retired Deputy CCW Endorsements

220.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The purpose of this policy is to outline the process and conditions associated with the issuance, revocation, and denial of a concealed weapons (CCW) endorsement for retired deputies of this department.

220.2 QUALIFIED RETIREES
Any full-time sworn deputy of this department who was authorized to, and did, carry a concealed firearm during the course and scope of his/her employment shall be issued an identification card with a CCW Approved endorsement upon honorable retirement (Penal Code § 25455).

(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) No CCW Approved endorsement shall be issued to any deputy retiring because of a psychological disability (Penal Code 26305).

220.3 MAINTAINING A CCW ENDORSEMENT
In order to maintain a CCW Approved endorsement on an identification card, the retired deputy shall (Penal Code § 26305):

(a) Qualify annually with the authorized firearm at a course approved by this department at the retired deputy's expense.

(c) Remain subject to all department rules and policies as well as all federal, state and local laws.

(c) Only be authorized to carry a concealed firearm inspected and approved by the Department.

220.4 CARRYING FIREARMS OUT OF STATE
Subject to 18 USC § 926C and Policy Manual § 312.8, qualified retired deputies of this department may be authorized to carry a concealed weapon in other states.

220.5 IDENTIFICATION CARD FORMAT
The identification card issued to any qualified and honorably retired deputy shall be two inches by three inches and minimally contain the following (Penal Code § 25460):

(a) Photograph of the retiree.

(b) Retiree's name and date of birth.

(c) Date of retirement.

(d) Name and address of this department.

(e) A stamped endorsement CCW Approved along with the date by which the endorsement must be renewed (not more than one year). In the case in which a CCW endorsement has been denied or revoked, the identification card shall be stamped No CCW Privilege .

(f) If applicable, a notation that "This person is in compliance with 18 USC § 926C (d)(1)."

220.6 DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF STATE CCW ENDORSEMENT

The CCW endorsement under Penal Code § 12027 for any deputy retired from this department may be denied or permanently revoked only upon a showing of good cause. Any denial or revocation under this section shall also be considered disqualification under 18 U.S.C. § 926C (d). The CCW endorsement may be immediately and temporarily revoked by the Shift Sergeant when the conduct of a retired peace officer compromises public safety. Good cause, if challenged, shall be determined in the following manner:

(a) In the event that a CCW endorsement is initially denied, the retired deputy shall have 15 days from the date of denial to request a formal hearing. The failure to submit a timely written request for a hearing shall be deemed a waiver of such right. The hearing, absent written agreement between the parties, shall be held no later than 120 days after the request is received.

(b) Prior to revocation of any CCW endorsement, the Department shall provide the affectedretireewithwrittennoticeofahearingbyeitherpersonalserviceorfirstclass mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested to the retiree's last known address (Penal Code § 12027.1(b)(2)).

1. The retiree shall have 15 days from the date of service to file a written request for a hearing.
2. The hearing, absent written agreement between the parties, shall be held no later than 120 days after the request is received (Penal Code § 12027.1).
3. The failure to submit a timely written request for a hearing shall be deemed a waiver of such right.

(c) The hearing for the denial or revocation of any CCW endorsement shall be conducted before a hearing board composed of three members, one selected by the Sheriff, one selected by the retiree or his/her employee organization and one selected jointly (Penal Code § 12027.1(d)).

1. The decision of such hearing board shall be binding on the Department and the retiree.
2. Any retiree who waives the right to a hearing or whose CCW endorsement has been revoked at a hearing shall immediately surrender his/her identification card. The Department will then reissue a new identification card which shall be stamped "No CCW Privilege".

220.6.1 SHIFT SERGEANT RESPONSIBILITY

Employees who have reason to suspect a retiree's conduct has compromised public safety should notify the Shift Sergeant as soon as practical. The Shift Sergeant should take the following steps in these instances:

(a) Take appropriate steps to promptly look into the matter.

(b) If warranted, contact the retiree in person and advise him/her in writing of the following:

1. The retiree's CCW endorsement is immediately and temporarily revoked.
2. The retiree will have 15 days to request a hearing to determine whether the temporary revocation should become permanent.

3. The retiree will forfeit his/ her right to a hearing and the CCW endorsement will be permanently revoked if the retiree fails to respond to the notice of hearing within the 15-day period.

(c) A current copy of Penal Code §§ 26305, 26312 and 26315 should be attached to the written notice.

(d) In the event that personal contact with the retiree cannot be reasonably achieved in a timely manner, the Shift Sergeant should attempt to make the above notice of temporary suspension through another peace officer. For example, if a retiree was arrested or detained by a distant agency, the Shift Sergeant may request that a peace officer of that agency act as the Department's agent to deliver the written notification.

(e) Notification of the temporary suspension should also be promptly mailed to the retiree via first class mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested (Penal Code § 26312).

(f) The Shift Sergeant should document in a memo the investigation, the actions taken, and, if applicable, any notification made to the retiree. The memo should be forwarded to the Sheriff.

Chapter 3 -General Operations

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.

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.

300.2.2 CAROTID RESTRAINT PROCEDURE
- **Policy:**
  - When dealing with hostile suspects, employees are expected, whenever it is possible and appropriate, to use an escalating scale of options, and will not employ a more forceful measure than necessary. On this scale of escalating force, the carotid restraint should be considered the last resort in weaponless defense and will be used only when other means of weaponless defense have failed.

- **Purpose:**
  - To provide officers of the department with procedure, consistent with existing law, related to the use of the carotid restraint.

- **Procedure:**

  - The carotid restraint is a physical restraint technique and when used properly, will render a person unconscious. Because it renders the suspect unconscious, it should be used only as the last resort in hand techniques.

    - **Directives**

      (a) The carotid restraint will only be applied in a manner consistent with the Plumas County Sheriff's Department training. Arm bar choke restraints and trachea choke (ie, "chicken" choke holds are prohibited).

      (b) The carotid restraint is a control hold. When used, it may be held only up to the point where the Officer is able to control the person. Rendering a person unconscious shall not be the single criterion for release of the hold.

      (c) Officers who use the carotid restraint shall use caution, keeping in mind the following four danger areas.

      1. **Frontal Pressure:** The throat is comprised of several small bones and cartilage groups. This makes the throat extremely susceptible to injury from inward pressure. Damage to these bones and cartilage can cause swelling and/or bleeding, which could lead to death by asphyxiation. Direct frontal pressure shall be avoided at all costs.
      2. **Time Constraint:** Proper application of the carotid restraint restricts the flow of blood to the brain by approximately 85% Prolonged restriction (3-4minutes) will cause permanent brain damage to the suspect, including the possibility of paralysis or death.
      3. **Vagus Nerve:** The vagus nerve, which acts as a "governor" for the heart, runs parallel to the carotid artery in the carotid sinus. Application of the carotid restraint can over stimulate the vagus nerve causing coronary failure. If the carotid restraint is used, the officer shall restrain the suspect as soon as possible and should not apply the carotid restraint more than once, within a 24-hour period of time, unless exigent, life-threatening circumstances arise (ie suspect gains consciousness and becomes increasingly violent prior to gaining full control of the suspect).
      4. **Age of suspect:** As a general application, persons under the age of 14 years may have an underdeveloped nervous system. Persons over the age of 60 years run a higher risk of heart or artery damage. Generally, a carotid restraint should not be applied to persons who are very young or very old.

      (d) If a carotid restraint is used to control a suspect he or she shall be immediately handcuffed and checked for vital signs. If there is any indication of injury to the suspect, he or she shall be transported immediately to an emergency medical facility.

(e) Any person rendered unconscious by the application of a carotid restraint shall be examined by a physician and medically cleared prior to incarceration.

1. The person will be kept under constant observation for a period of two (2) hours from the time of unconsciousness.
2. A note shall be placed on the booking slip regarding the time of unconsciousness and the time the observation can end.

(f) Every employee who uses the carotid restraint to subdue a person, shall include the circumstances and the details in his written report and route a copy to the weaponless defense instructor.

(g) Only employees who have successfully completed the Department's weaponless defense class may use the carotid restraint.

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.

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

Any peace officer may use reasonable force to effect an arrest, to prevent escape or to overcome resistance. A peace officer who makes or attempts to make an arrest need not retreat or desist from his/her efforts by reason of resistance or threatened resistance on the part of the person being arrested, nor shall a deputy be deemed the aggressor or lose his/her right to self-defense by the use of reasonable force to effect the arrest, prevent escape or to overcome resistance (Penal Code § 835).

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.

(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.

(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

(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.

300.4 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.

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

300.7 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY

When applicable, the investigative process by a supervisor related to the use of force will comply with the applicable provisions of the California Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act (Cal. Govt. Code §§ 3300-3313). 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, 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 SHIFT SERGEANT RESPONSIBILITY
The Shift Sergeant 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.

Use of Force Review Boards

302.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy establishes a process for the Plumas 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.

302.2 POLICY
The Plumas 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.

302.3 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.

302.4 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 dispatching of injured animals..

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

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

302.4.1 COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD
The Administration Assistant Sheriff should select five Use of Force Review Board members from the following, as appropriate:

- Representatives of each division
- Commanding officer in the involved member's chain of command
- Administrative Sergeant
- 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.

302.4.2 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.

Absent an express waiver from the employee, no more than two members of the board may ask questions of the involved employee (Government Code § 3303). Other members may provide questions to these members.

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.

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 Undersheriff 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.

Handcuffing and Restraints

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

306.2 POLICY
The Plumas 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.

306.3 USE OF RESTRAINTS
Only members who have successfully completed Plumas 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.

306.3.1 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.

306.3.2 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.

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.

306.3.3 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.

306.3.4 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.

306.4 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 Correctional facility.

306.5 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.

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.

306.6 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.

306.7 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 (ie: Ripp Restraint or similar) 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).

306.7.1 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.

(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).

306.8 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 on the CAD system notes section.

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.

Control Devices and Techniques

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

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

308.3 ISSUANCE AND CARRYING 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 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.

308.4 RESPONSIBILITIES

308.4.1 SHIFT SERGEANT RESPONSIBILITIES
The Shift Sergeant may authorize the use of a control device by selected personnel or members of specialized units who have successfully completed the required training.

308.4.2 RANGEMASTER RESPONSIBILITIES
The Rangemaster 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 Rangemaster or the designated instructor for a particular control device. The inspection shall be documented.

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

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

308.5 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. Plain clothes 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.

308.5.1 MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED USING KINETIC ENERGY PROJECTILES

Prior to booking or release, medical assistance shall be obtained for any person(s) who has sustained visible injury, expressed a complaint of pain, or who has been rendered unconscious. If any such individual refuses medical attention, such a refusal shall be fully documented in related reports and, whenever practical, should be witnessed by another officer and/or medical personnel. If an audio recording is made of the contact or an interview with the individual, any refusal should be included if possible.

In cases of traumatic injury i.e. exigent circumstances, on-scene officer(s) shall request medical personnel respond to the scene. In all other cases the arresting officer shall transport the subject to the nearest hospital as soon as practical for medical clearance.

308.6 TEAR GAS GUIDELINES

Tear gas may be used for crowd control, crowd dispersal or against barricaded suspects based on the circumstances. Only the Shift Sergeant, Incident Commander or Crisis Response Unit (SWAT) 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.

308.7 OLEORESIN CAPSICUM (OC) GUIDELINES

308.7.1 OC SPRAY

Uniformed personnel carrying OC spray shall carry the device in its holster on the equipment belt. 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.

308.7.2 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 deploying a pepper projectile system should 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.

The use of a pepper projectile system is subject to the following requirements:

(a) 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 deployments where the suspect has been hit. The supervisor shall ensure that all notifications and reports are completed as required by the Use of Force Policy.

(b) 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. Accidental discharges shall be promptly reported to a supervisor and documented on the appropriate report form. Only non-incident deployments, such as training and product demonstrations, are exempt from the reporting requirement.

308.7.3 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.

308.8 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.

308.8.1 DEPLOYMENT
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:

(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.

308.8.2 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 deployment 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.

308.8.3 SAFETY PROCEDURES
Shotguns designated for the use of kinetic energy projectiles will be specially marked as such.
Deputies carrying these shotguns will inspect the shotgun at the beginning of each shift to ensure that it is in proper working order and loaded only with approved projectiles.

308.9 TRAINING FOR CONTROL DEVICES
The Administrative Sergeant 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.

308.10 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.

Conducted Energy Device

309.1 POLICY
The Electronic Control Device (ECD) is intended to control a violent or potentially violent individual while minimizing the risk of serious injury. It is anticipated that the appropriate use of such a device will result in fewer serious injuries to officers and suspects.

309.2 ISSUANCE AND CARRYING TASER DEVICES
Personnel who have completed department-approved training may be issued the ECD device for use during their current assignment. Personnel leaving a particular assignment may be expected to return it to the department's inventory.

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

When the ECD is carried as part of a uniformed deputy's equipment, the ECD device shall be carried on the "weakhand" (non-dominant) side opposite the firearm side.

(a) All ECDs shall be clearly and distinctly marked to differentiate them from the duty weapon and any other device.
(b) Cross- draw (X-Draw) holstering of the ECD is prohibited. "Cross-draw" means that the weapon is worn on the non-dominant side and the deputy reaches across his or her body and draws with the dominant hand.
(c) Whenever practicable, deputies should carry a total of two or more ECD cartridges on their person when carrying the ECD.
(d) Deputies shall be responsible for ensuring that their issued ECD device is properly maintained and in good working order at all times.
(e) Deputies should never hold both a firearm and the ECD device at the same time.
(f) The ECD is to be discharged by the non-dominant hand, unless circumstances make it impractical to do so.

309.3 VERBAL AND VISUAL WARNINGS
Unless it would otherwise endanger officer safety or is impractical due to circumstances, a verbal announcement of the intended use of the ECD should precede the application of an ECD in order to provide other deputies and the subject(s) with warning that an ECD may be deployed. When practical, the subject of the warning should be given a reasonable opportunity to comply with the deputy's orders. If, after a verbal warning, a subject continues to refuse to comply with a deputy's lawful orders and it appears both reasonable and practical under the circumstances, the deputy may, but is not required to display the electrical arc (provided there is not a cartridge loaded into the ECD) or laser in a further attempt to gain compliance prior to the application of the ECD. The aiming laser should never be intentionally directed into the eyes of another as it may permanently impair their vision. The fact that a verbal and/or other warning was given or reasons it was not given shall be documented in any related reports.

309.4 USE OF THE ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE ("TASER")
As with any use of force or law enforcement equipment, the ECD has limitations and restrictions requiring consideration before its use. The ECD should only be used when its operator can safely approach the subject within the operational range of the ECD. Although the ECD rarely fails and is generally effective in controlling most individuals, deputies should be aware of this potential and be prepared with other options in the unlikely event of such a failure. The ECD is a force option capable of being deployed in a manner which can cause significant injuries. Therefore, the most important factor for a deputy to consider when employing the ECD is whether the subject poses an immediate threat to the safety of the deputies or others. The immediacy of the threat will be determined by the totality of circumstances known to the individual deputy at the time which indicates that the application of the ECD is appropriate.

FACTORS TO DETERMINE REASONABLENESS OF FORCE

Factors for consideration in determining the immediacy of the threat justifying deployment of the ECD include, but are not limited to, the following:

(A) The level of violence or physical resistance by the subject as demonstrated by the subject's conduct and physical capabilities.

(B) The potential level of violence or physical resistance of the subject if:

1. The subject has verbally or physically demonstrated an intention to resist and
2. The deputy has given the subject a verbal warning of the intended use of the ECD followed by a reasonable opportunity to voluntarily comply and
3. Other available options reasonably appear ineffective or would present a greater danger to the deputy(s), subject, or others.

(C) Other factors include, but are not limited to the following:

1. The nature of the offense(s)
2. The distance between the deputy(s) and the subject
3. The availability and proximity of back-up units
4. Influence of drugs and/or alcohol
5. Proximity of weapons
6. Risk of escape
7. Subject/Deputy factors (i.e., age, size, relative strength, skill levels, injury/ exhaustion, etc.)

(D) The ECD generally should not be used against any of the following subjects unless they pose an immediate threat to the safety of the deputy, others, or themselves:

1. Pregnant females.
2. Elderly individuals or obvious juveniles.

3. Individuals who are handcuffed or otherwise restrained.
4. Individuals who have been recently sprayed with alcohol based Pepper Spray or who are otherwise in close proximity to any combustible material.
5. Passively resisting subjects. A non-cooperating subject does not necessarily constitute an immediate threat to anyone's safety.
6. Individuals whose position or activity may result in collateral injury (e.g. falls from height, dangerous surfaces, operating vehicles, including human-powered vehicles such as bicycles, skateboards, etc.).
7. Mentally ill or emotionally disturbed individuals or individuals displaying bizarre behavior.
8. Physically handicapped individuals such as those in wheelchairs or who rely on mobility aids.
9. Individuals who have been recently covered with flammable chemical agents or otherwise in close proximity to flammable material.
10. Individuals who may be more susceptible to serious injuries as a result of an ECD application if the deputy is aware of such knowledge (e.g., history of heart problems, recent surgery, etc.)

Because the application of the ECD in the Drive Stun mode (i.e. direct contact without darts) relies primarily on pain compliance and requires close proximity to the subject, additional caution should be exercised and the controlling effects may be limited.

The ECD shall not be used to torture, psychologically torment, elicit statements or inflict undue pain on any individual.

309.4.1 MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS OF THE ECD DEVICE
If the first application of the ECD device appears to be ineffective in gaining control of an individual and if circumstances allow, the deputy should consider the following:

(a) Whether the probes or darts are making proper contact.
(b) Whether the application of the ECD device is interfering with the ability of the individual to comply.
(c) Whether verbal commands, other options or tactics may be more effective.

These factors, however, do not preclude any deputy from deploying multiple, reasonable applications of the ECD device on an individual.

309.5 MEDICAL TREATMENT
Consistent with local medical personnel protocols and absent extenuating circumstances, only appropriate medical personnel or properly trained departmental personnel should remove TASER device probes from a person's body. Used TASER device 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 TASER device probes or who have been subjected to the electric discharge of the device shall be medically assessed prior to booking. Additionally, any such individual who falls under any of the following 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 TASER device 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 TASER device.

309.6 ACTIONS FOLLOWING DEPLOYMENTS
Deputies shall notify a supervisor of all TASER device 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 the evidence paperwork. The evidence packaging should be marked "Biohazard" if the probes penetrated the subject's skin.

309.7 REPORT OF USE & EVIDENCE
All ECD discharges shall be documented in the related arrest/crime report and in the Department's "Deployment and Use of Taser" report form. Accidental discharges of the ECD will require the documentation of discharges in the "Deployment and Use of Taser" report form. The deputy must be able to articulate a reasonable belief that other available options appeared ineffective, impractical, or would have presented a greater danger to the deputy or others.

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

Notification shall also be made to a supervisor in compliance with the Use of Force Policy.
Unintentional or accidental discharges, pointing the device at a person, laser activation and arcing the device will also be documented on the report form.
The deputy should include the following in the arrest/crime report:

(a) Identification of all personnel firing TASER devices
(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

Accidental discharges of an ECD cartridge will also be documented on a departmental information report form. Any report documenting the discharge of an ECD cartridge will include the cartridge's serial number and an explanation of the circumstances surrounding the discharge. A supervisor shall review the report and consult, as needed, the department's Administrative Sergeant for any issues regarding the discharge of an ECD. The responsible deputy shall include the serial number of the deployed ECD in the applicable report. The onboard ECD memory will be downloaded through the dataport, and saved with the related arrest/crime report.

309.8 TASER® CAM™
For those Taser devices equipped with the TASER CAM (video recording capability), the recorder is activated any time the safety is in the off position. The safety should be in the safe position unless the deputy intends to use the device. Because the TASER CAM memory is limited, the video and audio data should be downloaded frequently and retained as required by the department records retention schedule.

309.9 OFF-DUTY CONSIDERATIONS
Deputies are authorized to carry department TASER devices while off-duty subject to the authorization of the Sheriff or Assistant Sheriff. Authorized deputies shall ensure that TASER devices are secured while in their homes, vehicles or any other area under their control, in a manner that will keep the device inaccessible and unobservable to others.

309.10 DANGEROUS ANIMALS
The TASER device 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.

309.11 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES
When practical, supervisors should respond to calls when they reasonably believe there is a likelihood the TASER device may be used. A supervisor should respond to all incidents where the TASER device was activated. A supervisor should review each incident where a person has been exposed to an activation of the TASER device. The device's onboard memory will be downloaded through the data port by the Administrative Sergeant and saved with the related arrest/crime report.

309.12 TRAINING
In addition to the initial department-approved training required to carry and use an ECD, any personnel who have not carried an ECD as a part of their assignment for a period of six months or more shall be recertified by a department approved ECD instructor prior to again carrying or using the device. A reassessment of a deputy's knowledge and/or practical skill may be required at any time if deemed appropriate by the Training Manager. The Training Manager should ensure that all training includes the following:

Conducted Energy Device

a) A review of this policy.
b) A review of the Use of Force Policy § 300.
c) Target area considerations, to include techniques or options to reduce the intentional application of probes near the head, neck, chest and groin.
d) De-escalation techniques. e) Updated ECD training is required of all personnel authorized to carry the ECD every two (2) years.

Officer-Involved Shooting and Critical Force Incidents

310.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The intent of this policy is to establish policy and procedures for the investigation of an incident in which a person is injured as the result of a deputy involved shooting or other force and to ensure that such incidents be investigated in a fair and impartial manner.

310.2 INVESTIGATION RESPONSIBILITY
This department conforms to the Officer Involved Shooting Protocol for investigating officer-involved shootings.

310.3 TYPES OF INVESTIGATIONS
Officer-involved shootings involve several separate investigations. The investigations may include:

(a) A criminal investigation of the incident by the agency having jurisdiction where the incident occurred. This department may relinquish its criminal investigation to an outside agency with the approval of the Sheriff or an Assistant Sheriff

(b) A criminal investigation of the involved officer(s) conducted by an outside agency

(c) A civil investigation to determine potential liability conducted by the involved officer's agency

(d) An administrative investigation conducted by the involved officer's agency, to determine if there were any violations of department policy

310.4 JURISDICTION
Jurisdiction is determined by the location of the shooting and the agency employing the involved officer(s). The following scenarios outline the jurisdictional responsibilities for investigating officer-involved shootings:

310.4.1 PLUMAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEPUTY WITHIN THIS JURISDICTION
The Plumas 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 officer-involved shooting will be conducted by the District Attorney's Office.

310.4.2 ALLIED AGENCY'S OFFICER WITHIN THIS JURISDICTION
The Plumas County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the criminal investigation of the suspect's actions. The criminal investigation of the officer-involved shooting will be conducted by the District Attorney's Office. The officer's employing agency will be responsible for any civil and/or administrative investigation(s).

310.4.3 PLUMAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEPUTY IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION
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 Plumas County Sheriff's Office will conduct timely civil and/or administrative investigations.

310.4.4 INVESTIGATION RESPONSIBILITY MATRIX

The following table identifies the possible scenarios and responsibilities for the investigation of officer-involved shootings:

	Criminal Investigation of Suspect(s)	**Criminal Investigation of Officer(s)**	**Civil Investigation**	**Administrative Investigation**
Plumas County Sheriff's Office Deputy in This Jurisdiction	Plumas County Sheriff's Office Investigators or assigned personnel	District Attorney's Office	Plumas County Sheriff's Office assigned personnel	Plumas County Sheriff's Office Assistant Sheriff
Allied Agency's Officer in This Jurisdiction	Plumas County Sheriff's Office Investigators or assigned personnel	District Attorney's Office	Involved Officer's Department	Involved Officer's Department
Plumas County Sheriff's Office Deputy in Another Jurisdiction	Agency where incident occurred	Decision made by agency where incident occurred	Plumas County Sheriff's Office assigned personnel	Plumas County Sheriff's Office Assistant Sheriff

310.5 THE INVESTIGATION PROCESS

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

310.5.1 DUTIES OF INITIAL ON SCENE SUPERVISOR

Upon arrival at the scene of an officer-involved shooting, the first uninvolved supervisor should:

(a) Take all reasonable steps to obtain emergency medical attention for all apparently injured individuals.

(b) Attempt to obtain a brief overview of the situation from any non-shooter deputy(s).

   1. In the event that there are no non-shooter deputies, the supervisor should attempt to obtain a brief voluntary overview from one shooter deputy.

(c) If necessary, the supervisor may administratively order any deputy from this department to immediately provide public safety information necessary to secure the scene and pursue suspects.

   1. Public safety information shall be limited to such things as outstanding suspect information, number and direction of shots fired, parameters of the incident scene, identity of known witnesses and similar information.

(d) Absent a voluntary statement from any deputy(s), the initial on scene supervisor should not attempt to order any deputy to provide other than public safety information.

(e) Provide all available information to the Shift Sergeant and the Communications Center. If feasible, sensitive information should be communicated over secure networks.
(f) Take command of and secure the incident scene with additional personnel until relieved by a detective supervisor or other assigned personnel.
(g) As soon as practical, shooter deputies should respond or be transported (separately, if feasible) to the station for further direction.
    1. Each involved deputy should be given an administrative order not to discuss the incident with other involved deputies pending further direction from a supervisor.
    2. When a deputy's weapon is taken or left at the scene (e.g., evidence), the deputy will be provided with a comparable replacement weapon or transported to the station by other deputies.

310.5.2 SHIFT SERGEANT DUTIES
Upon learning of an officer-involved shooting, the Shift Sergeant shall be responsible for coordinating all aspects of the incident until relieved by the Sheriff or a Assistant Sheriff.

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

- Sheriff
- Assistant Sheriff(s)
- Investigations Sergeant
- Administrative Sergeant
- District Attorney
- Chaplin
- Coroner (if necessary)
- Deputy representative (if requested)

All outside inquiries about the incident shall be directed to the Shift Sergeant.

310.5.4 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 Shift Sergeant and Assistant Sheriff(s) 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 (Government Code § 3303(e)) and no involved deputy shall make any comments to the press unless authorized by the Sheriff or Assistant Sheriff.

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.

310.5.5 INVOLVED OFFICERS
Once the involved deputy(s) have arrived at the station, the Shift Sergeant should admonish each deputy that the incident shall not be discussed except with authorized personnel or representatives. The following shall be considered for the involved deputy:

(a) Any request for department or legal representation will be accommodated, however, no involved deputy shall be permitted to meet collectively or in a group with an attorney or any representative prior to providing a formal interview or report (Government Code § 3303(i)).
(b) Discussions with licensed attorneys will be considered privileged as attorney-client communications.
(c) Discussions with department representatives (e.g., employee association) will be privileged only as to the discussion of non-criminal information however.
(d) A psychotherapist shall be provided by the Department to each involved deputy, or any other deputy, upon request.
    1. Interviews with a licensed psychotherapist will be considered privileged and will not be disclosed except to the extent that the deputy is or is not fit for return to duty.
    2. An interview or session with a licensed psychotherapist may take place prior to the involved deputy providing a formal interview or report, but the involved deputies shall not be permitted to consult or meet collectively or in a group with a licensed psychotherapist prior to providing a formal interview or report.
    (e) Although the Department will honor the sensitivity of communications with peer counselors, there is no legal privilege to such. Peer counselors are cautioned against discussing the facts of any incident with an involved or witness deputy.

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

Detectives shall make reasonable accommodations to the deputy's physical and emotional needs (Government Code § 3303(d)).

Each involved deputy shall be given reasonable paid administrative leave following an officer-involved shooting. It shall be the responsibility of the Shift Sergeant to make schedule adjustments to accommodate such leave.

Each involved deputy shall be cleared by a Department approved Psychologist, prior to returning to work.

310.6 THE SHOOTING INCIDENT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

310.6.1 DETECTIVE PERSONNEL
Once notified of an officer-involved shooting, it shall be the responsibility of the Patrol/Investigation supervisor to assign appropriate detective personnel to handle the investigation of related crimes. Detectives will be assigned to work with investigators from the District Attorney's Office and may be assigned to separately handle the investigation of any related crimes not being investigated by 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 appropriate Assistant Sheriff.

310.6.2 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
It shall be the policy of this department to utilize the District Attorney's Office to conduct an independent 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 District Attorney's Office 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 Assistant Sheriff 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(s) 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 statement(s) will be provided to any criminal investigators.

310.6.3 REPORTS BY INVOLVED OFFICERS
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 (Government Code § 3304(a)).

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.

310.6.4 WITNESS IDENTIFICATION AND INTERVIEWS
Because potential witnesses to an officer-involved shooting or other major incident may become unavailable or the integrity of their statements compromised with the passage

of time, a supervisor should take reasonable steps to promptly coordinate with 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.

(c) Assign available personnel to promptly contact the suspect's known family and associates to obtain any available and untainted background information about the suspect's activities and state of mind prior to contact with deputies.

310.7 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 assigned Assistant Sheriff 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 interview(s) (Government Code § 3303(g))

(c) In the event that an involved deputy has elected to not provide criminal investigators with a voluntary statement, the assigned administrative investigator shall conduct an administrative interview to determine all relevant information.

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 (Government Code §3303(i)). 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 interview(s) should be recorded by the investigator (the deputy may also record the interview) (Government Code § 3303(g)).
4. The deputy shall be informed of all constitutional Miranda rights (Government Code § 3303(h)) and, assuming no voluntary waiver, will then be given an administrative order to provide full and truthful answers to all questions (Government Code § 3303(e)). The deputy shall be informed, however, that the interview will be for administrative purposes only and that the statement cannot be used criminally (The Lybarger or Garrity admonishment).
5. The administrative interview shall be considered part of the deputy's confidential personnel file.
6. The assigned Assistant Sheriff 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.

310.8 AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDINGS

Any deputy involved in an incident may be permitted to review available Mobile Audio Video (MAV) or other video or audio recordings prior to providing a recorded statement or completing reports.

Upon request, non-law enforcement witnesses who are able to verify their presence and their ability to contemporaneously perceive events at the scene of an incident may also be permitted to review available MAV or other video or audio recordings with approval of assigned investigators or a supervisor.

Any MAV and other known video or audio recordings of an incident should not be publicly released during an ongoing investigation without consulting the District Attorney or County Counsel's Office as appropriate.

Firearms and Qualification

312.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy establishes procedures for the acquisition, use, and documentation of training in the use of firearms. The Sheriff or his or her designee shall approve all Department firearms before they are acquired and utilized by any member of this department.

312.2 AUTHORIZED WEAPONS
No firearms will be carried that have not been thoroughly inspected by the Rangemaster during a regularly scheduled range date. Except in an emergency or as directed by a supervisor, no firearm shall be carried by a member who has not qualified with that weapon at an authorized department range.

All other weapons, 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 personnel in the performance of their official duty without the express written authorization of the employee's Undersheriff. This exclusion does not apply to the carrying of a single folding pocketknife that is not otherwise prohibited by law.

312.2.1 DUTY WEAPONS
The authorized department issued handgun is the Glock Model 21SF.

The following additional handguns are approved for on-duty use:

MAKE	MODEL	CALIBER
Glock	21	.45

Deputies desiring to carry a secondary firearm are subject to the following restrictions:

(a) The firearm shall be in good working order and on the department's list of approved firearms.

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

(c) The purchase of the firearm and ammunition shall be the responsibility of the deputy.

(d) The firearm shall be carried out of sight at all times and in such a manner as to prevent accidental cocking, discharge or loss of physical control.

(e) The firearm shall be inspected by the Rangemaster prior to being carried and thereafter shall be subject to inspection whenever deemed necessary.

(f) Ammunition shall be the same as department issue. If the caliber of the firearm is other than department issue, the Sheriff or Range Instructor shall approve the ammunition. Ammunition shall be factory loaded and not reloaded ammunition.

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

(h) Personnel shall provide written notice of the make, model, color, serial number, and caliber of a second firearm to the Rangemaster.

312.2.3 AUTHORIZED OFF-DUTY FIREARM

The carrying of firearms by sworn deputies while off-duty is permitted by the Sheriff but may be rescinded should circumstances dictate (e.g., administrative leave). Sworn deputies who choose to carry a firearm while off-duty, based on their authority as a peace officer, will be required to meet the following guidelines:

(a) The firearm shall be of good quality and workmanship and approved by the Department.

(b) The purchase of the firearm and ammunition shall be the responsibility of the deputy.

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

(d) It will be the responsibility of the deputy to submit the firearm to the Rangemaster for inspection prior to being carried. Thereafter the firearm shall be subject to periodic inspection by the Rangemaster.

(e) Prior to carrying any off-duty firearm, the deputy shall demonstrate to the Rangemaster that he/she is proficient in handling and firing the firearm and that it will be carried in a safe manner.

(f) The deputy will successfully qualify with the firearm prior to it being carried and thereafter once every twelve months. The range qualification dates will be specified by the Rangemaster.

(g) A complete description of the firearm shall be contained on the qualification record approved by the Rangemaster.

(h) If any member desires to use more than one firearm while off-duty, he/she may do so, as long as the deputy meets all the requirements set forth in this policy for each firearm used.

(i) Deputies shall only carry department-authorized ammunition.

(j) When armed, whether on- or off-duty, deputies shall carry their badge and department identification.

312.2.4 AMMUNITION

Deputies shall carry only department-authorized ammunition. Deputies shall be issued fresh duty ammunition in the specified quantity for all department issued firearms during the deputy's first scheduled qualification each year. Deputies carrying personally owned authorized firearms of a caliber differing from department issued firearms shall be responsible for obtaining fresh duty ammunition in accordance with the above at their own expense. Replacements for unserviceable or depleted ammunition issued by the Department shall be dispensed by the Rangemaster when needed in accordance with established policy.

312.2.5 ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Weapons shall not be carried by any deputy who has consumed an amount of an alcoholic beverage or taken any drug that would tend to adversely affect the deputy's senses or judgment.

312.2.6 LASER SIGHTS

Laser sights may only be installed on a weapon carried on or off-duty after they have been examined and approved by the Rangemaster.

(a) Any approved laser sight shall only be installed in strict accordance with manufacturer specifications.

(b) Once approved laser sights have been properly installed on any weapon, the deputy shall qualify with the weapon to ensure proper functionality and sighting of the weapon prior to carrying it.

Except in an approved training situation, a deputy may only activate a laser sight when the deputy would otherwise be justified in pointing a weapon at an individual or other authorized target.

312.3 SAFE HANDLING OF FIREARMS

The intent of this policy is to promote proper firearm safety on and off duty. Employees shall maintain the highest level of safety when handling firearms and shall consider the following:

312.3.1 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 in authorized areas out of public view.

(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 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 or Rangemaster for inspection. Any weapon determined to be in need of service or repair during an inspection by the department Rangemaster, will be immediately removed from service. If the weapon is the deputy's primary duty weapon, a replacement weapon will be issued to the officer until the duty weapon is serviceable.

312.3.2 STORAGE OF FIREARMS AT HOME

Deputies shall ensure that all firearms and ammunition are locked and secured while in their homes, vehicles or any other area under their control in a manner that will keep them inaccessible to children and irresponsible adults.

Deputies shall be aware that negligent storage of a firearm could result in criminal prosecution under Penal Code § 25100.

312.4 FIREARMS QUALIFICATIONS
All sworn personnel are required to qualify biannually with their duty weapon and annually with their off-duty weapon and secondary weapon on an approved range course. The Rangemaster and Armorer (repairs only) shall keep accurate records of biannual qualifications, repairs, maintenance, training or as directed by the Administrative Sergeant or Assistant Sheriff. 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 the department Use of Force policy and demonstrate their knowledge and understanding.

312.4.1 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.

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

312.5 WARNING AND OTHER SHOTS
Generally, warning shots or shots fired for the purpose of summoning aid are discouraged and may not be discharged unless the deputy reasonably believes that they appear necessary, effective and reasonably safe.

312.6 DESTRUCTION OF ANIMALS
Deputies are authorized to use firearms to stop an animal in circumstances where the animal reasonably appears to pose an imminent threat to human safety and alternative methods are not reasonably available or would likely be ineffective.

In circumstances in which deputies have sufficient advance notice that a potentially dangerous animal may be encountered, deputies should develop reasonable contingency plans for dealing with the animal(e.g., fire extinguisher, TASER device, oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray, animal control officer). Nothing in this policy shall prohibit any deputy from shooting a dangerous animal if circumstances reasonably dictate that a contingency plan has failed or becomes impractical.

312.6.1 INJURED ANIMALS
A deputy may euthanize an animal that is so badly injured that human compassion requires its removal from further suffering and where other dispositions are impractical (Penal Code § 597.1(e)). Injured animals (with the exception of dogs and cats) may only be euthanized after a reasonable search to locate the owner has been made (Penal Code § 597.1(b)). Injured dogs and cats found without their owners shall be taken to an appropriate veterinarian for determination of whether they should be treated or humanely destroyed.

312.7 REPORT OF 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 Shooting 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 Assistant Sheriff 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.

312.8 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 Administrative Sergeant after each range date. Failure of any deputy to sign in and out with the Rangemaster may result in non-qualification.

The Rangemaster has the responsibility of making periodic inspection, at least once a year, of all duty weapons carried by deputies of this department to verify proper operation. The Rangemaster has the authority to deem any privately owned weapon unfit for service. The deputy will be responsible for all repairs to his or her personal weapon and it will not be returned to service until inspected by the Rangemaster.

312.9 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR
Firearms carried on duty shall be maintained in a clean, serviceable condition. Since the use of personally owned weapons is at the option of the individual deputy, that deputy will be responsible for the furnishing, maintenance and repair of such weapon.

312.9.1 REPAIR OR MODIFICATIONS OF DUTY WEAPONS
The Rangemaster or Armorer shall be the only person(s) authorized to repair or modify any department-owned weapon. All repairs and/or modifications of department issued weapons not performed by the Rangemaster or Armorer must be approved in advance by the Rangemaster and accomplished by a department approved Armorer.

Any repairs or modifications to the deputy's personally owned weapon shall be done at his or her expense and must be approved by the Rangemaster.

312.10 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 personnel 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 purposes.

(b) Deputies must carry their Department identification card which must contain a full-face picture, 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's license, passport).

(c) The Plumas 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 Plumas County Sheriff's Office an NLETS message containing a unique alphanumeric identifier. The deputy must present the message to airport personnel as authorization to travel while armed on the day of travel.

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

(e) Deputies must have completed the mandated TSA security training covering officers 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 can be accomplished by early check-in at the carrier's check-in counter.

(g) Discretion must be used to avoid alarming passengers or crew by displaying a firearm. The deputies 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.

(h) Deputies should not surrender their firearm but should try to resolve any problems through the flight captain, ground security manager or other management representative of the air carrier.

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

312.11 CARRYING FIREARMS OUT OF STATE

Qualified active full-time deputies and qualified retired deputies (see Policy Manual § 220) of this department are authorized to carry a concealed firearm in all other states subject to the following conditions (18 USC 926B and C):

(a) The deputy shall carry his/her Department identification card whenever carrying such weapon.

(b) Qualified retired deputies shall also carry certification of having met firearms qualification within the past 12 months.

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

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

(e) 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 an officer from arrest and prosecution in such locally restricted areas.

Visiting active and retired peace officers from other states are subject to all requirements set forth in 18 USC 926B and C.

Vehicle Pursuits

314.1 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 reduce 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 pursuits 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. Deputy's 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.

314.1.1 VEHICLE PURSUIT DEFINED

A vehicle pursuit is an event involving one or more law enforcement officers attempting to apprehend a suspect, who is attempting to avoid arrest while operating a motor vehicle by using high-speed driving or other evasive tactics, such as driving off a highway, turning suddenly, or driving in a legal manner but willfully failing to yield to an deputy's signal to stop.

314.2 DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITIES

It shall be the policy of this department that a vehicle pursuit shall be conducted only with red light and siren as required by Vehicle Code §21055 for exemption from compliance with the rules of the road. The following policy is established to provide deputies with guidelines for driving with due regard and caution for the safety of all persons using the highway as required by Vehicle Code § 21056.

314.2.1 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.

(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 deputies 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) Vehicle speeds.

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

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

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

314.2.2 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 suspect(s)' escape.

The factors listed in Policy Manual § 314.2.1 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 vehicle(s).

In addition to the factors listed in Policy Manual § 314.2.1 the following factors should also be considered in deciding whether to terminate a pursuit:

(a) Distance between the pursuing deputies and the fleeing vehicle(s) 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

314.2.3 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) Pursuit speeds have become unreasonably unsafe for the surrounding conditions.

(b) Pursuit speeds have exceeded the driving ability of the deputy.

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

314.3 PURSUIT UNITS
Pursuit units should be limited to three vehicles (two units and a supervisor); 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.

314.3.1 VEHICLES WITHOUT EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT
Vehicles not equipped with red light and siren are generally prohibited from initiating or joining in any pursuit. Deputies in such vehicles, however, may become involved in emergency activities involving serious crimes or life threatening situations. Those deputies 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 Vehicle Code § 21055 do not apply to deputies using vehicles without emergency equipment.

314.3.2 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 him/herself or other persons.

Notify the Communications Center that a vehicle pursuit has been initiated and as soon as practicable 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.

Unless relieved by a supervisor or secondary unit, the deputy in the primary unit shall be responsible for the broadcasting of the progress of the pursuit. Unless practical circumstances indicate otherwise, and in order to concentrate on pursuit driving, the primary deputy should relinquish the responsibility of broadcasting the progress of the pursuit to a secondary unit or aircraft joining the pursuit.

314.3.3 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.

314.3.4 PURSUIT DRIVING TACTICS
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 such that 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.

(d) Notifying the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and/or other jurisdictional agency if it appears that the pursuit may enter their jurisdiction.

(e) 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.

314.3.5 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 with the pursuit unless directed otherwise by a supervisor.

Non-pursuing personnel needed at the termination of the pursuit should respond in a non-emergency manner, observing the rules of the road.

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

314.3.6 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 a 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.

314.3.7 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.

314.4 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.

(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 Plumas County Sheriff's Office units when a pursuit enters another jurisdiction.

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

314.4.1 ASSISTANT SHERIFF OF OPERATIONS RESPONSIBILITY
Upon becoming aware that a pursuit has been initiated, the Operations Assistant Sheriff should monitor and continually assess the situation and ensure the pursuit is conducted within the guidelines and requirements of this policy. The Operations Assistant Sheriff has the final responsibility for the coordination, control and termination of a motor vehicle pursuit and shall be in overall command.

The Operations Assistant Sheriff shall review all pertinent reports for content.

314.5 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.

314.5.1 COMMUNICATION CENTER RESPONSIBILITIES
Upon notification that a pursuit has been initiated, the Communications Center will:

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

(b) Notify and coordinate with other involved or affected agencies as practicable.

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

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

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

(f) Notify the Shift Sergeant as soon as practicable.

314.5.2 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.

314.6 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 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.

314.6.1 ASSUMPTION OF PURSUIT BY ANOTHER AGENCY
Units originally involved will discontinue the pursuit when advised that another agency has assumed the pursuit and assistance of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office 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 department 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. Because of communication limitations between local agencies and CHP units, a request for CHP assistance will mean that they will assume responsibilities for the pursuit. For the same reasons, when a pursuit leaves the freeway and a request for assistance is made to this department, the CHP should relinquish control.

314.6.2 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 officers 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 these additional following 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 practicable, a supervisor or the Shift Sergeant should review a request for assistance from another agency. The Shift Sergeant 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 officers 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 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.

314.7 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 sheriff's unit into contact with the pursued vehicle to mechanically disable or forcibly position it such that further flight is not possible or practicable.

314.7.1 WHEN USE IS 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.

314.7.2 DEFINITIONS

Blocking or vehicle intercept -A slow-speed coordinated maneuver where two or more patrol vehicles simultaneously intercept and block the movement of a 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.

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

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.

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

314.7.3 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.

314.7.4 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 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:

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.

All other reasonable intervention techniques have failed or reasonably appear ineffective.

Employing the blocking maneuver does not unreasonably increase the risk to officer safety.

The target vehicle is stopped or traveling at a low speed.

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 and alternative method. This policy is an administrative guide to direct deputies in their decision-making process before the fact of ramming another vehicle. It is not a standard for civil or criminal litigation to judge the propriety of the act; that is a matter for the courts to determine by established law. When ramming is to be employed as a means with which to stop a fleeing vehicle, one or more of the following factors should be present:

The suspect is an actual or suspected felon who reasonably appears to represent a serious threat to society if not apprehended.

The suspect is driving in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons; or, driving in a reckless and life-endangering manner.

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 techniques, 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.

314.7.5 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 suspects following the pursuit. Deputies should consider safety of the public and the involved deputies when formulating plans to contain and capture the suspects.

314.8 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) Pursuant to Vehicle Code § 14602.1(b), the primary deputy shall complete form CHP 187A, Allied Agency Vehicle Pursuit Report, to be reviewed by the Shift Sergeant and filed with the CHP either electronically or on paper not later than 30 days after the pursuit. This pursuit report shall minimally contain the following information:

1. Whether any person involved in the pursuit or subsequent arrest was injured, specifying the nature of that injury and differentiating between the suspect driver, a suspect passenger and the deputies involved.
2. The violation(s) that caused the pursuit to be initiated.
3. The identity of the deputies involved in the pursuit.
4. The means or methods used to stop the suspect being pursued.
5. The charges filed with the court by the district attorney.
6. The conditions of the pursuit, including, but not limited to, all of the following:
   (a) Duration
   (b) Mileage
   (c) Number of deputies involved
   (d) Maximum number of units involved
   (e) Time of day

(f) Weather conditions

(g) Maximum speeds

7. Whether the pursuit resulted in a collision and a resulting injury or fatality to an uninvolved third party, and the corresponding number of persons involved.
8. Whether the pursuit involved multiple agencies.
9. How the pursuit was terminated.

(c) After first obtaining available information, a field supervisor shall promptly complete a Supervisor's Log, briefly summarizing the pursuit to his/her department manager. This memo should minimally contain the following information:

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 that the pursuit appears to be in compliance with this policy OR additional review and/or follow-up is warranted.

314.8.1 REGULAR AND PERIODIC PURSUIT TRAINING
In addition to initial and supplementary Police Officer Standard Training (POST) training on pursuits required by Penal Code § 13519.8, 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 (Vehicle Code § 17004.7(d)).

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

314.8.3 SUPERVISORY POLICY REVIEW
It shall be the policy of this department that each supervisor shall read and review this policy with their assigned officer(s)/Reserves yearly.

314.9 APPLICATION OF VEHICLE PURSUIT POLICY
This policy is expressly written and adopted pursuant to the provisions of Vehicle Code § 17004.7, with additional input from the POST Vehicle Pursuit Guidelines.

Deputy Response to Calls

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

316.2 RESPONSE TO CALLS
Deputies dispatched "Code-3" shall consider the call an emergency response and proceed immediately. Deputies responding Code-3 shall continuously operate emergency lighting equipment, including at minimum a steady forward facing red light, and shall sound the siren as reasonably necessary pursuant to Vehicle Code § 21055.

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. The use of any other warning equipment without a red light and siren does not provide any exemption from the Vehicle Code.

Deputies should only respond Code-3 when so dispatched or when circumstances reasonably indicate an emergency response is required. Deputies not authorized to respond Code-3 shall observe all traffic laws and proceed without the use of emergency lights and siren.

316.3 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 the Communications Center.

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

316.3.1 NUMBER OF UNITS ASSIGNED
Normally, only one unit should respond to an emergency call Code-3 unless the Shift Sergeant or the field supervisor authorizes an additional unit(s).

316.4 INITIATING CODE 3 RESPONSE
If a deputy believes a Code-3 response to any call is appropriate, the deputy shall immediately notify the Communications Center. Generally, only one unit should respond Code-3 to any situation. Should another deputy believe a Code-3 response is appropriate, the Communications Center shall be notified and the Shift Sergeant or field supervisor will make a determination as to whether one or more deputies driving Code-3 is appropriate. If no supervisor is available the senior shift deputy will be notified and will make the determination if additional deputies are to respond Code-3.

316.5 RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESPONDING DEPUTY(S)
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 to such a degree that they shall have complete control of the 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 red lights and siren at the legal speed limit. In such an event, the deputy should immediately notify the Communications Center. 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.

316.6 COMMUNICATIONS RESPONSIBILITIES
A dispatcher shall assign a Code-3 response when a deputy requests emergency assistance or available information reasonably indicates that the public is threatened with serious injury or death and immediate police response is needed. In all other circumstances, the dispatcher shall obtain authorization from the Shift Sergeant or a field supervisor prior to assigning units Code-3. The dispatcher shall:

(a) Attempt to assign the closest available unit to the location requiring assistance

(b) Immediately notify the Shift Sergeant or supervisor (to include senior officer if no supervisor is available).

(c) Confirm the location from which the unit is responding

(d) Notify and coordinate allied emergency services (e.g., fire and ambulance)

(e) Continue to obtain and broadcast information as necessary concerning the response and monitor the situation until it is stabilized or terminated

(f) Control all radio communications during the emergency and coordinate assistance under the direction of the Shift Sergeant or field supervisor

316.7 SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES
Upon being notified that a Code-3 response has been initiated, the Shift Sergeant 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 aCode-3 response, the supervisor may do so.

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 Shift Sergeant 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

316.8 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 Shift Sergeant, field supervisor, or the Communications Center of the equipment failure so that another unit may be assigned to the emergency response.

Domestic Violence

320.1 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.

320.1.1 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.

320.2 POLICY
The Plumas 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.

320.3 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.

320.4 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.

(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 Patrol/Investigation 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.

320.4.1 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.

320.4.2 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.

320.5 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.

320.6 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.

320.7 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.

320.8 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.

320.9 LEGAL MANDATES AND RELEVANT LAWS
California law provides for the following:

320.9.1 STANDARDS FOR ARRESTS
Deputies investigating a domestic violence report should consider the following:

(a) An arrest should be made when there is probable cause to believe that a felony or misdemeanor domestic violence offense has been committed (Penal Code § 13701). Any decision to not arrest an adult when there is reasonable cause to do so requires supervisor approval.

1. Deputies are only authorized to make an arrest without a warrant for a misdemeanor domestic violence offense if the deputy makes the arrest as soon as probable cause arises (Penal Code § 836).

(b) A deputy responding to a domestic violence call who cannot not make an arrest will advise the victim of his/her right to make a private person's arrest. The advisement should be made out of the presence of the suspect and shall include advising the victim how to safely execute the arrest. Deputies shall not dissuade victims from making a lawful private person's arrest. Deputies should refer to the provisions in the Private Persons Arrests Policy for options regarding the disposition of private person's arrests.

(c) Deputies shall not cite and release a person for the following offenses (Penal Code § 853.6(a) (3)):

1. Penal Code § 243(e)(1) (battery against spouse, cohabitant)
2. Penal Code § 273.5 (corporal injury on spouse, cohabitant)
3. Penal Code § 273.6 (violation of protective order) if violence or threats of violence have occurred or the suspect has gone to the workplace or residence of the protected party
4. Penal Code § 646.9 (stalking)
5. Other serious or violent felonies specified in Penal Code § 1270.1

(d) In responding to domestic violence incidents, including mutual protective order violations, deputies should generally be reluctant to make dual arrests. Deputies shall make reasonable efforts to identify the dominant aggressor in any incident. The dominant aggressor is the person who has been determined to be the most significant, rather than the first, aggressor (Penal Code § 13701). In identifying the dominant aggressor, a deputy shall consider:

1. The intent of the law to protect victims of domestic violence from continuing abuse.
2. The threats creating fear of physical injury.

3. The history of domestic violence between the persons involved.
4. Whether either person acted in self-defense.

(e) An arrest shall be made when there is probable cause to believe that a violation of a domestic violence court order has been committed (PenalCode§13701; PenalCode § 836), regardless of whether the offense was committed in the deputy's presence. After arrest, the deputy shall confirm that a copy of the order has been registered, unless the victim provides a copy (Penal Code § 836).

320.9.2 COURT ORDERS

(a) A deputy who obtains an emergency protective order from the court shall serve it on the restrained person if the person can be reasonably located, and shall provide the person protected or the person's parent/guardian with a copy of the order. The deputy shall carry copies of the order while on-duty and shall file a copy with the court as soon as practicable (Family Code § 6270 et seq.).

(b) At the request of the petitioner, a deputy at the scene of a reported domestic violence incident shall serve a court order on a restrained person (Family Code § 6383; Penal Code §13710).

320.9.3 PUBLIC ACCESS TO POLICY

A copy of this domestic violence policy will be provided to members of the public upon request (Penal Code § 13701).

320.9.4 REPORTS AND RECORDS

(a) A written report shall be completed on all incidents of domestic violence. All such reports should be documented on the appropriate form, which includes information and notations specific to domestic violence incidents as required by Penal Code § 13730.

(b) Reporting deputies should 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 provided to the victim. If the case number is not immediately available, an explanation should be given regarding how the victim can obtain the information at a later time.

(c) Deputies who seize any firearm or other deadly weapon in a domestic violence incident shall issue the individual possessing such weapon a receipt and notice of where the weapon may be recovered, along with the applicable time limit for recovery (Penal Code § 18250; Penal Code § 33800).

320.9.5 RECORD-KEEPING AND DATA COLLECTION

This department shall maintain records of court orders related to domestic violence and the service status of each (Penal Code §13710), as well as records on the number of domestic violence related calls reported to the Department, including whether weapons were used in the incident (Penal Code §13730). This information is to be reported to the Attorney General monthly (Penal Code § 320.9.5). It shall be the responsibility of the Records Supervisor to maintain and report this information as required.

320.9.6 DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF BAIL INCREASE

Any deputy who makes a warrantless arrest for a felony or misdemeanor violation of a domestic violence restraining order shall evaluate the totality of the circumstances to

determine whether reasonable cause exists to seek an increased bail amount. If there is reasonable cause to believe that the scheduled bail amount is insufficient to assure the arrestee's appearance or to protect the victim or family member of a victim, the deputy shall prepare a declaration in support of increased bail (Penal Code § 1269c).

Search & Seizure

322.1 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 Plumas County Sheriff's Office personnel to consider when dealing with search and seizure issues.

322.2 POLICY
It is the policy of the Plumas 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.

In accordance with the Training Policy, 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.

322.3 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.

322.4 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.

322.5 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.

Temporary Custody of Juveniles

324.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy provides guidelines and requirements for the detention and disposition of juveniles taken into temporary custody by members of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office.

324.2 AUTHORITY TO DETAIN
Legal authority for taking custody of juvenile offenders is found in Welfare and Institutions Code § 625.

324.2.1 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ADVISEMENT
In any case where a juvenile is taken into temporary custody, the juvenile should be promptly advised of his/her constitutional rights to ensure the admissibility of any spontaneous statements, whether or not questioning is intended (Welfare & Institutions Code § 625) .

324.2.2 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 14
Whenever a child under the age of 14 is arrested, the arresting deputy should take reasonable steps to verify and document the child's ability to differentiate between right and wrong, particularly in relation to the alleged offense (Penal Code § 26).

324.3 TEMPORARY CUSTODY
An individual taken into custody for Welfare and Institutions Code § 300 or § 601 shall be processed as soon as practical. Juveniles detained under Welfare and Institutions Code § 602 may not be held at this facility for more than six hours from the time of arrival at the Plumas County Sheriff's Office Juvenile Detention Facility. When a juvenile is taken into custody, the following steps shall be taken by the arresting deputy or the detective assigned to the case:

(a) Contact the on-call Probation Officer prior to responding to the detention facility so arrangements can be made to meet and turn over the detained juvenile as soon as practical.

(b) Once the detained juvenile has been placed in secure or non-secure custody, complete the Affidavit for petition located in the Plumas County Juvenile Detention Facility.

(c) Take immediate steps to notify the juvenile's parent, guardian, or a responsible relative that such juvenile is in custody and provide the location where the juvenile is being held and the intended disposition (Welfare and Institutions Code § 627)(done by responding Probation Officer under normal circumstances)

(d) Submit a completed report to the Shift Sergeant for approval

Status offenders and abused or neglected children (juveniles falling within provisions of Welfare and Institutions Code §§ 300 and 601) may not be detained in Sheriff's jails or lockups. They may be taken to welfare workers but may not be held in a secured environment or come into contact with adults in custody in the station.

324.3.1 TEMPORARY CUSTODY REQUIREMENTS
All juveniles held in temporary custody shall have the following made available to them:

(a) Access to toilets and washing facilities

(b) One snack upon request during term of temporary custody if the juvenile has not eaten within the past four hours or is otherwise in need of nourishment. The snack shall be provided by the arresting deputy, jailer or as directed by a supervisor

(c) Access to drinking water

(d) Privacy during visits with family, guardian, or lawyer

(e) Immediately after being taken to a place of temporary confinement, and except where physically impossible no later than one hour after being taken into custody, the detaining deputy shall advise and provide the juvenile an opportunity to make at least three telephone calls. The telephone calls must be made to a parent, guardian, responsible relative, employer, or an attorney. (Welfare & Institutions Code § 627; Penal Code § 851.5)

324.3.2 NON-CONTACT REQUIREMENTS
Employees shall not allow physical or sustained sight or sound contact between detained juveniles and incarcerated adults. Sight contact is clear visual contact between adult inmates and juveniles within close proximity to each other; sound contact is direct oral communication between adult inmates and juvenile offenders. This applies to both non-secure and secure detentions (Welfare & Institutions Code §208 and 15CCR §1006).

In situations where brief or accidental contact may occur, such as booking or movement between facilities, employees trained in the supervision of inmates must be present. These trained employees must maintain a constant, side-by-side presence with the minor or the adult to prevent sustained contact (15 CCR § 1144).

324.4 TYPES OF CUSTODY
The following provisions apply to types of custody, and detentions of juveniles brought to the Plumas County Sheriff's Office.

324.4.1 NON-SECURE CUSTODY
All juveniles not meeting the criteria to be placed in a locked detention room, or any juvenile under the age of 14-years taken into custody for a criminal violation, regardless of the seriousness of the offense, may be temporarily detained in the sheriff's facility however the custody must be non-secure. Non-secure custody means juveniles shall be placed in an unlocked room or open area. Juveniles may be handcuffed, but not to a stationary or secure object. Juveniles shall receive constant personal visual supervision by law enforcement personnel. Monitoring a juvenile using audio, video or other electronic devices does not replace constant personal visual supervision.

324.4.2 SECURE CUSTODY
A juvenile may be held in secure detention in the Juvenile Detention Facility if the juvenile is 14-years of age or older and, if in the reasonable belief of the peace officer, the juvenile presents a serious security risk of harm to self or others, as long as all other conditions of secure detention set forth below are met. Any juvenile in temporary custody who is less than14-years of age, or who does not, in the reasonable belief of the peace officer, present a serious security risk of harm to self or others, shall not be placed in secure detention, but may be kept in non-secure custody in the facility as long as all other conditions of

non-secure custody are met (Welfare and Institutions Code § 602, Title 15 California Code of Regulations § 1545).

(a) In making the determination whether the juvenile presents a serious security risk of harm to self or others, the deputy may take into account the following factors:
   1. Age, maturity, and delinquent history of the juvenile
   2. Severity of the offense(s) for which the juvenile was taken into custody
   3. Juvenile's behavior, including the degree to which the minor appears to be cooperative or non-cooperative
   4. The availability of staff to provide adequate supervision or protection of the juvenile
   5. The age, type, and number of other individuals who are detained in the facility.

(b) A juvenile may be locked in a room or secured in a detention room subject to the following conditions:
   1. Juvenile is 14-years of age or older
   2. Juvenile is taken into custody on the basis of having committed a criminal law violation as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code § 602
   3. Detentionatthisfacilitydoesnotexceedsixhoursfromthetimeofarrivalatthe Sheriff's station, when both secure and non-secure time is combined
   4. Detention is for the purpose of giving the deputy time to investigate the case, facilitate the release of the juvenile to parents, or arrange transfer to Juvenile Hall
   5. The deputy apprehending the juvenile has reasonable belief that the juvenile presents a "serious security risk of harm to self or others." Factors to consider include:
      (a) Age, maturity, and delinquent history of juvenile
      (b) Severity of offense for which taken into custody
      (c) Juvenile's behavior
      (d) Availability of staff to provide adequate supervision or protection of the juvenile
      (e) Age, type, and number of other individuals detained at the facility

324.4.3 SECURE DETENTION OF JUVENILES

While in secure detention, minors may be locked in a room or other secure enclosure, secured to a cuffing rail, or otherwise reasonably restrained as necessary to prevent escape and protect the juvenile or and others from harm.

(a) Minors held in secure detention outside of a locked enclosure shall not be secured to a stationary object for more than 30 minutes unless no other locked enclosure is available. If a juvenile is secured, the following conditions must be met:
   1. A Department employee must be present at all times to ensure the juvenile's safety while secured to a stationary object.
   2. Juveniles who are secured to a stationary object are moved to a detention room as soon as one becomes available.

3. Juveniles secured to a stationary object for longer than 30 minutes, and every 30 minutes thereafter, shall be approved by the Sergeant or the designated supervisor and the reason for continued secure detention shall be documented.

(b) In the event a juvenile is held inside a locked enclosure, the juvenile shall receive adequate supervision which, at a minimum, includes:

1. Constant auditory access to staff by the juvenile;
2. Unscheduled personal visual supervision of the juvenile by department staff, no less than every 30 minutes. These jail checks shall be documented.

(c) Males and females shall not be placed in the same locked room unless under direct visual supervision.

324.4.4 JUVENILE DETENTION ROOMS

The Plumas County Sheriff's Office has provided juvenile detention rooms outside of the adult jail facility. These rooms are designed for the temporary detention of juveniles meeting the criteria of secure custody. Deputies or detectives placing juveniles in secure detention rooms shall comply with the following:

(a) It is the deputy's responsibility to notify the Shift Sergeant, Dispatch and Probation Department that a detention has begun. The juvenile must be told the reason for incarceration, the length of time secure detention will last and that it may not exceed a total of six hours.

(b) Any juvenile placed in a locked detention room shall be separated according to sex and the severity of the crime (felony or misdemeanor) unless emergency circumstances will not allow for this type of segregation. When such separation is not possible, the Shift Sergeant shall be consulted for directions on how to proceed with the detention of the multiple juveniles involved.

(c) A written record will be maintained on a detention log located in the Juvenile Detention Facility. This log will include the charges for which the juvenile is being detained, the circumstances that warrant a secured detention, the time the detention began, and the time it ended. There will also be a place for the Shift Sergeant to initial the log approving the detention to occur and to initial the log when the juvenile is released.

(d) It is the responsibility of a Probation Officer to monitor the custody of the juvenile and to prepare the necessary paperwork to process the juvenile for release to a parent, guardian, or the appropriate juvenile custody facility. When a Probation Officer is not available, the Shift Sergeant, or his/her designee, shall be responsible for monitoring the detention of the juvenile, and ensuring that appropriate paperwork is prepared to process the juvenile out of the custody of this department. When possible, the Shift Sergeant should be notified in all cases when a juvenile is detained at this department, and when applicable, shall be provided the name of the Probation Officer taking responsibility for the detention and processing of the juvenile

(e) A thorough inspection of the detention room shall be conducted before placing a juvenile into the room. A second inspection shall be conducted after removing the juvenile. Any damage noted to the room shall be photographed and documented in the crime report

324.4.5 JUVENILE'S PERSONAL PROPERTY

The deputy placing a juvenile into a detention room must make a thorough search of the juvenile's property. This will ensure all items likely to cause injury to the juvenile or the

facility are confiscated and placed in a property bag. The property shall be inventoried in the juvenile's presence and sealed into the bag. The property will be maintained by the Probation Officer or the deputy or locked in a juvenile property locker until the juvenile is released from the custody of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office.

324.4.6 MONITORING OF JUVENILES
The juvenile shall be monitored during the detention as often as possible. An in-person visual inspection shall be done to ensure the welfare of the juvenile and shall be conducted at least once each half-hour, on an unscheduled basis, until the juvenile is released. This inspection shall not be replaced by video monitoring. This inspection shall be conducted by a designee of the Shift Sergeant or deputy, and the visual inspection shall be logged on the Inspection Log in the Juvenile Detention Facility.

More frequent visual inspections should be made as circumstances dictate as in the case of an injured or ill juvenile being detained, or if specific circumstances exist such as a disciplinary problem or suicide risk. In such instances the Shift Sergeant/Correctional Facility Sergeant shall be fully informed about the special circumstances in order to evaluate continued detention of such a juvenile. Juvenile Security Report Logs and Confinements of Juvenile Logs shall be turned into the Records Supervisor or his/her designee at the end of each month.

324.4.7 MANDATED JUVENILE PROVISIONS
While a juvenile is being detained in the detention room, he/she shall be provided with the following provisions:

(a) Reasonable access to toilets and washing facilities

(b) Food, if the 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. All food given to a juvenile in custody shall be provided from the jail food supply

(c) Reasonable access to drinking water

(d) Privacy during family, guardian, and/or lawyer visits

(e) Blankets and clothing necessary to ensure the comfort of the juvenile (clothing shall be provided by the jail if the juvenile's clothing is taken as evidence or is otherwise unsuitable or inadequate for the continued wear while in custody)

324.4.8 FORMAL BOOKING
Any juvenile, 14-years of age or older, who is taken into custody for a felony, or any juvenile whose acts amount to a sex crime, shall be booked, fingerprinted, and photographed.

For all other acts defined as crimes, juveniles may be booked, fingerprinted, or photographed giving due consideration to the following:

(a) The gravity of the offense

(b) The past record of the offender

(c) The age of the offender

324.4.9 DISPOSITIONS

(a) Any juvenile not transferred to a juvenile facility shall be released to one of the following:

1. Parent or legal guardian
2. An adult member of his/her immediate family
3. An adult person specified by Child Protective Services

(b) If the six hour time limit has expired, the juvenile should be transported to the juvenile detention facility for processing

(c) After a deputy has taken a juvenile into temporary custody for a violation of law, the following dispositions are authorized:

1. The arresting deputy may counsel or admonish the juvenile and recommend no further action be taken.
2. If the arresting deputy or the Shift Sergeant believes that further action is needed, the juvenile will be released to a responsible person as listed above, and such juvenile will be advised that follow-up action will be taken by a Probation Officer. The Probation Officer assigned to the case will then determine the best course of action, such as diversion or referral to court. The Probation Officer will contact the parents and advise them of the course of action.
3. The arresting deputy will complete an Application for Petition form on behalf of the juvenile and forward it to the Probation Department for processing.

324.5 JUVENILE CONTACTS AT SCHOOL FACILITIES

Absent exigent circumstances, deputies should make every reasonable effort to notify responsible school officials prior to contacting a student on campus while school is in session.

(a) Reasonable efforts should be taken to coordinate with school officials to minimize disruption of school functions and maintain a low profile police presence when contacting a student.

(b) Whenever circumstances warrant the temporary detention or formal interview of a juvenile student on campus, the deputy should:

1. When practical and when it would not unreasonably interfere with the investigation, take reasonable steps to notify a parent, guardian, or responsible adult, including those phone numbers listed on any contact card on file with the school or provided by the student. All efforts to make contact with parents and/or reasons contact was not attempted should be documented.
2. If efforts to contact a parent, guardian or responsible adult are unsuccessful or not attempted, a formal interview with the juvenile may proceed without them. Upon the request of the juvenile, a school official or lawyer may be present during the interview in lieu of a parent.
3. If contacted, the selected parent, other responsible adult or school official may be permitted to be present during any interview.

   (a) An adult suspected of child abuse or other criminal activity involving the juvenile, or an adult, who in the opinion of the deputy appears to be under the influence or otherwise unable or incompetent to exercise parental rights on behalf of the juvenile, will not be permitted to be present.

   (b) If the deputy reasonably believes that exigent circumstances exist which would materially interfere with the deputy's ability to immediately interview the juvenile, the interview may proceed without the parent or other

responsible adult. In such circumstances, the exigent circumstances should be set forth in a related report.

(c) Any juvenile student who is a suspected victim of child abuse shall be afforded the optionofbeinginterviewedinprivateorselectinganyqualifiedavailableadultmember of school staff to be present. The purpose of the staff member's presence is to provide comfort and support and such staff member shall not participate in the interview. The selection of a staff member should be such that it does not burden the school with costs or hardship (Penal Code § 11174.3).

Absent exigent circumstances or authority of a court order, deputies should not involuntarily detain a juvenile 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. In all such cases deputies should adhere to guidelines and requirements set forth in Policy 330 Child Abuse Reporting.

324.6 RELEASE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES

Court decisions and legislation have combined to carefully specify situations in which information may be given out or exchanged when a case involves a juvenile. Deputies of this department shall not divulge any information regarding juveniles in situations where they are uncertain of the legal authority to do so.

324.6.1 RELEASE OF INFORMATION BY SUPERIOR COURT ORDER

A copy of the current policy of the Juvenile Court concerning authorized release of information and appropriate acknowledgment forms shall be kept with copies of this procedure in the Policy Manual. Such releases are authorized by Welfare and Institutions Code § 827.

324.6.2 RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO OTHER AGENCIES

Welfare and Institutions Code § 828 authorizes the release of certain information to other agencies. It shall be the responsibility of the Records Supervisor and the appropriate Supervisor to ensure that personnel of those bureaus act within legal guidelines.

324.7 ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS PERTAINING TO JUVENILES

324.7.1 EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE OF JUVENILES IN CUSTODY

When emergency medical attention is required for a juvenile who is either in secure or non-secure custody, the paramedics will be called. The Shift Sergeant shall be notified of the need for medical attention for the juvenile.

In cases where injury or illness is life threatening and where lost minutes may be the deciding factor, the arresting deputy or the discovering deputy should administer first aid prior to the arrival of the paramedics. The juvenile will then be transported to a medical facility.

In the event of a serious illness, suicide attempt, injury or death of a juvenile, the following persons shall be notified as soon as possible:

(a) The Juvenile Court

(b) The parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis, of the juvenile

324.7.2 SUICIDE PREVENTION OF JUVENILES IN CUSTODY
The arresting deputy should be alert to potential symptoms based upon exhibited behavior that may indicate the juvenile is a suicide risk. These symptoms may include depression, refusal to communicate, verbally threatening to kill himself/herself, or any unusual behavior which may indicate the juvenile may harm himself/herself while in custody in either secure or non-secure detention.

The detaining or transporting deputy is responsible to notify the Shift Sergeant, when available, if he/she believes the juvenile may be a suicide risk. The Shift Sergeant or deputy will then arrange to contact a mental health worker for evaluation, or on-call Probation and arrange for the transfer of the juvenile, providing the juvenile meets the intake criteria. The juvenile shall be under constant personal supervision until the transfer is completed.

324.7.3 USE OF RESTRAINT DEVICES
Policy Manual § 306 refers to the only authorized restraint device. It is the policy of this department that restraints will not be used for inmates retained in custody. This policy also applies to juveniles held in temporary custody. The use of a restraint is an extreme measure and only for a temporary measure pending transportation to another facility or until other custodial arrangements can be made. The use of restraints shall only be used when the juvenile:

(a) Displays bizarre behavior that results in the destruction of property or shows intent to cause physical harm to self or others

(b) Is a serious and immediate danger to himself/herself or others

(c) Otherwise falls under the provisions of Welfare and Institutions Code § 5150

Restraint devices include devices which immobilize a juvenile's extremities and/or prevent the juvenile from being ambulatory. Restraints shall only be used after less restrictive measures have failed and with the approval of the Shift Sergeant.

Restraints shall only be used so long as it reasonably appears necessary for the juvenile's protection or the protection of others.

Direct visual observation shall be conducted at least twice every 30 minutes to ensure that the restraints are properly employed, and to ensure the safety and well-being of the juvenile.

The Deputy or Shift Sergeant shall arrange to have the juvenile evaluated by a mental health team as soon as possible if there is evidence of mental impairment. When mental impairment is suspected, constant personal visual supervision shall be maintained in order to ensure that restraints are properly employed and to ensure the safety and well being of the juvenile. Such supervision shall be documented in the police report.

Juveniles who have been placed in restraint devices shall be isolated to protect them from abuse. Restraints shall not be used as a punishment, or as a substitute for treatment.

324.7.4 DISCIPLINE OF JUVENILES
Police personnel are prohibited from administering discipline to any juvenile.

324.7.5 DEATH OF A JUVENILE WHILE DETAINED
The District Attorney's Office, Sheriff-Coroner's Office and California Department of Justice will conduct the Investigation of the circumstances surrounding the death of any juvenile

being detained at this department. The Administrative Assistant Sheriff or his/her designee will conduct an administrative review of the incident.

In any case in which a juvenile dies while detained at the Plumas County Sheriff's Office, the following shall apply:

(a) The Sheriff or his or her designee shall provide to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation a copy of the report submitted to the Attorney General under Government Code § 12525. A copy of the report shall be submitted to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation within ten calendar days after the death.

(b) Upon receipt of a report of death of a juvenile from the Sheriff or his or her designee, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation may within 30 calendar days inspect and evaluate the juvenile facility, jail, lockup or court holding facility pursuant to the provisions of Article 4, Title 15 California Code of Regulations § 1341. Any inquiry made by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall be limited to the standards and requirements set forth in these regulations.

(c) A medical and operational review of every in-custody death of a juvenile shall be conducted. The review team shall include the following:

1. Sheriff or his or her designee
2. The health administrator
3. The responsible physician and other health care and supervision staff who are relevant to the incident

324.7.6 CURFEW VIOLATIONS
Juveniles detained for curfew violations may be released in the field or brought to the station but should only be released to their parent, legal guardian, or responsible adult.

324.7.7 PROTECTIVE CUSTODY
Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code §300 et seq., a child may be taken into protective custody if he/she is the victim of suspected child abuse. Before taking any minor into protective custody, the deputy should make reasonable attempts to contact the appropriate child welfare authorities to ascertain any applicable history or current information concerning the minor.

Under certain circumstances, deputies can be prohibited from taking a newborn who is the subject of a proposed adoption into protective custody, even when the newborn has tested positive for illegal drugs or the birth mother tested positive for illegal drugs. Deputies shall instead follow the provisions of Welfare and Institutions Code § 305.6 to ensure that the newborn is placed with the adoptive parents when it is appropriate.

324.8 INTOXICATED AND SUBSTANCE ABUSING MINORS
Juveniles who are arrested while intoxicated may be at risk for serious medical consequences, including death. Examples include acute alcohol poisoning, seizures and cardiac complications of cocaine, markedly disordered behavior related to amphetamines or hallucinogenic drugs, and others.

A medical clearance shall be obtained prior to detention of juveniles at the Plumas County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility when the juvenile displays outward signs of intoxication or is known or suspected to have ingested any substance that could result in a medical

emergency (Title 15, California Code of Regulations § 1431). In addition to displaying outward signs of intoxication, the following circumstances require a medical evaluation:

- Known history of ingestion or sequestration of a balloon containing drugs in a body cavity
- Minor is known or suspected to have ingested any substance that could result in a medical emergency
- A juvenile who is intoxicated to the level of being unable to care for him or herself
- An intoxicated juvenile whose symptoms of intoxication are not showing signs of improvement

Juveniles with lower levels of alcohol in their system (less than .05%) may not need to be evaluated. An example is a juvenile who has ingested one or two beers would not normally meet this criterion.

(a) A juvenile detained and brought to the Plumas County Sheriff's Office who displays symptoms of intoxication as a result of alcohol or drugs shall be handled as follows:

1. Observation of juvenile's breathing to determine that breathing is regular. Breathing should not be erratic or indicate that the juvenile is having difficulty breathing.
2. Observation of the juvenile to ensure that there has not been any vomiting while sleeping and ensuring that intoxicated juveniles remain on their sides rather than their backs to prevent the aspiration of stomach contents.
3. An arousal attempt to ensure that the juvenile will respond to verbal or pressure stimulation (shaking to awaken). This is the most important monitoring procedure.

(b) Personal observation shall be conducted on a frequent basis while the juvenile is in the custody of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office Correctional Facility, and no less than once every 15 minutes until such time as the symptoms are no longer present. For juveniles held in secure detention inside a locked enclosure, Deputies will ensure constant audio monitoring is maintained in addition to conducting the in person visual checks. All other forms of detention require the deputy to maintain constant visual supervision of the juvenile.

1. The 15 minute checks of the juvenile shall be documented on the Juvenile Detention Log in the Detention Facility.

(c) Any juvenile who displays symptoms suggestive of a deepening comatose state (increasing difficulty or inability to arouse, irregular breathing patterns, or convulsions), shall be considered an emergency. Paramedics should be called and the juvenile taken to a medical treatment facility.

(d) Juveniles undergoing acute withdrawal reactions shall immediately be transported to a medical facility for examination by a physician.

(e) A medical clearance is required before the juvenile is transported to Juvenile Hall if it is known that the juvenile ingested any intoxicating substances or appears to be under the severe influence of alcohol.

Once the juvenile no longer displays symptoms of intoxication, the requirements in section (a) above will no longer be required. The juvenile will still be monitored on a 30-minute basis as outlined in this policy. The juvenile will continue to be monitored as required for secure or non-secure detentions.

Elder Abuse

326.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The purpose of this policy is to provide members of this department with direction and understanding of their role in the prevention, detection, and intervention in incidents of elder abuse. It is the policy of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office to treat reports of violence against elderly persons as high priority criminal activity that is to be fully investigated regardless of the relationship between the victim and the suspect(s).

326.2 DEFINITIONS
For purposes of this policy, the following definitions are provided (Welfare and Institutions Code § 15610 et seq. and Penal Code § 368).

Dependent Adult -Is any person residing in this state, between the ages of 18 and 64-years, who has physical or mental limitations that restrict his or her ability to carry out normal activities or to protect his or her rights including, but not limited to, persons who have physical or developmental disabilities or whose physical or mental abilities have diminished because of age. Dependent Adult includes any person between the ages of 18 and 64-years who is admitted as an inpatient to a 24-hour health facility, as defined In Health and Safety Code § 1250; Health and Safety Code § 1250.2; Health and Safety Code § 1250.3.

Elder -Is any person residing in this state, 65-years of age or older.

Financial Abuse -Is a situation in which any person who has the care or custody of, or who stands in a position of trust to, an elder or a dependent adult, takes, secretes, or appropriates their money or property to any use or purposes not in the due and lawful execution of his or her trust.

Abuse of an Elder or a Dependent Adult -Is physical abuse, neglect, financial abuse, abandonment, isolation or other treatment with resulting physical harm, pain, mental suffering, or the deprivation by a care custodian of goods or services that are necessary to avoid physical harm or mental suffering.

Adult Protective Services Agency -Is a county welfare department, except persons who do not work directly with elders or dependent adults as part of their official duties, including members of support staff and maintenance staff.

Neglect -Is the negligent failure of any person having the care or custody of an elder or a dependent adult to exercise that degree of care which a reasonable person in a like position would exercise. Neglect includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(a) Failure to assist in personal hygiene, or in the provision of food, clothing, or shelter.

(b) Failure to provide medical care for physical and mental health needs. No person shall be deemed neglected or abused for the sole reason that he or she voluntarily relies on treatment by spiritual means through prayer alone instead of medical treatment.

326.3 MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
Members of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office are mandated reporters.

Employees who observe, have knowledge of, or are told by an elder or dependent adult about any form of abuse (physical abuse, abandonment, abduction, isolation, financial abuse, neglect) shall make a report and notify the appropriate social services representative as soon as practicable (see Welfare & Institutions Code § 15630 for reporting details). Failure to make a report within two working days is a misdemeanor (Welfare and Institution Code § 15630(h)).

The Patrol/Investigation Supervisor is responsible to ensure that cases of suspected elder abuse are forwarded to the District Attorney's Office and any other regulatory agency that may be applicable based upon where the abuse took place (care facility, hospital) per Welfare and Institution Code § 15630(b).

326.3.1 RECORDS CENTER RESPONSIBILITY
The Records Center is responsible for the following:

(a) Provide a copy of the elder/dependent abuse report to Adult Protective Services. This requirement is applicable even if the initial call was received from Adult Protective Services.

(b) Retain the original elder/dependent abuse report with the initial case file.

326.4 DEPUTY'S RESPONSE
All incidents involving actual or suspected elder and dependent abuse shall be fully investigated and appropriately documented.

326.4.1 INITIAL RESPONSE
Deputies may be called upon to effect a forced entry as the first responder to the scene of a suspected elder abuse. Entry should be immediate when it appears reasonably necessary to protect life or property. When the need for an emergency entry is not evident, deputies should seek supervisory approval. Deputies must be prepared to provide emergency care pending the arrival of medical personnel, if not already present.

326.4.2 STABILIZE THE SITUATION
Deputies must quickly assess the situation in an effort to ensure the immediate safety of all persons. Deputies shall also consider taking the following actions:

(a) Attempt to identify the victim, suspect and witnesses as well as the roles and relationships of all parties. Parties should be interviewed separately when possible.

(b) Preserve the crime scene where evidence may be present. All persons should be removed from the scene until it has been photographed and processed. Any evidence that may change in appearance, injuries for example, should be photographed as soon as practicable.

(c) Assess and define the nature of the problem. Deputies should assess the available information to determine the type of abuse that may have taken place or the potential for abuse in the future that may be eliminated by intervention.

(d) Make on-scene arrests when appropriate. Deputies may arrest a person without a warrant when probable cause exists to believe that the person has committed an assault or battery, whether or not the assault or battery has in fact been committed, upon a victim 65 years of age or older to whom the suspect is related by blood or legal guardianship, provided the arrest is made at the time probable cause arises (Penal Code§836). If an arrest is not otherwise required by law, deputies should consider the

consequences that the immediate arrest of a sole supporting family caretaker might have on the victim. The decision to arrest should be based on the best interests and caretaking needs of the elderly victim. The present and future safety of the victim is of utmost importance.

326.4.3 SUPPORT PERSONNEL
The following person(s) shall be contacted if it appears an in-depth investigation is appropriate:

- Patrol Supervisor
- Investigations personnel
- District Attorney Investigator(s)
- Protective Services Agency personnel
- Ombudsman shall be called if the abuse is in a long-term care facility

326.4.4 EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDERS
In any situation which a deputy reasonably believes that an elder or dependent adult is in immediateandpresentdangerofabusebasedonanallegationofarecentincidentofabuse or threat of abuse (other than financial abuse alone), the deputy may seek an emergency protective order against the person alleged to have committed or threatened such abuse (Family Code § 6250(d)).

326.5 ELDER ABUSE REPORTING
Every allegation of elder abuse shall be documented. When documenting elder/dependent abuse cases the following information should also be included in the report:

- Current location of the victim
- Victim's condition/nature and extent of injuries, neglect or loss
- Names of agencies and personnel requested and on scene

Reporting of cases of elder/dependent abuse is confidential and will only be released as per Policy Manual § 810.

Deputies investigating elder/dependent abuse shall complete State of California form SOC 341 (Report of Suspected Dependent Adult/Elder Abuse).

Discriminatory Harassment

328.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy is intended to prevent department members from being subjected to discrimination or sexual harassment.

328.2 POLICY
The Plumas 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 employees in hiring, promotion, discharge, compensation, fringe benefits and other privileges of employment. The Department will take preventive and corrective 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 an employee to discipline.

328.3 DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED

328.3.1 DISCRIMINATION
The Department prohibits all forms of discrimination, including any employment-related action by an employee that adversely affects an applicant or employee 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's commitment to a discrimination free work environment.

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.

328.3.2 SEXUAL HARASSMENT
The Department prohibits all forms of discrimination and discriminatory harassment, including sexual harassment. It is unlawful to harass an applicant or an employee because of that person's sex.

Sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or other verbal, visual or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

(a) Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment, position or compensation.

(b) Submission to, or rejection of, such conduct is used as the basis for any employment decisions affecting the member.

(c) Such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with a member's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

328.3.3 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 and the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission guidelines.

(b) Bona fide requests or demands by a supervisor that an employee improve his/her work quality or output, that the employee report to the job site on time, that the employee comply with County or department rules or regulations, or any other appropriate work-related communication between supervisor and employee.

328.4 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, the Director of Human Resources or the County Administrator.

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.

328.4.1 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 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 that their subordinates understand their responsibilities under this policy.

(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 Director of Human Resources in writing of the circumstances surrounding any reported allegations or observed acts of discrimination, harassment or retaliation no later than the next business day.

328.4.2 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 allegation 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 employees or issuing discipline, in a manner that is consistent with established procedures.

328.5 INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS
Various methods of resolution exist. During the pendency of any such investigation, the supervisor of the involved member 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.

328.5.1 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. However, if the member feels uncomfortable, threatened or has difficulty expressing his/her concern, or if this does not resolve the concern, assistance should be sought from a supervisor or manager who is a rank higher than the alleged transgressor.

328.5.2 FORMAL INVESTIGATION
If the complaint cannot be satisfactorily resolved through the process described above, a formal investigation will be conducted.

The employee 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.

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 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, Director of Human Resources or the County Administrator.

328.5.3 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT COMPLAINTS
No provision of this policy shall be construed to prevent any employee from seeking legal redress outside the Department. Employees who believe that they have been harassed or discriminated 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. Employees are advised that proceeding with complaints under the provisions of this policy does not in any way affect those filing requirements.

328.6 NOTIFICATION OF DISPOSITION
Complainant and/or victim will be notified in writing of the disposition of the investigation and action(s) taken to remedy the complaint.

328.7 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, the County Administrator or the Director of Human Resources if more appropriate
- Maintained for the period established in the department's records retention schedule

328.8 TRAINING
All new employees shall be provided with a copy of this policy as part of their orientation. The policy shall be reviewed with each new employee. The employee shall certify by signing the prescribed form 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 employees shall receive annual training on the requirements of this policy and shall certify by signing the prescribed form that they have reviewed the policy, understand its contents and agree that they will continue to abide by its provisions.

328.8.1 QUESTIONS REGARDING DISCRIMINATION OR SEXUAL HARASSMENT
Members with questions regarding discrimination or sexual harassment are encouraged to contact a supervisor, manager, the Sheriff, Director of Human Resources or the County Administrator, or they may contact the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing at 1-800-884-1694.

328.8.2 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY
All Sheriff's Office supervisors are required to attend training related to this policy every two years.

Child Abuse

330.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the investigation of suspected child abuse. This policy also addresses when Plumas County Sheriff's Office members are required to notify the county Child Protective Services (CPS) of suspected child abuse.

330.1.1 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 or law enforcement (Penal Code § 11165.9; Penal Code § 11166).

330.2 POLICY
The Plumas County Sheriff's Office will investigate all reported incidents of alleged criminal child abuse and ensure CPS is notified as required by law.

330.3 MANDATORY NOTIFICATION
Members of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office shall notify CPS when (Penal Code §11166):

(a) There is a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect reported, which is alleged to have occurred as a result of the action of a person responsible for the child's welfare, or

(b) A person responsible for the child's welfare fails to adequately protect the child from abuse when the person knew or reasonably should have known that the child was in danger of abuse.

For purposes of notification, the abuse or neglect includes physical injury or death inflicted by other than accidental means upon a child by another person; sexual abuse (Penal Code § 11165.1); neglect (Penal Code § 11165.2); the willful harming or injuring of a child or the endangering of the person or health of a child (Penal Code §11165.3); and unlawful corporal punishment or injury (Penal Code § 11165.4). Child abuse or neglect does not include a mutual affray between minors, nor does it include an injury caused by the reasonable and necessary force used by a peace officer acting within the course and scope of his/her employment as a peace officer.

330.3.1 NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE
Notification should occur as follows (Penal Code § 11166):

(a) Notification to CPS shall be made immediately, or as soon as practicably possible, by telephone, fax or electronic transmission.

(b) A written follow-up report is forwarded to CPS within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident.

When the abuse or neglect occurs at a facility or by a person from a facility that requires a state license (e.g., foster homes, group homes, daycare), notification shall also be made to the California Department of Social Services or other applicable licensing authority (Penal Code 11166.1; Penal Code 11166.2).

330.4 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 (Welfare and Institutions Code § 18961.7).

330.5 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:

(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).

330.6 PROTECTIVE CUSTODY
Before taking any child into protective custody, the deputy should make reasonable attempts to contact CPS. 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 CPS.

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 when a court order cannot reasonably be obtained in a timely manner (Welfare and Institutions Code § 305):

(a) The deputy reasonably believes the child is a person described in Welfare and Institutions Code § 300, and further has good cause to believe that any of the following conditions exist:
   1. The child has an immediate need for medical care.
   2. The child is in immediate danger of physical or sexual abuse.
   3. The physical environment or the fact that the child is left unattended poses an immediate threat to the child's health or safety. In the case of a child left unattended, the deputy shall first attempt to locate and determine if a responsible parent or guardian is available and capable of assuming custody before taking the child into protective custody.

(b) The deputy reasonably believes the child requires protective custody under the provisions of Penal Code § 279.6, in one of the following circumstances:
   1. It reasonably appears to the deputy that a person is likely to conceal the child, flee the jurisdiction with the child or, by flight or concealment, evade the authority of the court.
   2. There is no lawful custodian available to take custody of the child.
   3. There are conflicting custody orders or conflicting claims to custody and the parties cannot agree which party should take custody of the child.
   4. The child is an abducted child.

(c) The child is in the company of, or under the control of, a person arrested for Penal Code § 278 or Penal Code § 278.5.

A child taken into protective custody shall be delivered to CPS unless otherwise directed by court order.

330.6.1 CALIFORNIA SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW
An individual having lawful custody of an infant less than 72 hours old is not guilty of abandonment if the individual voluntarily surrenders physical custody of the infant to

personnel on-duty at a safe-surrender site, such as a hospital or fire department (Penal Code § 271.5). The law requires the surrender site to notify CPS.

330.7 INTERVIEWS

330.7.1 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.

330.7.2 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.

330.7.3 INTERVIEWS AT A SCHOOL

Any student at school who is a suspected victim of child abuse shall be afforded the option of being interviewed in private or selecting any qualified available adult member of the school staff to be present. The purpose of the staff member's presence is to provide comfort and support. The staff member shall not participate in the interview. The selection of a staff member should be such that it does not burden the school with costs or hardship (Penal Code § 11174.3).

330.8 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.

330.9 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.

330.9.1 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES
The Patrol/Investigation supervisor should:

(a) Work with professionals from the appropriate agencies, including CPS, 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) Activate any available interagency response when a deputy notifies the Patrol/Investigation supervisor that the 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.

(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 child.

330.9.2 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 Patrol/Investigation supervisor so an interagency response can begin.

330.10 STATE MANDATES AND OTHER RELEVANT LAWS
California requires or permits the following:

330.10.1 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 Release of Records and Information Policy (Penal Code 841.5; Penal Code § 11167.5).

330.10.2 REQUESTS FOR REMOVAL FROM THE CHILD ABUSE CENTRAL INDEX (CACI)
Any person whose name has been forwarded to the California Department of Justice (DOJ) for placement in California's CACI, as a result of an investigation, may request that his/her name be removed from the CACI list. Requests shall not qualify for consideration if there is an active case, ongoing investigation or pending prosecution that precipitated the entry to CACI (Penal Code § 11169). All requests for removal shall be submitted in writing by the requesting person and promptly routed to the CACI hearing officer.

330.10.3 CACI HEARING OFFICER
The Patrol/Investigation supervisor will normally serve as the hearing officer but must not be actively connected with the case that resulted in the person's name being submitted to CACI. Upon receiving a qualified request for removal, the hearing officer shall promptly schedule

a hearing to take place during normal business hours and provide written notification of the time and place of the hearing to the requesting party.

330.10.4 CACI HEARING PROCEDURES
The hearing is an informal process where the person requesting removal from the CACI list will be permitted to present relevant evidence (e.g., certified copy of an acquittal, factual finding of innocence) as to why his/her name should be removed. The person requesting the hearing may record the hearing at his/her own expense.

Formal rules of evidence will not apply and the hearing officer may consider, in addition to evidence submitted by the person requesting the hearing, any relevant information including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) Case reports including any supplemental reports

(b) Statements by investigators

(c) Statements from representatives of the District Attorney's Office

(d) Statements by representatives of a child protective agency who may be familiar with the case

After considering all information presented, the hearing officer shall make a determination as to whether the requesting party's name should be removed from the CACI list. Such determination shall be based on a finding that the allegations in the investigation are not substantiated (Penal Code § 11169).

If, after considering the evidence, the hearing officer finds that the allegations are not substantiated, he/she shall cause a request to be completed and forwarded to the DOJ that the person's name be removed from the CACI list. A copy of the hearing results and the request for removal will be attached to the case reports.

The findings of the hearing officer shall be considered final and binding.

330.10.5 CHILD DEATH REVIEW TEAM
This department should cooperate with any interagency child death review team investigation (Penal Code § 11174.32).

330.11 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.

Missing Person Reporting

332.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy provides guidance for handling missing person investigations.

332.1.1 DEFINITIONS At risk -Includes, but is not limited to (Penal Code § 14213) the following:

- A victim of a crime or foul play
- A person missing and in need of medical attention
- A missing person with no pattern of running away or disappearing
- A missing person who may be the victim of parental abduction
- A mentally impaired missing person

Missing Person - Any person who is reported missing to law enforcement when the person's location is unknown. This includes a child who has been taken, detained, concealed, enticed away or kept by a parent in violation of the law (Penal Code § 277 et seq.). It also includes any child who is missing voluntarily, involuntarily or under circumstances that do not conform to his/her ordinary habits or behavior, and who may be in need of assistance (Penal Code § 14213).

Missing person networks -Those databases or computer networks available to law enforcement and that are suitable for information related to missing persons investigations. These include the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS), Missing Person System (MPS) and the Unidentified Persons System (UPS).

332.2 POLICY
The Plumas 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 the facts reveal otherwise. The Plumas County Sheriff's Office gives missing person cases priority over property-related cases and will not require any time frame to pass before beginning a missing person investigation (Penal Code § 14205).

332.3 REQUIRED FORMS AND DNA COLLECTION KITS
The Investigation supervisor shall ensure the following forms and kits are developed and available in accordance with this policy, state law, federal law and the California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Missing Persons Investigations guidelines:

- Missing Person Report Form
- Missing Person Investigation Checklist, providing investigation guidelines and resources available in the early hours of a missing person investigation (Penal Code § 13519.07)
- Missing Person School Notification Form
- Medical Records Release Form from the California Department of Justice
- Missing Person Report Form from the California Department of Justice
- DNA Missing Persons Specimen Collection Kits

332.4 ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS
Any employee encountering a person who wishes to report a missing person or runaway shall render assistance without delay (Penal Code § 14205). This can be accomplished by accepting the report via telephone or in person and initiating the investigation. Those employees who do not take such reports or who are unable to render immediate assistance shall promptly dispatch or alert an employee who can take the report.

A report shall be accepted regardless of where the person was last seen, where the person resides or any other question of jurisdiction (Penal Code § 14205).

332.5 INITIAL INVESTIGATION
Deputies or other employees conducting the initial investigation of a missing person should take the following investigative actions as applicable:

(a) Respond to a dispatched call for service as soon as practicable.

(b) Interview the reporting person 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 at risk.

(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 as practicable but in no event more than one hour after determining the missing person is under 16 or may be at risk (Penal Code § 14205).

(e) Ensure that entries are made into the appropriate networks as follows:

1. Immediately when the missing person is at risk
2. In all other cases, as practicable but not later than two hours from the time of the initial report

(f) Notify a supervisor if the missing person may qualify for a public alert, as provided in the Public Alerts Policy.

(g) Complete the Department's missing person report forms accurately and completely.

(h) Collect and/or review the following:

1. A photograph and a fingerprint card of the missing person, if available
2. A voluntarily provided DNA sample of the missing person, if available (toothbrush, etc.)
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 (cell phones, computers, etc.)

(i) Contact the lead agency if the report relates to a previously made missing person report and another agency is actively investigating that report. When this is not practical, 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 deputy should notify a supervisor and proceed with reasonable steps to locate the missing person.

332.6 REPORT PROCEDURES AND ROUTING
Employees 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.

332.6.1 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES
The supervisor shall review and approve missing person reports upon receipt and ensure resources are deployed as appropriate. The reports should be promptly sent to Records Center.

The supervisor shall also ensure applicable notifications and public alerts are made and documented and that records have been entered into the appropriate missing person networks.

The supervisor should also take reasonable steps to identify and address any jurisdictional issues to ensure cooperation between agencies.

332.6.2 RECORDS CENTER RESPONSIBILITIES
The receiving employee shall:

(a) As soon as reasonable under the circumstances, notify and forward a copy of the report to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the missing person's residence in cases where the missing person is a resident of another jurisdiction (Penal Code § 14205).

(b) Notify and forward a copy of the report to the law enforcement agency in whose jurisdiction the missing person was last seen.

(c) Notify and forward a copy of the report to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the missing person's intended or possible destination, if known (Penal Code § 14205).

(d) Forward a copy of the report to Investigations and the Operations Assistant Sheriff or Administrative Assistant Sheriff in his absence.

332.7 PATROL/INVESTIGATION FOLLOW-UP
The investigator assigned to a missing person investigation:

(a) Shall 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 (California Education Code 49068.6).
2. The investigator should meet with school officials regarding the notice as appropriate to stress the importance of including the notice in the child's student file, along with 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 via the reporting party.

(c) Should consider contacting other agencies involved in the case to determine if any additional information is available.

(d) Shall verify and update CLETS, NCIC and any other applicable missing person networks within 60 days of the original entry into the networks and every 45 days thereafter until the missing person is located (42 USC § 5780).

(e) Should continue to make reasonable efforts to locate the missing person and document these efforts at least every 45 days.

(f) Shall maintain a close liaison with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children if the missing person is under the age of 21 (42 USC § 5780).

(g) Should make appropriate inquiry with the coroner or medical examiner and obtain and forward medical records, photos, x-rays and DNA samples pursuant to Penal Code § 14206 and Penal Code § 14250.

(h) Shall attempt to obtain the most recent photograph for persons under 18 years of age if it has not previously been obtained and forward the photograph to California DOJ (Penal Code § 14209).

(i) Should consider making appropriate entries and searches in the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs). (NamUs is a free online system that can be searched by medical examiners, coroners, law enforcement officials and the general public to solve these cases).

332.8 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 and notify the reporting party and other involved agencies.

The Records Supervisor shall ensure that upon receipt of information that a missing person has been located, the following occurs:

(a) Notification is made to California DOJ.

(b) The missing child's school is notified.

(c) Entries are made in the applicable missing person networks (Penal Code § 14207).

(d) When a child under 12 years of age or a person who is at risk is found, the report of finding shall be made within 24 hours to the California Attorney General's Office (Penal Code § 14207(b)).

(e) Notification shall be made to any other law enforcement agency that took the initial report or participated in the investigation (Penal Code § 14207(b)).

332.9 CASE CLOSURE

The Operations Assistant Sheriff 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 has matched an unidentified person or body.

(b) If the missing person was a resident of Plumas 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 inactivate 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.

Public Alerts

334.1 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.

334.2 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.

334.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

334.3.1 EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES
Employees of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office should notify their supervisor, Shift Sergeant or Patrol/Investigation Supervisor 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.

334.3.2 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 Sheriff, the appropriate Undersheriff when any public alert is generated.

The supervisor in charge of the investigation to which the alert relates is responsible for the following:

Undersheriff

(a) Updating alerts

(b) Canceling alerts

(c) Ensuring all appropriate reports are completed

(d) Preparing an after-action evaluation of the investigation to be forwarded to the

334.4 AMBER ALERTS
The AMBER Alert™ Program is a voluntary partnership between law enforcement agencies, broadcasters, transportation agencies and the wireless industry, to activate urgent bulletins in child abduction cases.

334.4.1 CRITERIA FOR AMBER ALERT
The following conditions must be met before activating an AMBER Alert (Government Code 8594(a)):

(a) Abduction has been determined to have occurred.

(b) The victim is 17 years of age or younger, or has a proven mental or physical disability.

(c) The victim is in imminent danger of serious injury or death.

(d) There is information available that, if provided to the public, could assist in the child's safe recovery.

334.4.2 PROCEDURE FOR AMBER ALERT
The supervisor in charge will ensure the following:

(a) An initial press release is prepared that includes all available information that might aid in locating the child:

1. The child's identity, age and description
2. Photograph if available
3. The suspect's identity, age and description, if known
4. Pertinent vehicle description
5. Detail regarding location of incident, direction of travel, potential destinations, if known
6. Name and telephone number of the Undersheriff or other authorized individual to handle media liaison
7. A telephone number for the public to call with leads or information

(b) The local California Highway Patrol communications center should be contacted to initiate a multi-regional or statewide EAS broadcast, following any policies and procedures developed by CHP (Government Code § 8594).

(c) The press release information is forwarded to the Sheriff's Department Emergency Communications Bureau so that general broadcasts can be made to local law enforcement agencies.

(d) Information regarding the missing person should be entered into the California Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (CLETS).

(e) Information regarding the missing person should be entered into the California Department of Justice Missing and Unidentified Persons System (MUPS)/National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

(f) The following resources should be considered as circumstances dictate:

1. The local FBI office
2. National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)

334.5 BLUE ALERTS
Blue Alerts may be issued when a deputy is killed, injured or assaulted and the suspect may pose a threat to the public or other law enforcement personnel.

334.5.1 CRITERIA FOR BLUE ALERTS
All of the following conditions must be met before activating a Blue Alert (Government Code § 8594.5):

(a) A law enforcement officer has been killed, suffered serious bodily injury or has been assaulted with a deadly weapon, and the suspect has fled the scene of the offense.

(b) The investigating law enforcement agency has determined that the suspect poses an imminent threat to the public or other law enforcement personnel.

(c) A detailed description of the suspect's vehicle or license plate is available for broadcast.

(d) Public dissemination of available information may help avert further harm or accelerate apprehension of the suspect.

334.5.2 PROCEDURE FOR BLUE ALERT
The supervisor in charge should ensure the following:

(a) An initial press release is prepared that includes all available information that might aid in locating the suspect:

1. The license number and/or any other available description or photograph of the vehicle
2. Photograph, description and/or identification of the suspect
3. The suspect's identity, age and description, if known
4. Detail regarding location of incident, direction of travel, potential destinations, if known
5. Name and telephone number of the Undersheriff or other authorized individual to handle media liaison
6. A telephone number for the public to call with leads or information

(b) The local California Highway Patrol communications center is contacted to initiate a multi-regional or statewide EAS broadcast.

(c) The information in the press release is forwarded to the Sheriff's Department Emergency Communications Center so that general broadcasts can be made to local law enforcement agencies.

(d) The following resources should be considered as circumstances dictate:

1. Entry into the California Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (CLETS)
2. The FBI local office

334.6 MUTUAL AID
The experiences of other law enforcement jurisdictions that have implemented similar plans indicate an AMBER Alert or Blue Alert will generate a high volume of telephone calls to the handling agency.

The Sheriff's Department Emergency Communications Center facilities and staff can be made available in the event of a high call volume.

If the Shift Sergeant or Patrol/Investigation Supervisor elects to use the services of the Sheriff's Department, the following will apply:

(a) Notify a Sheriff's Department Assistant Sheriff of the incident and the request for assistance. He/she will provide you with a telephone number for the public to call.

(b) In the press release, direct the public to the telephone number provided by the Assistant Sheriff.

(c) The Undersheriff will continue to handle all press releases and media inquiries. Any press inquiries received by the Sheriff's Department will be referred back to this department.

The Plumas County Sheriff's Office shall assign a minimum of two detectives/deputies to respond to the Sheriff's Department Emergency Communications Center to screen and relay information and any clues received from incoming calls. As circumstances dictate,

more staff resources from the handling law enforcement agency may be necessary to assist the staff at the Emergency Communications Center.

Victim Witness Assistance Program

336.1 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.

336.2 POLICY
The Plumas County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing guidance and assistance to the victims and witnesses of crime. The employees of the Plumas 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.

336.3 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 Plumas 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.

336.3.1 SPECIFIC VICTIM LIAISON DUTIES
The Sheriff shall designate a crime victim liaison to the Victim-Witness Assistance Program office. It shall be his/her responsibility to forward copies of police reports requested by the local victim centers to verify the criminal activity upon which the application for assistance is based. The Victim-Witness liaison shall carry out the functions required by state law; and devise and implement written procedures to notify and provide the required compensation information. The Release of Records and Information Policy in this manual regarding the release of reports shall be followed in all cases (Government Code § 13962(b); 2 CCR 649.35; 2 CCR 649.36).

336.4 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.

336.5 VICTIM INFORMATION
The Administration Assistant Sheriff 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; Penal Code § 13823.95(a)).

(d) An explanation that no victim of sexual assault shall be required to participate or agree to participate in the criminal justice system, either prior to examination or at any other time (Penal Code § 13823.95(b)).

(e) 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.

(f) A clear explanation of relevant court orders and how they can be obtained.

(g) Information regarding available compensation for qualifying victims of crime.

(h) 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.

(i) Notice regarding U-Visa and T-Visa application processes.

(j) Resources available for victims of identity theft.

(k) A place for the deputy's name, badge number and any applicable case or incident number.

(l) Any additional information required by state law (Penal Code § 13701; Penal Code § 679.02; Penal Code § 679.05; Penal Code § 679.026).

336.6 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.

Hate Crimes

338.1 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 has been developed to meet or exceed the provisions of Penal Code § 13519.6(c) and provides members of this department with guidelines for identifying and investigating incidents and crimes that may be motivated by hatred or other bias.

338.2 DEFINITIONS

Hate crimes -Penal Code § 422.55(a) defines a hate crime as a criminal act committed in whole or in part, because of one or more of the following actual or perceived characteristics of the victim:

(a) Disability

(b) Sex

(c) Nationality

(d) Race or ethnicity

(e) Religion

(f) Sexual orientation

(g) Association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics

(h) Examples of hate crimes include, but are not limited to:

1. Interfering with, oppressing or threatening any other person in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured by the constitution or laws because of one or more of the actual or perceived characteristics of the victim (Penal Code § 422.6).
2. Defacing a person's property because of one or more of the actual or perceived characteristics of the victim (Penal Code § 422.6(b)).
3. Terrorizing a person with a swastika or burning cross (Penal Code § 11411).
4. Vandalizing a place of worship (Penal Code § 594.3).

The federal Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act expands federal hate crimes to include crimes motivated by a victim's actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability (18 USC § 245).

338.3 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) Accessing assistance by, among other things, activating the California Department of Justice Hate Crime Rapid Response Protocol when necessary.

(c) Providing victim assistance and follow-up as outlined below, including community follow-up.

338.4 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. No victim of or a witness to a hate crime who is not otherwise charged with or convicted of a crime under state law may be detained for or turned over to federal authorities exclusively for any actual or suspected immigration violation (Penal Code § 422.93(b))

(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) will provide the victim(s) of any suspected hate crime with a brochure on hate crimes (Penal Code §422.92). Such brochures will also be available to members of the general public upon request. The assigned deputy(s) should also make reasonable efforts to assist the victim(s) by providing available information on local assistance programs and organizations

(h) The assigned deputy(s) and supervisor should take reasonable steps to ensure that any such situation does not escalate further (e.g., Possible Temporary Restraining Order through the District Attorney or County Counsel Penal Code § 136.2 or Civil Code § 52.1 as indicated).

338.4.1 PATROL/INVESTIGATION RESPONSIBILITY

If a case is assigned to the Patrol/Investigation, 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 appropriate 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 and report such data to the Attorney General upon request pursuant to Penal Code § 13023

338.5 TRAINING

All members of this department will receive POST approved training on hate crime recognition and investigation as provided by Penal Code § 13519.6.

Disciplinary Policy

340.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy establishes standards of conduct that are consistent with the values and mission of this department and are expected of its 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 member conduct. Members are also subject to provisions contained throughout this manual as well as any additional guidance on conduct that may be disseminated by the Department or the member's supervisors.

This policy applies to all employees (full-and part-time), reserve deputies and volunteers.

340.2 DISCIPLINE POLICY
The continued employment of every employee of this department shall be based on conduct that reasonably conforms to the guidelines set forth herein. Failure of any employee to meet the guidelines set forth in this policy, whether on-duty or off-duty, may be cause for disciplinary action.

An employee's off-duty conduct shall be governed by this policy to the extent that it is related to act(s) that may materially affect or arise from the employee's ability to perform official duties or to the extent that it may be indicative of unfitness for his/her position.

340.3 CONDUCT WHICH MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINE
The following list of causes for disciplinary action constitutes a portion of the disciplinary standards of this department. This list is not intended to cover every possible type of misconduct and does not preclude the recommendation of disciplinary action for specific action or inaction that is detrimental to efficient department service:

340.3.1 ATTENDANCE

(a) Leaving job to which assigned during duty hours without reasonable excuse and proper permission and approval.

(b) Unexcused or unauthorized absence or tardiness on scheduled day(s) of work.

(c) Failure to report to work or to place of assignment at time specified and fully prepared to perform duties without reasonable excuse.

(d) Failure to notify the Department within 24 hours of any change in residence address, home phone number, or marital status.

340.3.2 CONDUCT

(a) Unauthorized or unlawful fighting, threatening or attempting to inflict unlawful bodily injury on another.

(b) Initiating any civil action for recovery of any damages or injuries incurred in the course and scope of employment without first notifying the Sheriff of such action.

(c) 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.

(d) Engaging in horseplay resulting in injury or property damage or the reasonable possibility thereof.

(e) Unauthorized possession of, loss of or damage to department property or the property of others, or endangering it through unreasonable carelessness or maliciousness.

(f) Failure of any employee to promptly and fully report activities on their own part or the part of any other employee where such activities may result in criminal prosecution or discipline under this policy.

(g) Failure of any employee to promptly and fully report activities that have resulted in official contact by any other law enforcement agency.

(h) Using or disclosing one's status as an employee with the Department in any way that could reasonably be perceived as an attempt to gain influence or authority for non-department business or activity.

(i) The use of any information, photograph, video or other recording obtained or accessed as a result of employment with the Department for personal or financial gain or without the express authorization of the Sheriff or a designee may result in discipline under this policy.

(j) Seeking restraining orders against individuals encountered in the line of duty without the express permission of the Sheriff.

(k) Discourteous, disrespectful or discriminatory treatment of any member of the public or any member of this department.

(l) Unwelcome solicitation of a personal or sexual relationship while on-duty or through the use of one's official capacity.

(m) Engaging in on-duty sexual relations including, but not limited to, sexual intercourse, excessive displays of public affection or other sexual contact.

340.3.3 DISCRIMINATION

(a) Discriminate against any person because of age, race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, marital status, physical or mental disability or medical condition.

340.3.4 INTOXICANTS

(a) Reporting for work or being at work following the use of intoxicants where such use may impair the employee's ability to perform assigned duties or where there is an immediate suspicion of ineffectiveness during public contact resulting from the use of intoxicants

(b) Unauthorized possession or use of, or attempting to bring intoxicants to the worksite, except as authorized in the performance of an official assignment. An employee who is authorized to consume intoxicants is not permitted to do so to such a degree that it may impair on-duty performance

(c) Reporting for work or being at work following the use of a "controlled substance" or any drug (whether legally prescribed or otherwise) where such use may impair the employee's ability to perform assigned duties

(d) Unauthorized possession, use of, or attempting to bring controlled substance or other illegal drug to any work site

340.3.5 PERFORMANCE

(a) Unauthorized sleeping during on-duty time or assignments.

(b) Careless workmanship resulting in spoilage or waste of materials or work of an unacceptable nature as applicable to the nature of the work assigned.

(c) Unsatisfactory work performance including, but not limited to, failure, incompetence, inefficiency or delay in performing and/or carrying out proper orders, work assignments or instructions of supervisors without a reasonable and bona fide excuse.

(d) Concealing, attempting to conceal, removing or destroying defective or incompetent work.

(e) Disobedience or insubordination to constituted authorities, including refusal or deliberate failure to carry out or follow lawful directives and orders from any supervisor or person in a position of authority.

(f) The wrongful or unlawful exercise of authority on the part of any employee for malicious purpose, personal gain, willful deceit or any other improper purpose.

(g) Disparaging remarks or conduct concerning duly constituted authority to the extent that such conduct disrupts the efficiency of the Department or subverts the good order, efficiency and discipline of the Department or which would tend to discredit any member thereof.

(h) Knowingly making false, misleading or malicious statements that are reasonably calculated to harm or destroy the reputation, authority or official standing of the Department or members thereof.

(i) The falsification of any work-related records, the making of misleading entries or statements with the intent to deceive, or the willful and unauthorized destruction and/or mutilation of any department record, book, paper or document.

(j) Wrongfully loaning, selling, giving away or appropriating any department property for the personal use of the employee or any unauthorized person.

(k) The unauthorized use of any badge, uniform, identification card or other department equipment or property for personal gain or any other improper purpose.

(l) The receipt or acceptance of a reward, fee or gift from any person for service incident to the performance of the employee's duties (lawful subpoena fees and authorized work permits excepted).

(m) Any knowing or negligent violation of the provisions of the department manual, operating procedures or other written directive of an authorized supervisor. The Department shall make this manual available to all employees. Employees shall familiarize themselves with this manual and be responsible for compliance with each of the policies contained herein.

(n) Work-related dishonesty, including attempted or actual theft of department property, services or the property of others, or the unauthorized removal or possession of department property or the property of another person.

(o) Criminal, dishonest, infamous or disgraceful conduct adversely affecting the employee/employer relationship, whether on-or off-duty.

(p) Failure to disclose or misrepresenting material facts, or the making of 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.

(q) Failure to take reasonable action while on-duty and when required by law, statute, resolution or approved department practices or procedures.

(r) Associating with or joining a criminal gang, organized crime and/or criminal syndicate when a department member knew or reasonably should have known 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 the Department.

(s) Offer or acceptance of a bribe or gratuity.

(t) Misappropriation or misuse of public funds.

(u) Exceeding lawful peace officer powers by unreasonable, unlawful or excessive conduct.

(v) Unlawful gambling or unlawful betting at any time or any place. Legal gambling or betting under any of the following conditions: while on department premises; at any work site; while on-duty or while in uniform; or while using any department equipment or system. 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.

(w) Substantiated, active, continuing association on a personal rather than official basis with a person or persons who engage in or are continuing to engage in serious violations of state or federal laws, where the employee has or reasonably should have knowledge of such criminal activities, except where specifically directed and authorized by the Department.

(x) Solicitations, speeches or distribution of campaign literature for or against any political candidate or position while on-duty, on department property or while in any way representing him/herself as a member of this agency, except as expressly authorized by the Sheriff.

(y) Engaging in political activities during assigned working hours except as expressly authorized by the Sheriff.

(z) Violating any misdemeanor or felony statute.

(aa) Any other on-duty or off-duty conduct which any employee knows or reasonably should know is unbecoming a member of the Department or which is contrary to good order, efficiency or morale, or which tends to reflect unfavorably upon the Department or its members.

(ab) Any failure or refusal of an employee to properly perform the function and duties of an assigned position.

(ac) Failure to maintain required and current licenses (e.g. driver's license) and certifications (e.g., first aid).

(ad) 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.

340.3.6 SAFETY

(a) Failure to observe posted rules, signs and written or oral safety instructions while on duty and/or within department facilities or to use required protective clothing or equipment.

(b) Knowingly failing to report any on-the-job or work-related accident or injury within 24 hours.

(c) Substantiated employee record of unsafe or improper driving habits or actions in the course of employment.

(d) Failure to maintain good physical condition sufficient to adequately and safely perform law enforcement duties.

(e) Any personal action contributing to involvement in a preventable traffic collision, or other unsafe or improper driving habits or actions in the course of employment.

(f) Violating departmental safety standards or safe working practices.

340.3.7 SECURITY

(a) Unauthorized, intentional release of designated confidential information, materials, data, forms or reports

340.3.8 SUPERVISION RESPONSIBILITY

(a) Failure of a supervisor to take appropriate action to ensure that employees adhere to the policies and procedures of this department and the actions of all personnel comply with all laws

(b) Failure of a supervisor to timely report known misconduct of an employee to his or her immediate supervisor or to document such misconduct appropriately or as required by policy

(c) The unequal or disparate exercise of authority on the part of a supervisor toward any employee for malicious or other improper purpose

340.4 INVESTIGATION OF DISCIPLINARY ALLEGATIONS
Regardless of the source of an allegation of misconduct, all such matters will be investigated in accordance with Personnel Complaint Procedure Policy Manual § 1020. Pursuant to Government Code §§ 3304(d) and 3508.1, the investigation should be completed within one year of the discovery of the allegation unless such investigation falls within one of the exceptions delineated within those provisions.

340.4.1 WRITTEN REPRIMANDS
Any employee wishing to formally appeal a written reprimand must submit a written request to his/her Assistant Sheriff within ten days of receipt of the written reprimand. The Assistant Sheriff will then assign the appeal to an uninvolved supervisor.

Absent a written stipulation to the contrary, the employee will be provided with an evidentiary hearing before the assigned, uninvolved supervisor within 30 days. The decision of the assigned, uninvolved supervisor to sustain, modify or dismiss the written reprimand shall be considered final.

340.5 POST INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES

340.5.1 ASSISTANT SHERIFF RESPONSIBILITIES
Upon receipt of any completed personnel investigation, the Assistant Sheriff of the involved employee shall review the entire investigative file, the employee's personnel file and any other relevant materials.

The Assistant Sheriff may make recommendations regarding the disposition of any allegations and the amount of discipline, if any, to be imposed.

(a) Prior to forwarding recommendations to the Sheriff, the Assistant Sheriff may return the entire investigation to the assigned detective or supervisor for further investigation or action

(b) When forwarding any written recommendation to the Sheriff, the Assistant Sheriff shall include all relevant materials supporting the recommendation. Actual copies of an employee's existing personnel file need not be provided and may be incorporated by reference

340.5.2 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SHERIFF

Upon receipt of any written recommendation for disciplinary action, the Sheriff shall review the recommendation and all accompanying materials.

The Sheriff may modify any recommendation and/or may return the file to the Undersheriff for further investigation or action.

Once the Sheriff is satisfied that no further investigation or action is required by staff, the Sheriff shall determine the amount of discipline, if any, to be recommended.

In the event disciplinary action is recommended, the Sheriff shall provide the employee with written (*Skelly*) notice of the following information within one year of the date of the discovery of the alleged misconduct (absent an exception set forth in Government Code § 3304(d) or Government Code § 3508.1):

(a) Specific charges set forth in separate counts, describing the conduct underlying each count.

(b) A separate recommendation of proposed discipline for each charge.

(c) A statement that the employee has been provided with or given access to all of the materials considered by the Sheriff in recommending the proposed discipline.

(d) An opportunity to respond orally or in writing to the Sheriff within five days of receiving the Skelly notice.

1. Upon a showing of good cause by the employee, the Sheriff may grant a reasonable extension of time for the employee to respond.
2. If the employee elects to respond orally, the presentation shall be recorded by the Department. Upon request, the employee shall be provided with a copy of the recording.

340.6 EMPLOYEE RESPONSE

The pre-discipline process is intended to provide the accused employee with an opportunity to present a written or oral response to the Sheriff after having had an opportunity to review the supporting materials and prior to imposition of any recommended discipline. The employee shall consider the following:

(a) This Skelly response is not intended to be an adversarial or formal hearing.

(b) Although the employee may be represented by an uninvolved representative or legal counsel, the Skelly response is not designed to accommodate the presentation of testimony or witnesses.

(c) The employee may suggest that further investigation could be conducted or the employee may offer any additional information or mitigating factors for the Sheriff to consider.

(d) In the event that the Sheriff elects to cause further investigation to be conducted, the employee shall be provided with the results of such subsequent investigation prior to the imposition of any discipline.

(e) The employee may thereafter have the opportunity to further respond orally or in writing to the Sheriff on the limited issue(s) of information raised in any subsequent materials.

(f) Once the employee has completed his/her Skelly response or, if the employee has elected to waive any such response, the Sheriff shall consider all information received in regard to the recommended discipline. The Sheriff shall thereafter render a written decision within seven calendar days to the employee imposing, modifying or rejecting the recommended discipline. In the event of a termination, the final notice of discipline shall also inform the employee of the reason(s) for termination and the process to receive all remaining fringe and retirement benefits.

(g) Once the Sheriff has issued a written decision, the discipline shall become effective

340.7 RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS PRIOR TO DISCIPLINE
In the event that an employee tenders a written retirement or resignation prior to the imposition of discipline, it shall be noted in the file.

The tender of a retirement or resignation by itself shall not serve as grounds for the termination of pending discipline.

340.8 POST SKELLY PROCEDURE
In situations resulting in the imposition of a suspension, punitive transfer, demotion, termination of a non-probationary employee, the employee shall have the right to an evidentiary appeal of the Sheriff's imposition of discipline pursuant to the operative Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and personnel rules.

340.9 DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEES
In the event that a probationary employee is terminated solely for unsatisfactory performance or the failure to meet department standards, the employee shall have no right to appeal and the following shall be considered:

(a) Termination of a probationary employee for such failure to pass probation shall be so reflected in the employee's personnel file

(b) In the event that a probationary employee is disciplined or terminated for misconduct, the employee shall only be entitled to appeal the decision in the same manner as set forth in the Skelly procedure as set forth above. This appeal process may be held prior to or within a reasonable time after the imposition of discipline

(c) At all times during any investigation of allegations of misconduct involving a probationary deputy, such deputy shall be afforded all procedural rights set forth in Government Code § 3303 and applicable Department policies

(d) A probationary employee's appeal of disciplinary action shall be limited to an opportunity for the employee to attempt to establish that the underlying allegations should not be sustained. Nothing in this policy or procedure, however, should be construed to establish any sort of property interest in or right to the employee's continuation of employment

(e) The burden of proof for any probationary employee's appeal of disciplinary action shall rest with the employee and will require proof by a preponderance of the evidence

(f) In the event that a probationary employee meets his or her burden of proof in such a disciplinary appeal, the Department shall remove all reference to the underlying allegations of misconduct from the employee's personnel file

(f) In the event that a probationary employee fails to meet his or her burden of proof in such a disciplinary appeal, the employee shall have no further right to appeal beyond the Sheriff

Department Computer Use

342.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy describes the use of department computers, software and systems.

342.1.1 PRIVACY POLICY
Any employee utilizing any computer, electronic storage device or media, Internet service, phone service, information conduit, system or other wireless service provided by or funded by the Department expressly acknowledges and agrees that the use of such service, whether for business or personal use, shall remove any expectation of privacy the employee, sender and recipient of any communication utilizing such service might otherwise have, including as to the content of any such communication. The Department also expressly reserves the right to access and audit any and all communications, including content that is sent, received and/or stored through the use of such service.

342.2 DEFINITIONS
The following definitions relate to terms used within this policy:

Computer System -Shall mean all computers (on-site and portable), hardware, software, and resources owned, leased, rented, or licensed by the Plumas County Sheriff's Office, which are provided for official use by agency employees. This shall include all access to, and use of, Internet Service Providers (ISP) or other service providers provided by or through the agency or agency funding.

Hardware -Shall include, but is not limited to, computers, computer terminals, network equipment, modems or any other tangible computer device generally understood to comprise hardware.

Software -Shall include, but is not limited to, all computer programs and applications including "shareware." This does not include files created by the individual user.

Temporary File or **Permanent File** or **File -**Shall mean any electronic document, information or data residing or located, in whole or in part, whether temporarily or permanently, on the system, including but not limited to spreadsheets, calendar entries, appointments, tasks, notes, letters, reports or messages.

342.3 SYSTEM INSPECTION OR REVIEW
An employee's supervisor has the express authority to inspect or review the system, any and all temporary or permanent files and related electronic systems or devices, and any contents thereof when such inspection or review is in the ordinary course of his/her supervisory duties, or based on cause.

When requested by an employee's supervisor, or during the course of regular duties requiring such information, a member(s) of the agency's information systems staff or any appointed supervisor may extract, download, or otherwise obtain any and all temporary or permanent files residing or located in or on the system.

Reasons for inspection or review may include, but are not limited to system malfunctions, problems or general system failure, a lawsuit against the agency involving the employee, or

related to the employee's duties, an alleged or suspected violation of a department policy, or a need to perform or provide a service when the employee is unavailable.

342.4 AGENCY PROPERTY
All information, data, documents, communications, and other entries initiated on, sent to or from, or accessed on any department computer, or through the department computer system on any other computer, whether downloaded or transferred from the original department computer, shall remain the exclusive property of the Department and shall not be available for personal or non-departmental use without the expressed authorization of an employee's supervisor.

342.5 UNAUTHORIZED USE OF SOFTWARE
Employees 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 computer virus or malicious software infection, employees shall not install any unlicensed or unauthorized software on any department computer. Employees shall not install personal copies of any software onto any department computer. Any files or software that an employee finds necessary to upload onto a department computer or network shall be done so only with the approval of the department IT specialist and only after being properly scanned for malicious attachments.

No employee shall knowingly make, acquire or use unauthorized copies of computer software not licensed to the agency while on agency premises or on an agency computer system. Such unauthorized use of software exposes the agency and involved employees to severe civil and criminal penalties.

342.6 PROHIBITED AND INAPPROPRIATE USE
Access to department technology resources including Internet access provided by or through the Department shall be strictly limited to department-related business activities. Data stored on, or available through department systems shall only be accessed by authorized employees who are engaged in an active investigation, assisting in an active investigation, or who otherwise have a legitimate law enforcement or department business related purpose to access such data. Any exceptions to this policy must be approved by a supervisor.

An Internet site containing information that is not appropriate or applicable to departmental use and which shall not be intentionally accessed include, but are not limited to, adult forums, pornography, chat rooms and similar or related Web sites. Certain exceptions may be permitted with the approval of a supervisor as a function of an assignment.

Downloaded information shall be limited to messages, mail and data files, which shall be subject to audit and review by the Department without notice. No copyrighted and/or unlicensed software program files may be downloaded.

Employees shall report any unauthorized access to the system or suspected intrusion from outside sources (including the Internet) to a supervisor.

342.7 PROTECTION OF AGENCY SYSTEMS AND FILES
All employees have a duty to protect the system and related systems and devices from physical and environmental damage and are responsible for the correct use, operation, care, and maintenance of the system.

It is expressly prohibited for an employee to allow an unauthorized user to access the system at any time or for any reason.

Report Preparation

344.1 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.

344.1.1 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.

Handwritten reports 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.

344.2 REQUIRED REPORTING
Written reports are required in all of the following situations on the appropriate department approved form unless otherwise approved by a supervisor.

344.2.1 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY REPORTING
When an employee 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 employee is required to document the activity. The fact that a victim is not desirous of prosecution is not an exception to documenting a report. The following are examples of required documentation:

(a) In every instance where a felony has occurred, the documentation shall take the form of a written crime report

(b) In every instance where a misdemeanor crime has occurred and the victim desires a report, the documentation shall take the form of a written crime report. If the victim does not desire a report, the incident will be recorded on the dispatcher's OCR. In instances where a misdemeanor crime against property has occurred a crime report will be written.

(c) In every case where any force is used against any person by sheriff's personnel

(d) All incidents involving domestic violence

(e) All arrests

344.2.2 NON-CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
The following incidents shall be documented using the appropriate approved report:

(a) Anytime 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 and Qualification Policy)

(d) Anytime a person is reported missing, regardless of jurisdiction (see the Missing Persons Reporting Policy)

(e) Any found property or found evidence

(f) Any traffic collisions above the minimum reporting level (see 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

344.2.3 SUICIDES
Cases of obvious suicide may be investigated and completed by the deputy. If the deputy is unable to determine the manner of death, he/she shall proceed as though it is a homicide.

344.2.4 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.

344.2.5 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.

344.2.6 MANDATORY REPORTING OF JUVENILE GUNSHOT INJURIES
A report shall be taken when any incident in which a child 18 years or younger suffered an unintentional or self-inflicted gunshot wound. The Records Center shall notify the California State Department of Health Services of the incident, including the nature of the injury, on a form provided by the state. Forms may be obtained from DHS Epidemiology and Prevention for Injury Control (EPIC) Branch, Tel: (910) 552-9849 (Penal Code § 23685).

344.3 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.

344.3.1 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.

344.3.2 GENERAL USE OF OTHER HANDWRITTEN FORMS
County, state and federal agency forms may be block printed as appropriate. In general, the form itself may make the requirement for typing apparent.

344.4 REPORT CORRECTIONS
Supervisors shall review reports for content and accuracy. If a correction is necessary, the reviewing supervisor should complete a memorandum stating the reasons for rejection. The original report and the memorandum form should be returned to the reporting employee for correction as soon as practical. It shall be the responsibility of the originating deputy to ensure that any report returned for correction is processed in a timely manner.

344.5 REPORT CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS
Reports that have been approved by a supervisor and submitted to the Records Center 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 Center may be corrected or modified by the authoring deputy only with the knowledge and authorization of the reviewing supervisor.

344.6 ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES
The Plumas County Sheriff's Office has established an electronic signature procedure for use by all employees of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office. The Operations Assistant Sheriff, shall be responsible for maintaining the electronic signature system and ensuring that each employee creates a unique, confidential password for his/her electronic signature.

- Employees may only use their electronic signature for official reports or other official communications.
- Each employee shall be responsible for the security and use of his/her electronic signature and shall promptly notify a supervisor if the electronic signature has or may have been compromised or misused.

News Media Relations

346.1 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.

346.2 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, the Assistant Sheriffs, Shift Sergeant(s) or designated deputy may prepare and release information to the media in accordance with this policy and the applicable law.

346.2.1 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 or an Assistant Sheriff.

346.3 MEDIA ACCESS
Authorized members of the media shall be provided access to scenes of disasters, criminal investigations, emergencies and other law enforcement activities subject to the following conditions (Penal Code § 409.5(d)):

(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 operations. All information released to the media should be coordinated through a department Assistant Sheriff or other designated spokesperson.

    2. 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 Shift Sergeant. The TFR request 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 shall be subjected to media visits or interviews without the consent of the involved employee (Government Code § 3303(e)).

(d) Media interviews with individuals who are in custody should not be permitted without the approval of the Sheriff and the express consent of the person in custody.

A tactical operation should be handled in the same manner as a crime scene, except the news media shall be permitted within the outer perimeter of the scene, subject to any restrictions as determined 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 an Assistant Sheriff.

346.3.1 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.

346.4 SCOPE OF INFORMATION SUBJECT TO RELEASE

The Department will maintain a daily information log of significant law enforcement activities that shall be made available, upon request, to media representatives through the Dispatch Supervisor or Shift Sergeant. This log will generally contain the following information:

(a) The date, time, location, case number, type of crime, extent of injury or loss, and names of individuals (except confidential informants) involved in crimes 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, time, location, case number, name, birth date 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 with a brief summary of the incident subject to the restrictions of this policy and applicable law

At no time shall identifying information pertaining to a juvenile arrestee, victim or witness be publicly released without prior approval of a competent court.

Information concerning incidents involving certain sex crimes and other offenses set forth in Government Code § 6254(f) shall be restricted in accordance with applicable statutory provisions. Identifying information concerning deceased individuals shall not be released to the media until notification of next of kin or otherwise cleared through the Coroner'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 Shift Sergeant. Such requests will generally be processed in accordance with the provisions of the Public Records Act (Government Code § 6250, et seq.)

346.4.1 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) Confidential peace officer personnel information (See Policy Manual § 1026)
    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.

(b) Copies of traffic collision reports (except to the involved parties and their authorized representatives) (Vehicle Code § 20012)

(c) Criminal history information

(d) Information that would tend to endanger the safety of any individual or jeopardize the successful completion of any ongoing investigation

(e) Information pertaining to pending litigation involving this department

(f) Information obtained in confidence

(g) Any information that is otherwise privileged or restricted under state or federal law. (Government Code § 6254(k)).

Court Appearance and Subpoenas

348.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This procedure has been established 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.

348.1.1 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.

348.2 COURT SUBPOENAS
Employees who receive subpoenas related to their employment with this department are subject to the provisions of this policy. Employees should be aware that their compliance is mandatory on all cases for which they have been properly subpoenaed, or properly notified. This policy applies to civil and criminal subpoenas. Employees are expected to cooperate with the prosecution to ensure the successful conclusion of a case.

348.2.1 SERVICE OF SUBPOENA
Service of a subpoena requiring the appearance of any department employee in connection with a matter arising out of the employee's course and scope of official duties may be accomplished by personal service on the employee or by delivery of two copies of the subpoena on the employee's supervisor or other authorized departmental agent (Government Code § 68097.1; Penal Code § 1328(c)). Subpoena service is also acceptable by courier or court liaison from the court to this department.

348.2.2 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.

348.2.3 ACCEPTANCE OF SUBPOENA

(a) Only the employee named in a subpoena, his/her immediate supervisor or the department subpoena clerk shall be authorized to accept service of a subpoena. (Penal Code § 1328(c)). Any authorized employee accepting a subpoena shall immediately provide a copy of the subpoena to the department subpoena clerk. The

subpoena clerk 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.

(c) Once a subpoena has been received by a supervisor or other authorized individual, a copy of the subpoena shall be promptly provided to the subpoena clerk as well as a copy to the individually named employee.

348.2.4 REFUSAL OF SUBPOENA

Except where previous arrangements with the issuing court exist, training, vacations and regularly scheduled days off are not valid reasons for refusing a subpoena or missing court. If, due to illness or injury, the named employee is unable to appear in court as directed by a previously served subpoena, he/she shall, at least one hour before the appointed date and time, inform the subpoena clerk or the Shift Sergeant of his/her absence. It shall then be the responsibility of the subpoena clerk to notify the issuing authority of the employee's unavailability to appear.

If the immediate supervisor or other authorized individual knows that he/she will be unable to deliver a copy of the subpoena to the named employee within sufficient time for the named employee to comply with the subpoena, the supervisor or other authorized individual may refuse to accept service (Penal Code § 1328(d)).

If a subpoena is presented for service to an immediate supervisor or other authorized individual less than five working days prior to the date listed for an appearance and the supervisor or other authorized individual is not reasonably certain that the service can be completed, he/she may refuse to accept service (Penal Code § 1328(e)).

If, after initially accepting service of a subpoena, a supervisor or other authorized individual determines that he/she will be unable to deliver a copy of the subpoena to the individually named employee within sufficient time for the named employee to comply with the subpoena, the supervisor or the subpoena clerk shall notify the server or the attorney named on the subpoena of such not less than 48 hours prior to the date listed for the appearance (Penal Code § 1328(f)).

348.2.5 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 changes his/her location during the day, the employee shall notify the subpoena clerk 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.

348.2.6 OFF-DUTY RELATED SUBPOENAS

Employees receiving valid subpoenas for actions taken off-duty not related to their employment with Plumas 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.

348.2.7 FAILURE TO APPEAR
Any employee who fails to 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.

348.3 CIVIL SUBPOENAS
The Department will compensate employees who appear in their official capacity on civil matters arising out of the employee's official duties as directed by the current Memorandum of Understanding. In such situations, the Department will also reimburse any deputy for reasonable and necessary travel expenses.

The Department will receive reimbursement for the deputy's compensation through the civil attorney of record who subpoenaed the deputy.

348.3.1 PROCEDURE
To ensure that the deputy is able to appear when required, that the deputy is compensated for such appearance, and to protect the Department's right to reimbursement, deputies shall follow the established procedures for the receipt of a civil subpoena.

348.3.2 CIVIL SUBPOENA ACCEPTANCE
Subpoenas shall not be accepted in a civil action in which the deputy or Department is not a party without properly posted fees pursuant to Government Code § 68097.6.

348.3.3 PARTY MUST DEPOSIT FUNDS
The party in the civil action who seeks to subpoena a deputy must deposit the statutory fee of $150 (Government Code § 68097.2) for each appearance before such subpoena will be accepted. Parties seeking to have the deputy make multiple appearances must make an additional deposit in advance.

348.4 OVERTIME APPEARANCES
If the deputy appeared on his/her off-duty time, he/she will be compensated in accordance with the current employee Memorandum of Understanding.

The overtime on such appearance will be paid from the time the deputy left his/her residence until he/she returned.

348.5 COURTROOM PROTOCOL
Employees must be punctual when appearing in court and shall be prepared to proceed immediately with the case for which they are subpoenaed.

348.5.1 PREPARATION FOR TESTIMONY
Before the date of testifying, the subpoenaed deputy shall request or make a copy of relevant reports and become familiar with their content in order to be prepared for court.

348.5.2 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.

348.6 COURTHOUSE DECORUM
Employees shall observe all rules of the court in which they are appearing, refrain from smoking or chewing gum in the courtroom, and shall remain alert to changes in the assigned courtroom where their matter is to be heard.

348.7 TESTIFYING AGAINST THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE
Any member or employee who is subpoenaed to testify, who has agreed to testify, or who anticipates testifying or providing information on behalf of or at the request of any party other than the People of the State of California, any county, any city, or any of their officers and employees in which any of those entities are parties, will notify their immediate supervisor without delay. The supervisor will then notify the Sheriff, District Attorney's Office in criminal cases, County Counsel or City Attorney, as may be indicated by the case.

This includes, but is not limited to the following situations:

(a) Providing testimony or information for the defense in any criminal trial or proceeding;

(b) Providing testimony or information for the plaintiff in a civil proceeding against any county, any city, or their officers and employees; or

(c) Providing testimony or information on behalf of or at the request of any party other than any County, city, or any county or city official in any administrative proceeding, including but not limited to personnel and/or disciplinary matter.

Reserve Deputies

350.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The Plumas 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.

350.2 SELECTION & APPOINTMENT OF SHERIFF'S RESERVE DEPUTIES
The Plumas 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.

350.2.1 PROCEDURE
All applicants shall be required to meet and pass the same pre-employment procedures as regular sheriff's deputies before appointment.

Before appointment to the Sheriff's Reserve Unit, an applicant who desires to be a Level 1 or 2 Reserve, must have completed, or be in the process of completing, a POST approved basic academy or extended basic academy.

350.2.2 APPOINTMENT
Applicants who are selected for appointment to the Sheriff's Reserve Unit shall, on the recommendation of the Sheriff, be sworn in by the Sheriff and take a loyalty oath to observe and obey all of the laws of the land and to carry out their duties to the best of their ability.

350.2.3 COMPENSATION FOR SHERIFF'S RESERVE OFFICERS UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT
Compensation for reserve deputies is provided as follows:

All reserve deputy appointees are responsible for purchasing all designated attire and safety equipment. Level 1 and level 2 reserve deputies may be issued a department approved firearm and holster when available. Any and all property issued to the reserve deputy shall be returned to the Department upon termination or resignation.

350.2.4 EMPLOYEES WORKING AS RESERVE DEPUTIES
Qualified employees of this department, when authorized, may also serve as reserve deputies. However, the Department must not utilize the services of a reserve or volunteer in such a way that it would violate employment laws or labor agreements (e.g., a detention deputy working as a reserve deputy for reduced or no pay). Therefore, the Reserve Coordinator should consult the Department of Human Resources prior to an employee serving in a reserve or volunteer capacity (29 CFR 553.30).

350.3 DUTIES OF RESERVE DEPUTIES
Reserve deputies assist regular deputies in the enforcement of laws and in maintaining peace and order within the community. Assignments of reserve deputies will usually be to augment the Patrol Division. Reserve deputies may be assigned to other areas within the

Department as needed. Reserve deputies are required to work a minimum of 8 hours per month.

350.3.1 POLICY COMPLIANCE
Sheriff's 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.

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.

350.3.2 RESERVE DEPUTY ASSIGNMENTS
All reserve deputies will be assigned to duties by the Reserve Coordinator or his/her designee.

350.3.3 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:

(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

350.4 FIELD TRAINING
Penal Code § 832.6(a) (2) requires Level I reserve deputies, who have not been released from the immediate supervision requirement per Policy Manual § 350.4.7, to work under the immediate supervision of a peace officer who possesses a Basic POST Certificate.

350.4.1 TRAINING OFFICERS
Deputies of this department, who are designated FTOs, may train the reserves during Phase II, subject to Shift Sergeant approval.

350.4.2 PHASE 1 TRAINING OFFICER
Upon completion of the Academy, reserve deputies will be assigned to a training officer. The training officer will be selected by the Administrative Sergeant. The reserve deputy will be assigned to work with his/her primary training officer during the first 160 hours of training. This time shall be known as Phase1. Laterals and Retired officers from other agencies may complete a modified training program, depending on previous experience and training. The modified training program shall be at the discretion of the Sheriff or Assistant Sheriff and shall last a period of no less than six weeks.

350.4.3 FIELD TRAINING MANUAL
Each new reserve deputy will be issued a Field Training Manual at the beginning of his/her training. This manual is an outline of the subject matter and/or skills necessary to properly function as a deputy with the Plumas County Sheriff's Office. The reserve 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.

350.4.4 COMPLETION OF PHASE 1 TRAINING
At the completion of Phase 1 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.

350.4.5 SECONDARY TRAINING PHASE
The Secondary Training Phase (Phase II) shall consist of 320 hours of additional on-duty training. The reserve deputy may now ride with any deputy FTO designated by the Shift Sergeant.
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 first training officer, whenever possible, for Phase III of the training.

350.4.6 THIRD TRAINING PHASE
Phase III of training shall consist of 24 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 PhaseIII training, the primary training officer will meet with the Reserve Coordinator and FTO Supervisor. Based upon the reserve deputy's evaluations, plus input from the primary training officer, the Reserve Coordinator and FTO Supervisor 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 and FTO Supervisor will decide upon the appropriate action to be taken.

350.4.7 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 640 hours of on-duty training. He/she will no longer be required to ride with a reserve training officer.

350.5 SUPERVISION OF RESERVE DEPUTIES
Reserve deputies who have attained the status of Level II shall be under the immediate supervision of a regular sworn deputy (Penal Code 832.6(a)(2)). The immediate supervision requirement shall also continue for reserve deputies who have attained Leve II status unless

special authorization is received from the Reserve Coordinator with the approval of an Assistant Sheriff.

350.5.1 SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS
Reserve deputies certified as Level I may, with prior authorization of the Reserve Coordinator and on approval of an Assistant Sheriff, be relieved of the "immediate supervision" requirement. Level I reserve deputies may function under the authority of Penal Code § 832.6(a)(1) only for the duration of the assignment or purpose for which the authorization was granted.

In the absence of the Reserve Coordinator and an Assistant Sheriff, the Shift Sergeant may assign a certified Level I reserve deputy to function under the authority of Penal Code § 832.6(a)(1) for specific purposes and duration.

350.5.2 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.

350.5.3 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 "Designated Reserve Level 1/CCW Approved" (24 hour Peace Officer Authority) will be indicated on the card for all Designated Level 1 Reserves. All other Reserves will be issued an identification card with "Reserve Level 1, 2 or 3" per Penal Code section 830.6(a) (2).

350.5.4 UNIFORM
Reserve deputies shall conform to all uniform regulation and appearance standards of this department.

350.5.5 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 an Assistant Sheriff.

Reserve deputies are considered at-will employees. Government Code § 3300 et seq. applies to reserve deputies with the exception that the right to hearing is limited to the opportunity to clear their name.

Any disciplinary action that may have to be administered to a reserve deputy shall be accomplished as outlined in the Policy Manual.

350.5.6 RESERVE DEPUTY EVALUATIONS
While in training reserves 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 using performance dimensions applicable to the duties and authorities granted to that reserve.

350.6 FIREARMS REQUIREMENTS
Penal Code § 830.6(a)(1) designates a reserve deputy as having peace officer powers during his/her assigned tour of duty, provided the reserve deputy qualifies or falls within the provisions of Penal Code § 832.6.

350.6.1 CARRYING WEAPON ON OR OFF-DUTY
Penal Code § 830.6(a) (1) permits qualified reserve deputies to carry a loaded firearm while on duty. It is the policy of this department to allow Level 1 (non-designated) and Level 2 reserves to carry firearms only while on duty or to and from duty. Level 1 Reserves with a designated status as described in section 830.6(a) (2) P.C. may carry a loaded firearm on or off duty as long as they are qualified as set forth in Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (a) of section 832.6 P.C.

350.6.2 CONCEALED FIREARMS PROHIBITED
No reserve deputy will be permitted to carry a concealed firearm while in an off-duty capacity, other than to and from work, except those reserve deputies who possess a valid CCW permit, are retired peace officers, or who are designated level 1 Reserves meeting the requirements (as outlined in Policy Manual §350.6.1 (above)). An instance may arise where a reserve deputy is assigned to a plainclothes detail for his/her assigned tour of duty. Under these circumstances, the reserve deputy may be permitted to carry a weapon more suited to the assignment with the knowledge and approval of the supervisor in charge of the detail.

Any reserve deputy who is permitted to carry a firearm other than the assigned duty weapon may do so only after verifying that the weapon conforms to departmental standards. The weapon must be registered by the reserve deputy and be inspected and certified as fit for service by a departmental armorer or rangemaster.

Before being allowed to carry any optional firearm during an assigned tour of duty, the reserve deputy shall have demonstrated his/her proficiency with said weapon.

When a reserve deputy has satisfactorily completed all three phases of training (as outlined in Policy Manual § 350.4), he/she may be issued a permit to carry a concealed weapon. The decision to issue a concealed weapon permit will be made by the Sheriff with input from the Reserve Program Coordinator and administrative staff. In issuing a concealed weapon permit a reserve deputy's qualification will be individually judged. A reserve deputy's dedication to the program and demonstrated maturity, among other factors, will be considered before a concealed weapon permit will be issued. Once issued, the concealed weapon permit will be valid only for as long as the reserve deputy remains in good standing with the Plumas County Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputy Program.

350.6.3 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 at least quarterly

(b) Reserve deputies may fire at the department approved range at least once each month and more often with the approval of the Reserve Coordinator

(c) Should a reserve deputy fail to qualify over a three-month period, that reserve deputy will not be allowed to carry a firearm until he/she has reestablished his/her proficiency

350.7 EMERGENCY CALL-OUT FOR RESERVE PERSONNEL

Reserve personnel shall be called-out in the same manner and in accordance with standing Deputy Call-out procedures.

Mutual Aid and Outside Agency Assistance

352.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to deputies in the request of or answering the request for assistance involving another law enforcement agency.

It is the policy of this department to provide assistance whenever possible, consistent with the applicable laws of arrest and detention policies of this department, when another law enforcement agency requests assistance with an arrest or detention of any person. This department may also request an outside agency to provide assistance.

352.1.1 ASSISTING OUTSIDE AGENCIES
Generally, calls for assistance from other agencies are routed to the Shift Sergeant for approval. When an authorized employee of an outside agency requests the assistance of this department in taking a person into custody, available deputies shall respond and assist in making a lawful arrest. If a deputy receives a request in the field for assistance, that deputy shall notify a supervisor or the Dispatch Center immediately upon receiving the request. Arrestees may be temporarily detained by our agency until arrangements for transportation are made by the outside agency. Only in exceptional circumstances will this department provide transportation of arrestees to other county facilities.

When such assistance is rendered, a case number will be issued to report action taken by Plumas County Sheriff's Office Personnel. Probation violators temporarily detained by this department will not ordinarily be booked at this department.

352.1.2 REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES
If assistance is needed from another agency, the employee requesting assistance shall first notify a supervisor of his/her intentions. The handling deputy or supervisor should direct assisting personnel to where they are needed and to whom they should report when they arrive.
The requesting deputy should secure radio frequencies for use by all involved agencies so that communication can be coordinated as needed. If necessary, reasonable effort should be taken to provide radio equipment capable of communicating on the assigned frequency to any personnel who do not have compatible radios.

Registered Offender Information

356.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy establishes guidelines by which the Plumas 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, arson and drug offenders.

356.2 POLICY
It is the policy of the Plumas 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.

356.3 REGISTRATION
The Patrol/Investigation 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.

Upon conclusion of the registration process, the investigator shall ensure that the registration information is provided to the California Department of Justice (DOJ) in accordance with applicable law (Health and Safety Code § 11594; Penal Code § 457.1; Penal Code § 290 et seq).

The refusal of a registrant to provide any of the required information or complete the process should initiate a criminal investigation for failure to register.

356.3.1 CONTENTS OF REGISTRATION
The information collected from the registering offenders shall include a signed statement as required by the California DOJ, fingerprints and a photograph and any other information required by applicable law (Health and Safety Code § 11594; Penal Code § 457.1; Penal Code § 290 et seq.).

356.4 MONITORING OF REGISTERED OFFENDERS
The Patrol/Investigation Supervisor should establish a system to periodically, and at least once annually, verify that a registrant remains in compliance with his/her registration requirements after the initial registration. This verification should include:

(a) Efforts to confirm residence using an unobtrusive method, such as an Internet search or drive-by of the declared residence.

(b) Review of information on the California DOJ website for sex offenders.

(c) Contact with a registrant's parole or probation officer.

Any discrepancies should be reported to the California DOJ.

The Patrol/Investigation Supervisor should also establish a procedure to routinely disseminate information regarding registered offenders to Plumas County Sheriff's Office personnel, including timely updates regarding new or relocated registrants.

356.5 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 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 sex registrants should be provided the Megan's Law website or the Plumas County Sheriff's Office's website.

The Records Supervisor may release local registered offender information to residents only in accordance with applicable law (Penal Code § 290.45; Penal Code § 290.46; Penal Code§457.1; Health and Safety Code §11594), and in compliance with a California Public Records Act (Government Code § 6250-6276.48) request.

356.5.1 LIMITED RELEASE WITHIN COLLEGE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

California law allows the following additional information regarding a registered sex offender on campus, whose information is not available to the public via the Internet website, to be released to a campus community (Penal Code § 290.46):

(a) The offender's full name

(b) The offender's known aliases

(c) The offender's sex

(d) The offender's race

(e) The offender's physical description

(f) The offender's photograph

(g) The offender's date of birth

(h) Crimes resulting in the registration of the offender under Penal Code § 290

(i) The date of last registration

For purposes of this section, campus community shall be defined as those persons present at or regularly frequenting any place constituting campus property, satellite facilities, laboratories, public areas contiguous to the campus and other areas set forth in Penal Code § 290.01(d)(1).

356.5.2 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 and who are in compliance with the offender registration laws.

(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 crime for which a person is convicted may not accurately reflect the level of risk.

(e) Anyone who uses information contained in the registry to harass registrants or commit any crime may be subject to criminal prosecution.

(f) The purpose of the release of information is to allow members of the public to protect themselves and their children from sex offenders (Penal Code 290.45).

Major Incident Notification

358.1 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.

358.2 POLICY
The Plumas 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.

358.3 MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR NOTIFICATION
Most situations where the media show a strong interest are also of interest to the Sheriff and the affected Undersheriff. 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 Officer-Involved Shooting Policy for special notifications)
- Significant injury or death to employee -on or off duty
- Death of a prominent Plumas County official
- Arrest of a department employee or prominent Plumas County official
- Aircraft crash with major damage and/or injury or death
- In-custody deaths

358.4 DISPATCH RESPONSIBILITY
The dispatch supervisor or senior dispatcher is responsible for making the appropriate notifications. The dispatch supervisor/senior dispatcher shall make reasonable attempts to obtain as much information on the incident as possible before notification. The dispatch supervisor/senior dispatcher shall attempt to make the notifications as soon as practical. Notification should be made by calling the home phone number first, (the internal paging system next) and then by pager or cellular phone.

358.4.1 STAFF NOTIFICATION
In the event an incident occurs described in Policy Manual § 358.2, the Sheriff shall be notified along with the Assistant Sheriffs, the Detective Sergeant, and the Administrative Sergeant.

358.4.2 DETECTIVE NOTIFICATION
If the incident requires that a detective respond from home, the dispatch center will notify the detective located closest to the incident first, then additional detectives as needed.

358.4.3 ASSISTANT SHERIFF (PIO)
The Assistant Sheriffs shall be called after members of staff have been notified that it appears the media may have a significant interest in the incident.

Death Investigation

360.1 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.

360.1.1 CORONER'S MANUAL
Any item not covered by this general order or where clarification is needed deputies shall refer to departmental coroner's manual (360.2.8)

360.2 CORONER'S CASES BY DEFINITION
Section 27491 of the Government Code, State of California. It shall be the duty of the Coroner to inquire into and determine the circumstances, manner and cause of all deaths occurring under the circumstances listed below.

Coroner's Cases by Definition:

(a) Violent, sudden or unusual deaths.

(b) Unattended deaths.

1. Fetal death unattended by licensed physician.

(c) Deaths from natural causes wherein the deceased has not been attended by a physician in the 20 days before deaths

(d) Deaths related to, or following known or suspected self induced or criminal abortion.

(e) Known or suspected homicide, suicide, or accidental poisoning.

(f) Deaths known or suspected as resulting in whole or in part from, or related to accident or injury either old or recent.

1. Fracture or old injuries.
   (a) Refer every death to the Coroner in which fractures or other injuries were involved, whether stated in part A or part B of the Cause of Death statement, except fractures resulting from disease or stated as pathological.
2. Aspiration of foreign objects.
3. Suffocation.
4. Fetal death resulting from accident of mother.

(g) Death due to:

1. Drowning
2. Fire
3. Hanging
4. Gunshot
5. Stabbing

6. Cutting
7. Exposure
8. Starvation
   (a) Handle as natural death when due to disease or senility.
   (b) Refer to Coroner when death has occurred under such circumstances as to afford a reasonable ground to suspect that death was covered by criminal act of another.
9. Acute alcoholism
10. Drug addiction
11. Strangulation
12. Where the suspected cause of death is Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)
13. Deaths in whole or in part occasioned by criminal means
14. Deaths associated with a known or alleged rape, or crime against nature
15. Deaths in prison or while under sentence.
16. Deaths known or suspected as due to contagious disease and constituting a public hazard. Causes listed below are always Coroner's Cases:
    (a) Botulism
    (b) Food or metal poisoning
    (c) Rabies
    (d) Tetanus
17. Deaths from occupational diseases or occupational hazards:
    (a) Pneumoconiosis
    (b) Silicosis
    (c) Anthracosis
    (d) Asbestosis
18. Death under such circumstances as to afford a reasonable ground to suspect that the death was by the criminal act of another.

(h) It is the responsibility of all persons in charge of the deceased, including physicians, long term care facilities, and hospitals, to report all deaths falling under the above listed circumstances, immediately to the Sheriff/Coroner's Office. Those persons or facilities who fail to report such deaths immediately, may be guilty of a misdemeanor under 27491.4 G.C. The Chief Deputy Coroner should be advised immediately of such situations so any problems can be addressed.

(i) All Coroner's Cases will be investigated by a certified Deputy Coroner, with the exception of a probationary Deputy assigned to the FTO Program and under the supervision of an FTO Officer. The FTO Officer will be responsible for proper investigation and reporting.

1. Pursuant to the Field Training Officer's Manual, no probationary officer will be released from the field training programs without having passed a certifying Deputy Coroner examination.

360.2.1 CORONER REQUEST
Government Code §27491 and Health & Safety Code §102850 direct the Coroner to inquire into and determine the circumstances, manner and cause of certain deaths. The Coroner shall be called in any of the following cases:

(a) Unattended deaths (No physician in attendance or during the continued absence of the attending physician. Also, includes all deaths outside hospitals and nursing care facilities.).

(b) Deaths where the deceased has not been attended by either a physician or a registered nurse, who is a member of a hospice care interdisciplinary team, as defined by subdivision (e) of Section 1746 of the Health and Safety Code in the 20 days prior to death.

(c) Physician unable to state the cause of death. Unwillingness does not apply. Includes all sudden, unexpected and unusual deaths and fetal deaths when the underlying cause is unknown.

(d) Known or suspected homicide.

(e) Known or suspected suicide.

(f) Involving any criminal action or suspicion of a criminal act. Includes child and dependent adult negligence and abuse.

(g) Related to or following known or suspected self-induced or criminal abortion.

(h) Associated with a known or alleged rape or crime against nature.

(i) Following an accident or injury (primary or contributory). Deaths known or suspected as resulting (in whole or in part) from or related to accident or injury, either old or recent.

(j) Drowning, fire, hanging, gunshot, stabbing, cutting, starvation, exposure, alcoholism, drug addiction, strangulation or aspiration.

(k) Accidental poisoning (food, chemical, drug, therapeutic agents).

(l) Occupational diseases or occupational hazards.

(m) Known or suspected contagious disease and constituting a public hazard.

(n) All deaths in operating rooms and all deaths where a patient has not fully recovered from an anesthetic, whether in surgery, recovery room or elsewhere.

(o) In prison or while under sentence. Includes all in-custody and sheriff's involved deaths.

(p) All deaths of unidentified persons.

(q) All deaths of state hospital patients.

(r) Suspected Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) deaths.

(s) All deaths where the patient is comatose throughout the period of the physician's attendance. Includes patients admitted to hospitals unresponsive and expire without regaining consciousness.

The body shall not be disturbed or moved from the position or place of death without permission of the coroner.

360.2.2 SEARCHING DEAD BODIES
The Coroner or Deputy Coroner is generally the only person permitted to search a body known to be dead from any of the circumstances set forth in Government Code § 27491. The only exception is that a deputy is permitted to search the body of a person

killed in a traffic collision for the limited purpose of locating an anatomical donor card (Government Code § 27491.3). If such a donor card is located, the Coroner or a designee shall be promptly notified. Should exigent circumstances indicate to a deputy that any search of a known dead body is warranted prior to the arrival of the Coroner or a designee; the investigating deputy shall first obtain verbal consent from the Coroner or a designee (Government Code § 27491.2).

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 Coroner or a designee. 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 by the Coroner or a designee, a receipt shall be obtained. This receipt shall be attached to the death report.

360.2.3 CORONER'S DUTIES (LABORATORY WORK)

(a) When blood or urine samples are obtained, it is the responsibility of the investigating officer to prepare the samples for mailing to the appropriate lab. A Chain of Custody Sheet shall be completed, as well as laboratory (request for toxicology) forms. The investigating officer will follow the departmental rules of evidence by marking the sample vial with the case number, deceased's name, date of collection, and officer's initials. The vial will be mailed with the supplied mailing containers. The above listed documentation and sample will be forwarded to the evidence clerk.

(b) Positive identification must be made. If normal identifying information cannot be obtained, dental, body X-rays or DNA can be obtained.

360.2.4 CORONER'S FIELD PACKETS

The Coroner Field Packets are being implemented in all areas immediately. The packet contains an instruction sheet attached to the inside cover, as well as the following:

(a) The Coroner's Field Notes Card/Report

(b) The Coroner's Narrative Report

(c) Coroner Seals

(d) SIDS Protocol for Deputy Coroner

(e) Fingerprint Card

(f) Blood Draw Authorization Form

(g) Request for toxicology

(h) Request for medical records

(i) Authorization for autopsy

(j) Coroner's Receipt

(k) Coroner's Toe Tag

(l) Donor Information

(m) Information Brochure for families

It will be the responsibility of the Deputy Coroner and Patrol Sergeant to use and maintain the Coroner Field Packets.

APPENDIX

(a) Appendix A -Coroner's Field Report instructions

(b) Appendix B -Post Mortem Record instructions

(c) Appendix C -Legal Guide to Coroner's Cases

- All substations, including the main office, should maintain the departmentally issued Guide to Laws pertaining to coroner's cases. The Deputy Coroner should consult the guide and familiarize themselves with the applicable laws.

(d) Appendix D -SIDS Mandated Protocol for Deputy Coroner

(e) Appendix E -Related material found in the Policy and Ethics General Orders

1. 120.01 P&E
2. 120.29 P&E
3. 120.72 P&E
4. 120.87 P&E
5. 120.88 P&E
6. 150.10 P&E

360.2.5 CORONER'S REFERRALS

(a) A Coroner's referral is a death reportable under Government Code section 27491 in which the decedent was last seen by his/her physician within 20 and 60 days. The physician must be able and willing, to provide a cause of death and nothing appears suspicious about the death. He also must be available to sign the death certificate. In the event the physician is not available, the Chief Deputy Coroner can sign the death certificate after reviewing the medical records and consult.

(b) By utilizing Coroners referrals, the Deputy Coroner can expedite his/her investigation without compromising the investigation. The referral also assists the family by reducing the stress an investigation can cause.

(c) Coroners Referrals are an abbreviated investigation. The CAD incident will be maintained in the coroner's file and, along with a copy of the signed Death Certificate, and fingerprint cards. The CAD incident will contain the decedents full name, DOB, name of physician, cause of death, time death was pronounced and date last seen by a physician. The Nature of Complaint will be classified as a "Coroners Referral". A notation will made by the Investigation's Secretary in the "Coroners Registry" that the death was a Coroners Referral. Identifying information, cause of death and any property seized, will be entered into the Sirron system (Coroner's System)

(d) Identification photos will be taken of the deceased by the Deputy Coroner (front and profile) however no toxicological samples will be obtained. The Deputy Coroner will fingerprint the deceased and submit them to the Investigation's Secretary.

(e) An Example When a Coroners Referral Would be Appropriate: A death involving ahospice/nonhospicepatientwhohasnotseenaphysicianwithin20daysbutwhose deathwasexpectedbyhisorherphysicianandtowhichheorsheiswillingtoprovide an acceptable cause of death.

(f) **Examples When a Coroners Referral Would Not be Appropriate:**

1. A death in which the deceased cause is unknown whether seen in the last 20 days or not.
2. A death in which the deceased had been seen within 20 to 60 days and the physician is not available to provide a cause of death or is unable to sign a death certificate within 15 hours of the time of death (102800 H/S).

3. The deceased has not seen a doctor for an extended period of time and the death was unexpected.
4. Coroner's Referrals are an exception to the normal coroner's investigation and will not be misused. When in doubt consult the on duty supervisor or, when unavailable, the Chief Deputy Coroner.

(g) Funeral Directors as Deputy Coroners:

5. The Sheriff has designated the following Funeral Directors as Deputy Coroners:

   (a) None at this time.

The Funeral Directors will augment patrol by investigating those death cases that fall under the jurisdiction of the Coroner and are deemed **"Non-Suspicious"**. Funeral Directors will complete a Coroner's Field Report, Coroner's Narrative Report, Coroner's Seals, and Finger Print Cards when applicable and will inform dispatch of the required OCR information for Coroner's Referrals.
The Funeral Directors are providing a service to the Sheriff's Office and use of a Funeral Director will not be misused by Sworn Deputy Coroners. Sheriff Deputies will investigate all deaths falling under the jurisdiction of the Coroner that are suspicious or complex. Funeral Directors will not keep personal property of the decedent. Property seized will be handed over to a sworn Deputy Coroner during his/her regular shift.

Dispatch personnel will inquire about the general circumstances surrounding the death. If there appears to be no evidence of foul play and the death falls under the examples (listed below) of those deaths investigated by the Funeral Director, the Funeral Director will be dispatched. In the event no Funeral Director is available, a sworn deputy will be assigned. If, upon the arrival of the Funeral Director, he/she determines that the death should be investigated by a sworn deputy, the dispatcher will assign the appropriate sworn deputy.

The geographical areas handled by the Funeral Director are:

Fehrman's -Chester, Greenville, Quincy Mannies -Portola C.

- **Examples Where Deaths Investigated by Funeral Directors Would beAppropriate:**
  - The death of a hospice patient in which the death was expected and there are no signs of foul play (Coroners Referral).
  - A death in which the decedent has not been seen by a doctor for over 20 days, the physician cannot provide a cause of death, and there are no signs of foul play.
- **Examples Where the Death Investigation by the Funeral Director Would be Inappropriate:**
  - A death in which there are questionable circumstances though no signs of foul play.
  - A death that is suspicious or that has signs of foul play.
  - A death that is determined by the attending Funeral Director should be handled by the sworn Deputy Coroner.
  - All SIDS investigations.
  - Deaths due to auto accident/plane crash.
  - Any death believed to be caused by the hands of another.

- Suicides Industrial accidents.
- Any death in which litigation would be expected.

Non-Reportable Coroner's Referrals:

A Non-Reportable Coroner's Referral is a death reported to the Sheriff-Coroner's Office that does not fall under the reportable cases listed under 27491 of the Government Code. The physician must have attended to the decedent within the 20 day period, and the doctor must be able and willing to sign the death certificate with an acceptable cause of death. The following information shall be listed on the OCR:

- The decedent's full name and DOB
- The time death was pronounced
- The date last seen by the doctor
- The name of the Doctor Signing the Death Certificate
- Cause of Death (if available)

Make sure the Funeral Home has the name and phone number of the doctor who is signing the Death Certificate. Also make sure they have the complete name of the decedent.

360.2.6 SUSPECTED HOMICIDE
If the initially assigned deputy suspects that the death involves a homicide or other suspicious circumstances, the Investigations Division shall be notified to determine the possible need for a detective to respond to the scene for further immediate investigation.

360.2.7 EMPLOYMENT RELATED DEATHS OR INJURIES
Any member of this agency who responds to and determines that a death, serious illness, or serious injury has occurred as a result of an accident at or in connection with the victim's employment shall ensure that the nearest office of Cal-OSHA is notified by telephone or teletype with all pertinent information (8 CCR 342(b)).

360.3 DEPARTMENTAL CORONER'S MANUAL
Coroner's Manual

Revised: January 2007

All sworn personnel of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office are to be familiar with the contents of this document, as well as the contents of the General Order regarding Coroner's Cases. This document is to serve as a reference and guide for sworn personnel. If personnel should find discrepancies with this manual, the Coroner's General Order, Plumas County Sheriff's Office memorandums and/or orders received by supervisory personnel in regards to Coroner's cases, personnel shall reduce the discrepancy to writing and submit it to the Undersheriff or Investigation Sergeant.

360.3.1 PURPOSE
The purpose of this manual is to provide information to the responding Deputy Coroner, in regards to Death Investigations within the County of Plumas.

360.3.2 GOALS
(a) **Goals:**

1. Provide Deputy Coroners with applicable laws regarding Death Investigations.
2. Provide Deputy Coroners with information regarding their duties at a Death Investigation.
3. Review of policies surrounding the three types of Death Investigations conducted by the Plumas County Sheriff's Office. (Coroner's Case, Coroner's Referral, Reported Deaths/ "Doctor sign off")

360.3.3 CORONER'S CASES / GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 27491

(a) Coroner's Cases / Government Code Section 27491

1. Physician has not seen the deceased within 20 days
2. Violent, sudden, or unusual deaths
3. Unattended deaths
4. Related to or following known or suspected self-induced criminal abortion
5. Known or suspected homicide
6. Known or suspected suicide
7. Known or suspected accidental poisoning
8. Known or suspected accident or injury/ in whole or in part/either old or recent
9. Drowning
10. Fire
11. Hanging
12. Gunshot
13. Stabbing or cutting
14. Exposure
15. Starvation
16. Acute alcoholism
17. Drug addiction
18. Strangulation
19. Aspiration
20. Suspected SIDS
21. Occasioned by criminal means/in whole or in part
22. Associated with known or alleged rape or crime against nature
23. In prison or while under sentence
24. Known or suspected contagious disease and constituting a public hazard
25. Occupational disease or hazard
26. Patients in hospitals serving the developmentally disabled and operated by the State Department of Developmental Services
27. Patients in mental hospitals operated by State Department of Mental Health
28. Suspected Criminal act of another
29. Suspicious Deaths

Signing of Death Certificate:

- Unnatural Deaths
  - Coroner must sign death certificate
  - Coroner must issue a case number
- Natural deaths
  - Coroner may determine extent of inquiry
  - Coroner may allow physician of record to sign death certificate
  - Physician must have sufficient knowledge to reasonably state the cause was natural

Coroner must be notified immediately by any person having charge of a body that falls within the provisions of this section. A violation of this reporting requirement is a Misdemeanor!

360.3.4 CORONER'S REFERRAL

(a) **Coroner's Referral:**

1. Natural Deaths
2. Where the deceased has been seen by a physician between 20 to 60 days prior to death
3. Physician has to have sufficient knowledge to reasonably state cause of death and that it was a natural cause.
4. Physician must be willing and able to sign death certificate
5. If physician is unable to sign due to out of state license or out of the area, Fax death certificate worksheet to physician and review case with the Chief Deputy Coroner
6. Exceptions -Government Code Section 27491 states alcoholism and contagious diseases will be reported to the Coroner. A Coroner's Referral will be sufficient to comply with Gov Code 27491 in regards to alcoholism and the following contagious diseases onlyï½¾ AIDS and any Hepatitis. (If the death is a result of Alcoholism, AIDS or Hepatitis and the decedent has been seen by a physician within 60 days it can be handled as a Coroner's Referral)

360.3.5 REPORTED DEATHS

(a) Reported Deaths:

1. Natural Deaths
2. Decedent has been seen by a physician within 20 days
3. Physician is willing and able to sign the death certificate
4. The circumstances surrounding the death do not fit Coroner's Cases or Coroner's Referrals

The Plumas County Sheriff's Personnel have the primary responsibility to investigate all deaths within its jurisdiction. The Sheriff has granted authorization for both of the local funeral directors to respond to death scenes in the following circumstances: Natural deaths, decedent has been seen by a physician in the last 20 days, physician is willing and able to sign the death certificate, the death was witnessed and next of kin or responsible party is known or on scene.
Examples:

- Hospice patient who has passed and there next of kin is on scene.
- Subject passes away at the hospital and the physician is going to sign the death certificate.

All unattended deaths will have a Deputy response!!!

Example:

- Known COPD patient is found on bike path deceased.
- Known lung cancer patient, who lives alone is found deceased at his residence by a neighbor.

If at any time during the funeral directors response there appears to be anything suspicious, "amiss", property that needs to be secured, or any indication that the subject's death would fall under a Coroner's Referral or a Coroner's Caseï½¾ the funeral director is to immediately notify dispatch and sworn personnel are to be dispatched to the scene.

360.3.6 CORONER'S CASES/DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESPONDING PERSONNEL

(a) Corner's Cases/Duties and Responsibilities of responding personnel:

1. Protect the scene
2. Determine time of death or pronounce death
3. Complete Corner's Report/ Answer all questions relevant to your investigation. Utilize the Coroner's Trifold for field notes and attach to report
4. Complete narrative documenting the death scene, statements made, items seized, medical history relevant to cause of death to include times and dates associated with your investigation
5. Inspect the scene for evidence of foul play and/or criminal activity
6. Photograph the scene
7. Photograph and document all evidence
8. Secure personal property and document all property that is seized for safe keeping (to include Coroner's Receipt even if no property was taken)
9. Secure and document all medications
10. Search the death scene for evidence, items of value, notes, wills, next of kin information and items and or documents that would assist in your investigation and/or determining cause of death
11. Finger print the remains if it will not damage evidence
12. Remove remains from scene, utilizing the appropriate funeral home
13. Complete identification photos at funeral home/ ensure your case number is visible in the photographs and that you obtain a unobscured photo from straight on and a profile photo
14. Search remains for items of value, evidence, discrepancies, scars, marks and tattoos/ensure that if any of the above items are noted they are documented in the narrative or by evidence/property sheets
15. Notify next of kin/ if correct and appropriate next of kin is available release property to next of kin
16. Provide the decedent's family with "A Message from the Coroner" booklet

17. Obtain relevant medical records/review case with last know physician
18. Contact Washoe County Coroner's Office to schedule autopsy if appropriate and the forensic evidence gained would assist in the determination of cause of death. Fax report to Washoe County Coroner's Office
19. Notify funeral director of time of autopsy
20. If no autopsy is necessary obtain a blood sample and forward sample to the Evidence Clerk
21. Provide dispatch with the decedents full name and date of birth
22. Notify the Chief Deputy Coroner or Undersheriff in the event of any death by known or suspected criminal means or any other suspicious death
23. If the above personnel are not available notify the Plumas County Investigation Unit about the circumstance surrounding your investigation.

360.3.7 CORONER'S REFERRAL/DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESPONDING PERSONNEL

(a) Coroner's Referral/Duties and Responsibilities of responding personnel:

1. Protect the scene
2. Determine time of death or pronounce death
3. Inspect scene for evidence of foul play and/or criminal activity
4. Inspect remains for evidence of foul play, criminal activity and/or valuables
5. Safe guard the decedent property and document all property taken
6. Ensure the circumstances surrounding the death do not fit into the Coroner's Case requirements
7. Fingerprint the remains
8. Assist and/or ensure next of kin notification has been completed
9. Assist in the release of property to next of kin
10. Remain at the scene until the decedent has been removed by the appropriate funeral home
11. Obtain identification photographs complete with case number
12. Confer with attending physician that he/she is both willing and able to sign the death certificate and the death was by natural causes
13. In the event the physician is from another state or out of the area, Fax him/her a death certificate worksheet, and review the case with the Chief Deputy Coroner or Undersheriff
14. Request medical records supporting the cause of death, when the physician is from out of state or out of area and the Chief Deputy Coroner or Undersheriff will be signing the death certificate
15. Provide dispatch with complete name of decedent ,date of birth, cause of death, date last seen by physician and name of physician signing the death certificate

360.3.8 REPORTED DEATHS/DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESPONDING PERSONNEL

(a) Reported Deaths/ Duties and Responsibilities of responding personnel

1. Protect Scene

2. Inspect scene for evidence of foul play and/or criminal activity
3. Ensure that the circumstances surrounding the death, do not fit into the Coroner's Case or Coroner's Referral category
4. Safeguard and document all property taken if next of kin is not available
5. Assist with next of kin notifications
6. Provide dispatch with the complete name of the decedent, date of birth, cause of death, date last seen by physician and name of physician signing the death certificate

The following statues represent the majority of laws governing the daily work of a Deputy Coroner with the Plumas County Sheriff's Office, for additional statues refer to Plumas County General Order C1 and/or the Investigation Sergeant.

Health & Safety Code 102850

Coroner must be notified IMMEDIATELY of the following deaths:

- Without medical attendance
- During the continued absence of attending physician
- Where the physician is unable to state the cause of death
- When suicide is suspected
- Following an injury or an accident
- Suspected as resulting from criminal act of another

Any person who does not notify the Coroner as required by this section is guilty of a misdemeanor!

Health & Safety Code 102855

Coroner has a duty to investigate deaths defined in section 102850.

Government Code Section 27463

Required information in Coroner's Register:

- Name and aliases of the deceased including description for means of identification
- Narrative of circumstances leading to and surrounding the death
- Must include names and addresses of witnesses
- Property taken from the person or premises of death
- Including property taken by law enforcement
- Disposition of property taken
- Cause of death
- Including reference to the medical reports upon which the cause of death is based
- Disposition of the body
- Person notified of the death
- Must include all unsuccessful attempts

Section 27463.5 allows for a file in lieu of a coroner's register

Death Investigation

Government Code Section 2749.1

Notification must be made by the most direct communication available and shall include:

- Name of the deceased
- Location of the body
- Other information received by the coroner relating to the death, including medical information of the decedent that is directly related to the death

The report shall not include information contained in the decedent's medical records regarding any other person unless that information is relevant and directly related to the decedent's death.

Government Code Section 27491.2 Government

Code Section 27491.2(a)
The Coroner may immediately respond to the scene of death to conduct an investigation. Make identification. Inquire into the circumstances leading to and surrounding the death. Order the body's removal for further investigation. May release the body to the next of kin.

Government Code Section 27491.2(b)
Prior to the arrival of the Coroner or without the permission of the Coroner. Any violation of this section is a misdemeanor!

Government Code Section 27491.3 Government

Code Section 27491.3(a)

Coroner may lock/seal the premises, prohibiting entrance pending arrival of decedent's legal representative must not interfere with law enforcement investigation.

Cost may be charged against the estate.

Any person, who enters the premises, tampers with or removes the lock or seal is guilty of a misdemeanor!

It is the intent of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office to ensure that a decedent's property is safe guarded therefore is no responsible party nor next of kin available responding personnel shall safe guard the decedent's property.

Government Code Section 27491.3(b)

Any property or evidence related to the criminal investigation may be released to law enforcement receipt shall be acknowledged for the property.

This section does not empower law enforcement to search for or collect items of property prior to the Coroner's arrival.

Government Code Section 27491.3(c)

No one may search for or remove:

- Papers
- Moneys
- Valuable property
- Weapons
- From the body of the deceased, or from the premises of a death unless authorized by the Coroner

Violation of this section is a misdemeanor!

If a law enforcement investigation may ensue at a death scene, the Coroner shall:

- Not disturb the body
- Not disturb any related evidence until law enforcement has had reasonable opportunity to respond to the scene

The Coroner shall allow reasonable time at the scene for a law enforcement investigation.

Custody and control of the body shall remain with the Coroner at all times.

The Coroner shall determine the time body will be removed from the scene.

Government Code Section 27491.3(d)

Exception to the rule against searching for property prior to the Coroner's arrival.

Peace Officers may search for a donor card prior to the Coroner's arrival traffic accidents only.

Government Code Section 27491.4 Government

Code Section 27491.4(a)

Coroner may take possession of body and has authority to exhume the body. May perform an autopsy & analysis of tissue. When suspected cause of death is SIDS, the Coroner must:

- Perform an autopsy within 24 hours, or as soon as feasible thereafter
- Coroner may retain tissue if it is necessary or advisable to the inquiry, or for the verification of findings

No one may be present at autopsy without the Coroner's consent.

Government Code Section 27491.4(b)

If the deceased made provisions to donate his/her body to science, the Coroner shall not:

- Perform an autopsy unless:
  - They have attempted to contact physician last in attendance

- If unable to contact physician, must notify family
- if unable to contact kin or physician, must wait 24 hours before proceeding

Government Code Section 27491.4(c)

This section does not prohibit the Coroner from conducting autopsies on any death described in Gov't Code 27491.

Government Code Section 27491.43 Government

Code Section 27491.43(a)

If informed of a certificate, must allow 48 hours for the production of the certificate before proceeding with an autopsy.

Government Code Section 27491.43(b)

Decedent must be 18 years of age.

Certificate must state that an autopsy violates their religious convictions.

Certificate must be signed and dated by deceased in the presence of two witnesses who also must sign the certificate.

Government Code Section 27491.43(c)

Notwithstanding a certificate of religious belief the Coroner may at any time perform an autopsy if there is:

- Reasonable suspicion that the death was caused by the criminal act of another
- Reasonable suspicion that the death was caused by contagious disease constituting a public health hazard

Government Code section 27491.43(d)

Court may order autopsy if cause is not evident and the public's best interest out weighs the decedent's right to exercise religious convictions.

If procedure is ordered pursuant to court order it shall be the least intrusive necessary.

If order denied body to be immediately released.

Coroner may state on death certificate, Undetermined due to provisions of this section.

Coroner not liable for any civil damages.

Government Code Section 27498

Coroner may subpoena witnesses.

Coroner may require witnesses to bring books, records, documents or other items under their control.

Exception to subpoena power:

- Where the death was caused by a peace officer, records under the control of a law enforcement agency shall not become part of the record in any Coroner's inquest without the written consent of the law enforcement agency.

Government Code Section 27491.8 Government

Code Section 27491.8(a)

When the Coroner seeks a confidential communication from a medical doctor or psychotherapist, by subpoena:

- Decedent's legal representative must be notified in writing not less than 15 days prior to the date production is demanded
- Decedent's legal representative has the option of filing a formal objection to the production the records must be delivered to the superior court judge

The judge will examine and determine what portions, if any the Coroner will receive.

Government Code Section 27491.8(b)

Communication obtained by the Coroner may not be distributed or made available to any other person, agency, firm or corporation except as follows:

- When introduced into evidence at a Coroner's inquest proceeding records shall be ordered sealed as necessary to protect the confidentiality of the decedent's medical and mental health

Civil Code Section 56.10 Civil Code Section 56.10(b) (8)

A provider of health care, a health care service plan, or a contractor shall disclose medical information if the disclosure is compelled by a Coroner, when requested in the course of an investigation by the Coroner's Office for the purpose of:

- Identifying the decedent
- Location of next of kin

(a) When investigating deaths that may involve:

1. Public health concerns
2. Organ or tissue donation
3. Child abuse
4. Elder abuse
5. Suicides
6. Poisonings
7. Accidents
8. Sudden infant death
9. Suspicious deaths
10. Unknown deaths
11. Criminal deaths

12. When otherwise authorized by the decedent's representative

Civil Code Section 56.10(c) (6)

Medical providers may disclose records to the Coroner in the course of an investigation by the Coroner's Office when requested for all purposes not included in paragraph (8) of subdivision (b).

Natural deaths of identified persons whose next of kin have been located and notified.

However the medical provider is not required to honor a request.

Health & Safety Code 7050.5

Discovery of human remains in an area other than a dedicated cemetery.

- No further excavation or disturbance of the site until the Coroner makes a determination

Regarding the treatment and disposition of the remains

- Such a decision shall be made within two working days
- If the Coroner believes the remains may be those of a Native American, the Native American Heritage Commission shall be notified within 24 hours.

Government Code Section 27521

Unidentified bodies

(a) Any postmortem examination or autopsy conducted at the discretion of a Coroner upon unidentified body or human remains shall be subject to this section.

(b) A postmortem examination or autopsy shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following procedures:

1. Taking of all available fingerprints and palm prints
2. A dental examination consisting of dental charts and dental X-rays of the deceased's teeth, which may be conducted on the body or human remains by a qualified dentist as determined by the Coroner
3. The collection of tissue, including hair samples, or body fluid samples for future DNA testing, if necessary.
4. Frontal and lateral facial photographs with a scale indication.
5. Notation and photographs, with scale, of significant scars, marks, tattoos, clothing items, or other personal effects found with or near the body.
6. Notations of observations pertinent to the estimation of the time of death.
7. Precise documentation of the location of the remains.

(c) The postmortem examination or autopsy of the unidentified body or remains may include full body X-ray.

(d) The body of an unidentified deceased person may not be cremated or buried until the jaws (maxilla and mandible with teeth) and other tissue samples are retained for future possible use.

(e) If the Coroner is unable to establish the identification of the body the dental charts and X-rays shall be submitted to the Department of Justice within 45 days of discovery of the remains.

(f) If the Coroner is unable to identify the remains it shall submit a final report of investigation to the Department of Justice within 180 days of discovery of the remains.

Government Code Section 27464

Suicide Notes

- Coroner shall take custody of suicide notes
- A copy shall be placed in the Coroner's records
- The original shall be delivered to the addressee or the legal representative of the estate if the note includes directions for the disposition of property or the disposal of remains, it shall be filed with the County Clerk

Health & Safety Code 7100

Next of Kin

(a) The right to control the disposition of the remains of a deceased person, including the location and conditions of interment, unless other directions have been given by the decedent (Examples: wills, durable power attorney, some advanced directives, etc.) upon the following order:

1. The surviving spouse/"Registered Domestic Partner"
2. The surviving child or children (if children-that they constitute a majority of the surviving children or that reasonable efforts were made to notify all other surviving children)
3. The surviving parent or parents
4. The person or persons respectfully in the next degrees of kindred
5. The Public Administrator

When in doubt safeguard the property and contact the Undersheriff or the Investigation Sergeant.

Government Code Section 27491.6

Coroner must hold an inquest if requested to do so by:

- Attorney General
- District Attorney
- Sheriff
- City Attorney/Prosecutor
- Chief of Police

Such an inquest shall be held, with or without a jury as determined by the Coroner and shall be open to the public. (Additional statue regarding inquests are discussed in Plumas County General Order C1)

California Civil Code Section 129

Coroner's photographs:

- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no copy, reproduction, or facsimile of any kind shall be made of any photograph, negative, or print, including instant photographs and video tapes, of the body, or any portion of the body, of the deceased person, taken by or for the Coroner at the scene of death or in the course of a post mortem examination or autopsy made by or caused to be made by the Coroner, except for use in a criminal action or proceeding in this state which relates to the death of that person, or except as a court of this state permits, by order after good cause has been shown and after written notification of the request for the court order has been served, at least five days before the order is made, upon the District Attorney of the county in which the post mortem examination or autopsy has been made or caused to be made.

Do not release any photographs in regards to a Coroner's investigation without a court order!!

Evidence Code Section 1040

Official Information

- A public entity has the privilege to refuse to disclose official information if the privilege is claimed by a person authorized to do so and the public's interest in non-disclosure outweighs the interest of disclosure
- This should be asserted when there is a pending investigation or prosecution in regards to a Coroner's Case

360.3.9 GLOSSARY OF TERMS COMMONLY USED In Death Investigations

The following is a glossary of medical terms commonly used in the various reports involved in all forms of death investigations, in familiarizing field police instructors with such terms and help to ensure that all individuals involved are referring to similar definitions.

Abdomen -Portion of the body between the Thorax (chest area) and the Pelvic area.

Abortion -Uterus empties itself prematurely; Criminal abortion is a willful production of a miscarriage of a woman who is pregnant, whether by administering drugs or using instruments or by any other means not authorized by law.

Abrasion -Wearing away of the skin in small shreds by friction.

Accidents -An unforeseen occurrence, especially one of an injurious character.

Acute -Sharp or severe.

Adhesions -Normally found at previous operation scars where the tissue adheres to the skin.

Adipocere -Peculiar waxy substance formed during the decomposition of animal bodies buried in moist places. It consists principally of insoluble salts of fatty acids -also called "Grave Wax" (soap like appearance).

Amnesia -Lack or loss of memory, especially in remembering past experiences.

Anatomy -Study of the structure of the Human Body.

Anemia -Insufficient oxygen , carrying capacity of the blood.

Anesthetics -A group of drugs capable of producing either localized or general loss of sensation.

Example:

- 1. Chloroform, heavy, colorless liquid with a characteristic odor and taste;
- 2. Ether, colorless, volatile liquid with penetrating odor.

Aneurysm -A weakening of the wall of blood vessel with dilation of the vessel and often the later rupture of the vessel causing severe bleeding.

Angina -Spasmodic pain.

AnginaPectoris-Spasmodic pain in the chest caused by sudden decrease of blood supply to the heart muscle.

Ante-Mortem -Before death.

Anterior -Toward the front.

Antidote -The remedy for counteracting poison.

Antitoxin -A substance found in the blood serum and in other body fluids which is specifically antagonistic to some particular toxin.

Anus -The distal end and outlet of the alimentary canal.

Aorta –The great trunk artery which carries blood from the heart to be distributed by branch arteries through the body.

Arachnoid Membrane -Thin covering of the brain and spinal cord.

Areola -The pigmented ring around the nipple of the breast.

Arsenic-A medicinal and poisonous element; a brittle, lustrous, graying solid with a garlicky odor.

Artheriosclerosis -Hardening of the arteries marked by the accumulation of fat in the arteries , an aging process referred to as arteriosclerotic heart disease (ASHD used on reports).

Artery -Thicker, walled blood vessels, under pressure, through which the blood passes from the heart to the various parts of the body.

Asphyxia -Deprivation of oxygen resulting in loss of consciousness-as in suffocation.

Aspiration -Breathing or drawing in of a substance into the respiratory tract, blocking the same.

Asthma -Wheezing and coughing, usually caused by allergies affecting the bronchi or air passages to the lungs.

Autopsy -An examination of the body of a deceased person, both and external and an internal examination, for the purpose of identifying disease and injury present and determining cause of death.

Barbituates -Prescribed medicines by doctors. Common in overdose. A depressant.

Bronchoscopy-Looking into the bronchi (airway in the lungs) with the aid of a metal tubular instrument, a (bronchoscope).

Bruise -Bluish swelling of blood beneath the skin.

Cadaveric Spasm -Stiffening and rigidity of a single group of muscles occurring during or immediately after death.

Carbon Monoxide (co2) -A colorless, odorless, very toxic gas, formed by burning carbon or organic fuels.

Carbon Dioxide -A heavy, colorless gas. Oxidation or carbon forms in tissues and eliminated by the lungs.

Carcinoma -Cancer. This will usually be defined by the portion of the organ or body affected.

Cardiac -Relating to the heart.

Cardio -A combining for denoting relationship to the heart.

Cardiovascular -Pertaining to the heart and blood vessels.

Cartoid -Arteries of the neck.

Cartilage -The gristle or white elastic substance attached to articular bone surface and forming certain parts of the skeleton.

Castration -Removal of the gonads (primary sex organs).

Cavity -A hollow place or space.

Cerebral -Pertaining to the cerebrum, which is the main portion of the brain occupying the upper part of the cranium.

Cerebospinal Fluid (CSF) -The fluids about the brain and spinal cord.

Cerebro Vascular Accident (CVA) -A stroke, severe injury to the brain, resulting from spontaneous hemorrhage or thrombosis.

Cervical -Pertaining to the neck.

Cholecystic -Relating to the gallbladder.

Chronic -Sickness of long duration.

Circulation -Movement in a regular course; as the circulation of the blood.

Cirrhosis-A chronic disease of the liver with scarring and reduced function most frequently associated with alcoholism but, also may follow hepatitis and other more rare diseases.

Coagulate -To cause or to become clotted.

Colon -The part of the large intestine which extends from the cecum to the rectum.

Comatose -Unconsciousness. No response to any stimuli. **Note:** The person is NOT dead.

Comminuted Fracture -A break of a bone into small fragments.

Congenital -Existing at or dating from the date of birth.

Conjuctiva -Delicate membrane lining of the eyelid.

Contrecoup -Injury to part of body (generally the brain) caused by a blow to the opposite side -occurs frequently in falls.

Convulsion -A violent, involuntary contraction or series of contractions of the voluntary muscles.

Coronary -A term applied to vessels, nerves, ligaments of the heart.

Craniotomy -To operate on the head. Brain surgery.

Cranium -The skull or brain pan.

Culpable -Meriting condemnation or blame.

Cutaneous -Pertaining to the skin.

Cyanosis -Blueness of the skin, often due to cardiac malformation causing insufficient oxygenation of the blood (increase in carboxyhemoglobin).

Cystoscopy -Looking into the urinary bladder with the aid of a metal instrument, a

cytoscope.

Decomposition -The separation of compound bodies into their constituent principles post-mortem degeneration of the body.

Degeneration -Deterioration.

Delerium-A mental disorder marked by illusions, hallucinations, physical restlessness and incoherence.

Depraved -Perverted.

Dermatologic -The medical specialty concerned with the skin.

Deteriorate -To become worse -impairment.

Diagnosis -The art of distinguishing one disease from another.

Diaphragm -The musculomembranous partition that separates the abdomen from the thorax.

Disarticulation -Amputation or separation at a joint.

Disease -Any departure from a state of health; illness or sickness.

Disenterment -Digging up a body after burial.

Distal -Remote, farthest from the center.

Dorsal -Pertaining to the back of the body, hand, or foot.

Dotage -Feebleness of mind in old age.

Duodenum -The first portion of the small intestine.

Dura Mater -Outermost and toughest membrane covering the brain.

Dysentery -A term given to a number of disorders marked by an inflammation of the intestines, and attended by pain in the abdomen and frequent stools containing blood and mucus.

Dyspnea -Difficult or labored breathing.

Ecchymosis -Swelling due to a bruise and caused by bleeding beneath the skin.

Eczema -An inflammatory skin disease.

Edema -Collection of abnormal amounts of fluid in tissue, as in lungs, limbs, etc.

Electroencephalogram(E.E.G.) –A tracing on a strip of paper showing activity of the brain allowing diagnosis of disease of the brain.

Electrocardiogram (E.K.G.-E.C.G.) -A tracing on a strip of paper showing the electrical activity of the heart and allowing diagnosis of heart disease.

Embalming -The treatment of the dead body to prevent putrefaction.

Embolus-A thrombus which breaks away from where it formed and travels to another area of the body.

Emphysema -Lung disease. The area of the lungs is reduced by this disease causing wheezing and difficult in breathing.

Endocrine -Glands that produce and secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream.

Epidermis -The outermost layer of the skin.

Epiglottis -Lid-like structures covering the entrance of the Larynx.

Epilepsy -A chronic, functional disease characterized by brief seizure in which there is a loss of consciousness with a succession of convulsions.

Exhume -This disinterring or removal of a body from a grave.

Exsanguination -To drain blood.

Extenuate -To lessen.

Fatal Injury -An injury resulting in death.

Fatty Metamorphosis of the Liver -Fatty liver, a change in the liver following excessive alcohol ingestion and poor diet.

Feces -Bodily waste discharged through the anus.

Felonious Homicide -The killing of a human being without justification or excuse.

Femur -The thigh bone.

Fetishism -Association of lust with items of certain portions of the female body or with certain articles of female attire.

Fetus -The unborn offspring of a human or an animal.

Fibrillation -Fluttering of the heart. Not controlled by motor nerve.

Fistula -An abnormal passage leading from an abscess to the body surface.

Fracture Dislocation -A break of a bone with separation of the broken ends.

Fratricide -The act of killing one's brother or sister.

Gangrene -Death of a tissue characterized by anoxia and marked inflammation.

Gastric -Relating to the stomach.

Gastrointestinal -To the stomach and intestines.

Gastroscopy -Looking in the stomach with a metal instrument, called a "gastroscope".

Gross -As perceived by the naked eye.

Gynecological -Relating to the function and diseases of the female reproduction organs.

Hematologic -Relating to blood, blood forming tissues and its diseases.

Hematoma -Local swelling filled with effused blood.

Hemophilia -Blood is slow clotting or does not clot, allowing a person to bleed to death.

Hemmorahage -Heavy bleeding, either outside the body or into one of the body cavities.

Hemothorax -Collection of blood in thoracic cavity.

Hepatic -Relating to the liver.

Histoxic -Poisonous to tissue or tissues.

Homicidomania -Impulsive desire to commit murder.

Hydrophobia -The usual common name for rabies in man.

Hyoid Bone -Small, U-shaped bone at base of tongue.

Hypertension -High blood pressure.

Immune -Protected from and not susceptible to disease.

Incision -A wound inflicted by an instrument with a sharp cutting edge.

Infanticide -The act of killing an infant soon after birth.

Infarct -An area of necrosis (death of a cell or group of cells) in a tissue produced by sudden arrest of circulation in a vessel.

Inhalation -The drawing of air or other vapor onto the lungs.

Intestine -The membranous tube that extends from the stomach to the anus.

Intra -Prefix meaning within.

Jaundice -Yellow pigmentation of the skin most commonly caused by liver failure.

Laceration -A split or tear of the skin, produced usually by blunt force.

Laparotomy -An operation in which the abdominal cavity is opened.

Laryngoscopy-Looking into the larynx (voicebox) with the aid of a metal instrument called a "laryngoscope".

Lateral -Pertaining to a side.

Larynx -The voice box, located between the root of the tongue and the trachea.

Leukemia -Cancer of the blood cells.

Ligament -Any fibrous, tough band which connects bones or supports viscera.

Ligature -Anything which binds or ties.

Liver -The largest glandular organ situated in the upper part of the abdomen, on the right side, usually of a dark red color.

Lividity -Post-mortem discoloration due to the gravitation of blood to the dependant parts of the body.

Lumbar -Pertaining to or near the lower region of the back.

Lymphoma -Cancer of the lymph system.

Masochism -Sexual perversion in which the pervert takes delight in being subject to degrading, humiliating, or cruel treatment such as flogging or choking.

Medial -Pertaining to the middle.

Membrane -A think layer of the tissue which covers a surface or divides a space or organ.

Meningitis -Inflammation of the mininges (thin membranous coverings of the brain).

Midline -The center of the head, chest, and abdomen.

Miscarriage -The premature emptying of a uterus prior to 28 weeks gestation.

Monamania -Insanity on a single subject or class of subjects.

Mummification -The complete drying up of the body as the result of burial in a dry place, or exposure to a dry atmosphere.

Myocardia Infarcation – An area of death in the heart tissue, usually resulting from coronary thrombosis.

Myocardium -The heart muscle.

Narcomania -An insane desire for narcotics and alcohol.

Natal -Pertains to birth.

Nausea -Tendency to vomit; sickness at the stomach.

Necrophilism -Morbid attraction to corpses: sexual intercourse with a dead body.

Necrosis -Death of a tissue.

Nitroglycerin -Medicine to treat heart patients (pill under tongue).

Non Compos Mentis -Not of sound mind, insane.

Ossification -Formation of bone or bony substance.

Osteitis -Inflammation of bone.

Otseomyelitis -Inflammation of bone caused by pyogenic organism.

Prone -On stomach.

Proximal -Nearest to center.

Psychsomatic -Pertaining to mind-body relationship.

Pubic -Pertaining to the pubes (anterior pelvic bones).

Pulmonary -Pertaining to the lungs.

Pulmonary Embolism -The closure of the pulmonary artery or one of its branches by an embolus.

Pulmonary Infarction -An area of necrosis in lung tissue produced by sudden arrest of circulation in a vessel.

Putrefaction -Decomposition of soft tissues by bacteria and enzymes.

Rancid -Having a musty, rank taste or smell.

Renal -Relating to the kidneys.

Respiration -The act or function of breathing.

Resuscitation -To revive, as in drowning or electrical shock.

Retardation -Delay or hindrance.

Rigor Mortis -A rigidity or stiffening of the muscular tissue and joints of the body after death.

Sacro -Combining form denoting relationship to the sacrum.

Sarcoma -Malignant tumor, cancer.

Schizophrenia -A mental disorder.

Sclera -The white of the eye -a tough membrane.

Sclerosis -Induration or hardening.

Scopy -On end of word -inserting instrument or tool into body.

Semen -The thick whitish secretion of the reproductive organs in the male.

Senile -Pertaining to old age.

Septicemia -Chronic blood disease -blood poisoning.

Sigmoidoscopy -Looking into the sigmoid colon with the aid of a metal instrument, a sigmoidoscope.

Skeletal -Framework of the body made up of 206 bones.

Smothering -Closing off of external air passages by a non-porous object resulting in deprivation of oxygen.

Sororicide -Act of murdering one's own sister.

Spasm -Sudden, violent, involuntary contraction of a muscle or group of muscles.

Sputum -Matter ejected from the mouth; saliva and mucus.

Stagnant -Failure of circulation -shock, cardiac failure.

Still Birth -20 weeks of gestation or over, born dead.

Strangulation -Any abnormal constriction of the throat, causing suspension of breathing.

Stroke -A sudden or sever attack with rupture of the blood vessel.

Subarachnoid Hemorrage -Bleeding, often spontaneous, sometimes from between the brain and its covering membrane, the arachnoid.

Suffocation -The stoppage of respiration.

Supine -On back.

Tarsus -The instep proper of the foot with its seven bones.

Tetanus -An acute infectious disease caused by bacteria which release a powerful toxin.

Thermo -Combining form denoting relationship to heat.

Thoractomy -An operation in which the chest cavity is opened.

Thrombo -Combining form denoting relationship to heat.

Thrombosis -Blood clotting inside the blood vessels often in leg veins.

Tibia -The inner and larger bone of the leg below the knee.

Tissue -An aggregation of cells united in the performance and particular function.

Tomy -At end of word-opening body.

Torso -The trunk of the body without the head or extremities.

Toxic -Poisonous.

Toxicologist -An expert in the knowledge and detection of poisons.

Trachea -The windpipe.

Tracheotomy -An incision into the bronchial tube leading to the lungs to allow air into the passage when there is any obstruction in the mouth or threat that prevents breathing.

Trauma -A wound or injury.

Tremor -An involuntary trembling or quivering.

Umbilical -Pertaining to the umbilicus (navel).

Unconscious -Same as comatose. No response to any stimuli.

Uremia-Presence of urinary materials in the blood. The person is unable to eliminate urine due to kidney failure.

Urologic -Pertaining to the urinary tract in men and women.

Vascular -Pertaining to or full of vessels.

Vein -Thin, walled blood vessels which convey the blood to or toward the heart.

Vena Cava -Superior main vein draining the abdominal and pelvic viscera and the lower extremities.

Ventral -Relating to the front of the body.

Ventricle -One of the two lower cavities of the heart.

Viscera -The large interior organs of the body.

360.3.10 LIST OF CLINICAL ABBREVIATIONS

aa -of each

ab -abortion

abd -abdominal-abdomen

a.c. -before meals

acd -area of cardiac dullness

ACTH -adrenocorticotrophic hormone

ad lib -at pleasure

A/G Ratio -Albumin-Globulin Ratio

a.i. -aortic insufficiency

amt. -amount

A.P. -anteroposterior

AP -Apical Pulse

APC -aspirin, phenacetin, and caffeine

Aq. -Water

Aq.Dist. -Distilled water

A.S. -aortic stenosis

A.S.A. -aspirin

ASHD -arteriosclerotic heart disease

ASCVD -arteriosclerotic heart (cardiovascular disease)

Atrop -atropine sulfate

Ba -barium

b.i.d. -twice a day

BM -bowel movement

BMR -basal metabolic rate

B.P. -blood pressure

B.P.H. -benign prostatic hypertrophy

B.R. -bathroom

B.R.P. -bathroom privileges

BSP -bromosulphalein

BUN -blood, urea, nitrogen

C.-degrees centigrade

c -with (L. Cum)

Ca -cancer, carcinoma

caps -a capsule

cath -catherize (d)

CBC -complete blood count **cc** -cubic centimeter

C.C. -chief complaint **cm** -centimeter

C.N.S. -central nervous system

Cod. -codeine

Comp. -compound

CPC -clinicopathologic conference

CSF -cerebro spinal fluid

CV -cardiovascular

CVA -cerebral vascular accident

DC -discontinue

D&C -dilatation

Diff. -differential blood count

Dil. -dilute

Dist. -distilled

Disch -discharge

DOA -dead on arrival

DSD -dry steral dressing

DT'S -delirium tremens

DTR -deep tendon reflexes

D.W. -distilled water

Dx -diagnosis

Dw -dextrose in water

EAC -external auditory canal

E.C. -enteric coated

E.D.C. -estimated date of confinement

E.E.G. -electroencephalogram

E.E.N.T. -ear, eyes, nose, throat

E.K.G. -electrocardiogram **Elix.** -elixer

E.R. -emergency room

E.O.M. -extra occular movements

Ext. -external

F. -degrees fahrenheit

F.B.S. -fasting blood sugar

F.H. -family history

F.H.T. -fetal heart tone

F.U.O. -fever undetermined origin

GB -gallbladder

GC -gonococcus

Gm -gram

G.I. -gastrointestinal

gr -grain

gtt. -drops

G.U. -genitourinary

GYN -gynecology

(H) -hypodermic

Hb. -hemoglobin

HCVD -hypertensive cardiovascular disease

HEENT -head, ear, eyes, nose, throat

Hrs. -hours

H.S. -hours of sleep

Ht. -height

HTN -hypertension

I.C.S. -intercostal space

I.D. -intradermal

I.M. -intramuscular

In. -inch

I&D -incision and drainage

I.N.H. -isoniazid

int. -internal

I&O -intake and output

IPPB -intermittent positive pressure breathing

I.V. -intravenous injection

I.V.P. -intravenous pyleogram

KCL -potassium chloride

Kg -kilogram

KUB -x-ray (flat plate) of abdomen

lat. -lateral

LMP -last menstrual period

LLQ -left lower quadrant

L.P.-lumbar puncture

LUQ -left upper quadrant

m -murmur

m.-minim

M.I. -myocardial infarction

mo. -month

MOM -milk of magnesia

N -normal

N.M. -neuromuscular

Noc. -night

non rep. -do not repeat

NPO -nothing by mouth

N.S. -normal saline

OB -obstetrical

O.D. -right eye

oint -ointment

OPD -outpatient

OR -operating room

O.S. -left eye

O.T. -occupational therapy

O.U. -both eyes

P&A -percussion and auscultation

P.A. –postero anterior

PAT -paroxysmal atrial tachycardia

p.c. -after meals

PE -physical examination

Perrla -pupils equal, round, react, to light and accomodation

P.H. -past history

P.I. -present illness

P.I.D. -pelvic imflammatory disease

P.M.I. -point of maximal impulse

p.o. -by mouth

P.O. -post operative

P.P. -post partum

p.r.n. -as needed

Pro.Pen -procaine penicillin

P.S.P. -phenosulfophthelein

Pt. -patient

P.T.-physiotherapy

q. -every

q.d. -every day

q.i.d. -four times a day

q.h. -every hour

q2h -every 2 hours

q3h -every 3 hours

q4h -every 4 hours

RBC -red blood cell count

RHD -rheumatic heart disease

Rh. Neg. -Rh factor negative

sed.Rate -sedimentation rate

S.H. -social history

SOB -shortness of breath

SSE -soap suds enema

SSKI -potassium iodide (saturation solution)

stat -immediately

STS -serologic test for syphilis

Sub Q. -subcutaneous

T&A -tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy

tab. -tablet

TAT -tetanus antitoxin

Tbc -tuberculosis

temp. -temperature

t.i.d. -three times daily

T.M.'s -tympanic membranes

T.P.R. -temperature, pulse, respirations

T.U.R. -transuretheral resection

TWE -tap water enema

U -units

UA -urinalysis

U.R.I. -upper respiratory infection

Vag. -vaginal

VD -venerial disease

V.O. -verbal order

vol. -volume

VS -vital signs

W.B.C. -white blood cell count

W/C -wheel chair

wd, wn -well developed, well nourished

Identity Theft

362.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
Identity theft is a growing trend that frequently involves related crimes in multiple jurisdictions. This policy is intended to provide guidelines for the reporting and investigation of such crimes.

362.2 REPORTING

(a) In an effort to maintain uniformity in reporting, deputies presented with the crime of identity theft (Penal Code § 530.6) shall initiate a report for victims residing within the jurisdiction of this department when the crime occurred. 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) The reporting deputy should inform victims of identity theft that the California Identity Theft Registry is available to help those who are wrongly linked to crimes. The registry can be checked by law enforcement and other authorized persons to investigate whether a criminal history or want was created in the victim's name (Penal Code § 530.7). Information regarding the California Identity Theft Registry can be obtained by calling toll free (888) 880-0240.

(f) 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.

Private Persons Arrests

364.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for the handling of private person's arrests made pursuant to Penal Code § 837.

364.2 ADVISING PRIVATE PERSONS OF THE ARREST PROCESS
Penal Code § 836(b) expressly mandates that all deputies shall advise victims of domestic violence of the right to make a private person's arrest, including advice on how to safely execute such an arrest. In all other situations, 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.

364.3 ARRESTS BY PRIVATE PERSONS
Penal Code § 837 provides that a private person may arrest another:

(a) For a public offense committed or attempted in his or her presence;

(b) When the person arrested has committed a felony, although not in his or her presence;

(c) When a felony has been in fact committed, and he or she has reasonable cause for believing the person arrested has committed it.

Unlike peace officers, private persons may not make an arrest on suspicion that a felony has been committed -the felony must in fact have taken place.

364.4 DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITIES
Any deputy presented with a private person wishing to make an arrest must determine whether or not there is reasonable cause to believe that such an arrest would be lawful (Penal Code § 847).

(a) Should any deputy determine that there is no reasonable 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 pursuant to Penal Code § 849(b)(1). The deputy must include the basis of such a determination in a related report.

    2. Absent reasonable 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.

(b) Whenever a deputy determines that there is reasonable 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 pursuant to a Notice to Appear
   3. Release the individual pursuant to Penal Code § 849

364.5 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

In all circumstances in which a private person is claiming to have made an arrest, the individual must complete and sign a department Citizen's Arrest form under penalty of perjury.

In addition to the Citizen's Arrest Form (and any other related documents such as citations, booking forms, etc.), deputies shall complete a narrative report regarding the circumstances and disposition of the incident.

Anti-Reproductive Rights Crimes Reporting

366.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy shall establish a procedure for the mandated reporting of Anti-Reproductive Rights Crimes (ARRC) to the Attorney General pursuant to the Reproductive Rights Law Enforcement Act (Penal Code § 13775 et seq.).

366.2 DEFINITIONS
Penal Code § 423.2 provides that the following acts shall be considered Anti-Reproductive Rights Crimes (ARRC) when committed by any person, except a parent or guardian acting towards his or her minor child or ward:

(a) By force, threat of force, or physical obstruction that is a crime of violence, intentionally injures, intimidates, interferes with, or attempts to injure, intimidate, or interfere with any person or entity because that person or entity is a reproductive health services client, provider, or assistant, or in order to intimidate any person or entity, or any class of persons or entities, from becoming or remaining a reproductive health services client, provider, or assistant

(b) By non-violent physical obstruction, intentionally injures, intimidates, or interferes with, or attempts to injure, intimidate, or interfere with, any person or entity because that person or entity is a reproductive health services client, provider, or assistant, or in order to intimidate any person or entity, or any class of persons or entities, from becoming or remaining a reproductive health services client, provider or assistant

(c) Intentionally damages or destroys the property of a person, entity, or facility, or attempts to do so, because the person, entity, or facility is a reproductive health services client, provider, assistant, or facility

366.3 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

(a) Upon the receipt of the report of an ARRC, it shall be the responsibility of the Deputy/Detective taking such a report to also complete an ARRC Data Collection Worksheet(BCIA8371)in accordance with the instructions contained on such forms.

(b) The ARRC Data Collection Worksheet shall be processed with all related reports and forwarded to the Detective Sergeant.

(c) By the tenth day of each month, it shall be the responsibility of the Detective Sergeant to ensure that a Summary Worksheet (BCIA 8370) is submitted to the Department of Justice Criminal Justice Statistics Center.

1. In the event that no ARRC(s) were reported during the previous month, a Summary Worksheet shall be submitted to Department of Justice with an indication that no such crimes were reported.
2. Any ARRC(s) reported in the Summary Worksheet shall be accompanied by a copy of the related Data Collection Worksheet(s).

Limited English Proficiency Services

368.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
Language barriers can sometimes inhibit or even prohibit individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP) from gaining meaningful access to, or an understanding of important rights, obligations and services. It is therefore the policy of this department to take all reasonable steps to ensure timely and equal access to all individuals, regardless of national origin or primary language (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, § 601, 42 USC 2000d).

368.1.1 DEFINITIONS
Definitions related to this policy include:

Authorized interpreter -Any employee who is bilingual and has successfully completed department-prescribed interpreter training and is authorized to act as an interpreter or translator.

Bilingual -The ability to communicate in two languages fluently, including the ability to communicate technical and law enforcement terminology. Bilingual includes a variety of skill levels. For example, some bilingual individuals may be fluent enough to engage in direct communications in a non-English language but insufficiently fluent to interpret or translate from one language into another. For example, a bilingual individual, depending on his/her skill level, could be utilized to communicate fluently in a non-English language but not to interpret between two languages if he/she does not possess the specialized skills necessary to interpret between two languages effectively. In order to be utilized to interpret or translate from one language into another, an individual must possess the skill, training and demonstrated competence to do so. For purposes of this policy, employees, in order to be identified as bilingual, must initially and periodically demonstrate, through a procedure to be established by the Department, their level of skill and competence such that the Department is able to determine the purposes for which an employee's language skills may be used.

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) -Designates individuals whose primary language is not English and who have a limited ability to read, write, speak or understand English. LEP 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.

Translation –The replacement of written text from one language (source language) into an equivalent written text (target language).

368.2 FOUR FACTOR ANALYSIS
Since there are potentially hundreds of languages department personnel could encounter, the Department will utilize the four-factor analysis outlined in the Department of Justice LEP *Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients* available at the DOJ website in determining which measures will provide reasonable and meaningful access to

various rights, obligations, services and programs to everyone. It is recognized that law enforcement contacts and circumstances will vary considerably. This analysis therefore, must remain flexible and requires an ongoing balance of the following four factors:

(a) The number or proportion of LEP individuals eligible to be served or likely to be encountered by department personnel or who may benefit from programs or services within the Department's jurisdiction or a particular geographic area.

(b) The frequency with which LEP individuals are likely to come in contact with department personnel, 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.

As indicated above, the intent of this analysis is to provide a balance that reasonably ensures meaningful access by LEP individuals to critical services while not imposing undue burdens on the Department its personnel.

While this 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, the above analysis will be utilized to determine the availability and level of assistance provided to any LEP individual or group.

368.2.1 IDENTIFICATION OF LEP INDIVIDUAL'S LANGUAGE
The Department will utilize all reasonably available tools, such as language identification cards, when attempting to determine an LEP individual's primary language in an effort to avoid misidentifying that language.

368.3 TYPES OF LEP ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE
Depending on the balance of the above four factors, this department will make every reasonable effort to provide meaningful and timely assistance to LEP individuals through a variety of services, where available. LEP individuals may elect to accept interpreter services offered by the Department at no cost or choose to provide their own interpreter services at their own expense. Department personnel should document in any related report whether the LEP individual elected to use interpreter services provided by the Department or some other source. Department-provided interpreter services may include, but are not limited to, the assistance methods described in this section.

368.3.1 BILINGUAL PERSONNEL
Personnel utilized for LEP services need not be certified as interpreters, but must have demonstrated, through established department procedures, a level of competence to ascertain whether his/her language skills are best suited to monolingual communications, interpretation, translation, or all or none of these functions.

All personnel used for communication with LEP individuals must demonstrate knowledge of the functions of an interpreter and the ethical issues involved when acting as a language conduit. In addition, employees who serve as interpreters and/or translators must have demonstrated competence in both English and the non-English language. When bilingual personnel from this department are not available, personnel from other city departments who have the requisite training may be requested.

368.3.2 WRITTEN FORMS AND GUIDELINES
This department will determine the most frequently used and critical forms and guidelines and translate these documents into the languages most likely to be requested. The Department will arrange to make these translated forms available to department personnel and other appropriate individuals.

368.3.3 AUDIO RECORDINGS
The Department may develop audio recordings of information that is either important to or frequently requested by LEP individuals for broadcast in a language most likely to be understood by involved LEP individuals.

368.3.4 TELEPHONE INTERPRETER SERVICES
The Communications Supervisor will maintain a list of qualified interpreter services which, upon approval of a supervisor can be contacted to assist LEP individuals. Such services shall be available to, among others, department personnel who utilize official cellular telephones.

368.3.5 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS AND OTHER SOURCES OF INTERPRETATION
Where competent bilingual departmental personnel or other County-certified staff are unavailable to assist, responsible members of the community who have demonstrated competence in either monolingual (direct) communication and/or in interpretation and translation (as noted in above) may be called upon to assist in communication efforts. Sources for these individuals may include neighboring police departments, university languages and linguistics departments, local businesses, banks, churches, neighborhood leaders and school officials. Department personnel should ensure that community members are able to provide unbiased assistance. The nature of the contact and relationship between the LEP individual and the individual offering services must be carefully considered (e.g., victim/suspect).

Except for exigent or very informal and non-confrontational circumstances, the use of an LEP individual's bilingual friends or family members, particularly children, are generally not recommended and department personnel shall make case-by-case determinations on the appropriateness of using such individuals (for further guidance see: Section V(3) of the DOJ Final Guidance available at the DOJ website).

368.4 LEP CONTACT SITUATIONS AND REPORTING
While all law enforcement contacts, services and individual rights are important, this department will utilize the four-factor analysis to prioritize language services so that they may be targeted where they are most needed.

Whenever any member of this department is required to complete a report or when other documentation and interpretation or translation services are provided to any involved LEP individual, such services should be noted in the related report.

368.4.1 RECEIVING AND RESPONDING TO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE
In order to provide LEP individuals with meaningful access to police services when they are victims of, or witnesses to, alleged criminal activity or other emergencies, this department has designated its 9-1-1 lines as its top priority for language services. Department personnel will make every reasonable effort to promptly accommodate such LEP individuals utilizing 9-1-1 lines through any or all of the above resources.

While 9-1-1 calls shall receive top priority, reasonable efforts should also be made to accommodate LEP individuals seeking routine access to services and information by utilizing the resources listed in this policy.

368.4.2 EMERGENCY CALLS TO 9-1-1
When a 9-1-1 call-taker receives a call and determines that the caller is an LEP individual, the call-taker should quickly determine whether sufficient information can be obtained to initiate an appropriate emergency response. If language assistance is still needed, the language is known and a language-appropriate authorized interpreter is available in the Communications Center, the call-taker should immediately connect the LEP caller to the interpreter.

If an appropriate authorized interpreter is not available, the call-taker will promptly connect the LEP caller to the contracted telephonic interpretation service directly for assistance in completing the call. Dispatchers will make every reasonable effort to dispatch a bilingual officer to the assignment, if available.

The Plumas County Sheriff's Office will take reasonable steps and will work with the Department of Human Resources to hire and develop in-house language capacity in the Communications Center by hiring qualified personnel with specific language skills.

368.4.3 FIELD ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTIGATIONS
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 which may involve LEP individuals. The scope and nature of these activities and contacts will inevitably vary. Department personnel must assess each situation to determine the need and availability for translation services to all involved LEP individuals and utilize the methods outlined in § 368.3 to provide appropriate language assistance.

Although not every situation can be addressed in this policy, it is important that department personnel are able to effectively communicate the reason for a contact, the need for information and the meaning or consequences of any enforcement action taken with an LEP individual. It would, for example, be meaningless to request consent to search if the person requesting is unable to effectively communicate with an LEP individual.

368.4.4 INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEWS
In any situation where the translation of an interview may contain information that might be used in a criminal trial, it is important to take certain steps to improve the chances of admissibility. 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.

Any person selected as an interpreter and/or translator must have demonstrated competence in both English and the non-English language involved and knowledge of the functions of an interpreter that allows for correct and effective translation, and should not be a person with an interest in the case. The person providing interpretation or translation services may be required to establish the accuracy and trustworthiness of the interpretation or translation to the court.

368.4.5 CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS AND BOOKINGS
In an effort to ensure the rights of LEP individuals are protected during arrest and custodial interrogation, this department places a high priority on providing competent interpretation during such situations. It is further recognized that miscommunication during custodial interrogations may have a substantial impact on the evidence presented in any related criminal prosecution. As such, department personnel providing interpretation services or translated forms in these situations will have demonstrated competence in interpretation/translation and make every reasonable effort to accurately interpret/translate all communications with LEP individuals.

In order to ensure that translations during criminal investigations are documented accurately and admissible as evidence, audio recordings of interrogations, victim interviews and witness interviews should be used whenever reasonably possible.

Employees providing interpretation or translation services shall also be aware of the inherent communication impediments to gathering information from the LEP individual throughout the booking process or any other situation in which an LEP individual is within the control of department personnel. Medical screening questions are commonly used to elicit information on an individual's medical needs, suicidal inclinations, presence of contagious diseases, potential illness, resulting symptoms upon withdrawal from certain medications, or the need to segregate the arrestee from other prisoners, therefore it is important for members of this department to make every reasonable effort to provide effective language services in these situations.

368.4.6 COMPLAINTS
The Department shall ensure access to LEP persons who wish to file a complaint regarding the discharge of department duties. The Department may do so by providing interpretation assistance or translated forms to such individuals. If the Department responds to complaints filed by LEP individuals, the Department shall attempt to communicate its response in an accessible manner.

368.4.7 COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Community outreach programs and other such services offered by this department have become increasingly recognized as important to the ultimate success of more traditional law enforcement duties. As such, this department will continue to work with community groups, local businesses and neighborhoods to provide equal access to such programs and services to LEP individuals and groups.

368.5 TRAINING
In an effort to ensure that all personnel in public contact positions (or having contact with those in custody) are properly trained, the Department will provide periodic training to personnel about LEP policies and procedures, including how to access department-authorized telephonic and in-person interpreters and other available resources.

The Administrative Sergeant shall be responsible for ensuring all new personnel receive LEP training and that all personnel receive refresher training at least once every two years thereafter. The Administrative Sergeant shall maintain records of all LEP training provided, with a copy in each member's training file, in accordance with established records retention schedules.

368.6 INTERPRETERS AND TRANSLATORS
Department personnel who are called upon to interpret, translate, or provide other language assistance will be trained annually on language skills competency (including specialized terminology) and ethical considerations.

(a) Assessment: The Plumas County Sheriff's Office personnel identified as bilingual, who are willing to act as authorized interpreters, will have their language skills assessed by a professional interpreter using a structured assessment tool established by the Administrative Sergeant. Personnel found proficient in interpreting into and from the target language will be placed conditionally on the authorized interpreters list.

(b) Training: All personnel conditionally placed on the authorized interpreter list must successfully complete the prescribed interpreter training within one year. After successful completion of interpreter training, the individual will be unconditionally placed on the authorized interpreter list. 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 advisor.

(c) Refresher course for authorized interpreters: Personnel who have been unconditionally placed on the authorized interpreter list must receive refresher training annually or they will be removed from the authorized interpreter list. The Training Bureau shall be responsible for coordinating the annual refresher training and will maintain a record of training that the interpreters have received.

The LEP Coordinator will ensure that the authorized interpreters list is kept current and a copy is forwarded to the Communications Center.

368.7 SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS PROVIDED TO DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES
The following materials will be made available to employees to assist in providing access and service to LEP individuals:

(a) A list of departmental bilingual employees, languages spoken and contact and shift information

(b) A list of department-certified interpretation services, bilingual interpreters, languages spoken and contact and availability information

(c) The telephone number and access code of telephonic interpretation services

(d) Language identification cards

(e) Translated Miranda warning cards and other frequently used documents

(f) Audio recordings/warnings that are developed in non-English languages

368.8 MONITORING AND UPDATING LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE EFFORTS

368.8.1 LEP COORDINATOR
The Sheriff will appoint an LEP Coordinator who is responsible for coordinating and implementing all aspects of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office LEP services to LEP individuals.

The LEP Coordinator shall assess demographic data, review contracted language access services utilization data, and consult with community-based organizations annually in order to determine if there are additional languages into which vital documents should be translated.

The LEP Coordinator will also be responsible for annually reviewing all new documents issued by the Plumas County Sheriff's Office to assess whether they should be considered vital documents and be translated.

Hearing Impaired/Disabled Communications

370.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Individuals who suffer from deafness, hearing impairment, blindness, impaired vision, mental or other disabilities may encounter difficulties in gaining meaningful access to, or an understanding of important rights, obligations and services. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Civil Code § 54.1, it is therefore the policy of this department to take all reasonable steps to accommodate such individuals in any law enforcement contact.

370.2 FACTORS TO CONSIDER

Because the nature of any law enforcement contact may vary substantially from one situation to the next, employees of this department should consider all information reasonably available to them when determining how to communicate with an individual suffering from any disability. These factors may include, but are not limited to:

(a) The extent to which a disability is obvious or otherwise made known to the involved employee. Impaired or disabled individuals may be reluctant to acknowledge their condition and may even feign a complete understanding of a communication despite actual confusion.

(b) The nature of the disability (e.g., total deafness or blindness vs. impairment)

(c) The nature of the law enforcement contact (e.g., emergency vs. non-emergency, custodial vs. consensual contact, etc.)

(d) Availability of resources to aid in communication

When considering these and other available information, the involved employee(s) should carefully balance all factors in an effort to reasonably ensure meaningful access by individuals suffering from apparent disabilities to critical services while not imposing undue burdens on the Department or its deputies.

370.2.1 INITIAL AND IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS

Recognizing that various law enforcement encounters may be potentially volatile and/or emotionally charged, department employees should remain alert to the possibility of communication problems and exercise special care in the use of all gestures, and verbal and written communication in an effort to minimize initial confusion and misunderstanding when dealing with any individual(s) with known or suspected disabilities or communication impairments.

370.3 TYPES OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Depending on the balance of the factors available for consideration at the time, this department will make every reasonable effort to provide meaningful and timely assistance to disabled individuals through a variety of services, where available. Disabled individuals may elect to accept such assistance at no cost, choose to provide their own communication services at their own expense or any combination thereof. In any situation, the individual's expressed choice of communication method shall be given primary consideration and

honored unless the employee can adequately demonstrate that another effective method of communication exists under the circumstances.

Deputies should document the type of communication utilized in any related report and whether a disabled or impaired individual elected to use services provided by the Department or some other identified source. Department provided services may include, but are not limited to the following:

370.3.1 FIELD RESOURCES
Individual deputies and employees are encouraged to utilize resources immediately available to them in any contact with a known or suspected disabled or impaired person. Examples of this would include such simple methods as:

(a) Hand gestures or written communications exchanged between the employee and a deaf or hearing impaired individual

(b) Facing an individual utilizing lip reading and speaking slowly and clearly

(c) Slowly and clearly speaking or reading simple terms to any visually or mentally impaired individual

370.3.2 AUDIO RECORDINGS AND ENLARGED PRINT
From time to time, the Department may develop audio recordings of important information needed by blind or visually impaired individuals. In the absence of such audio recordings, employees may elect to read aloud a Department form or document such as a citizen complaint form to a visually impaired individual or utilize a photocopier to enlarge printed forms for a visually impaired individual.

370.3.3 TELEPHONE INTERPRETER SERVICES
The Communications Supervisor will maintain a list of qualified interpreter services to be contacted at department expense to assist deaf or hearing impaired individuals upon approval of a supervisor. When utilized, notification to such interpreters shall be made at the earliest reasonable opportunity and the interpreter should be available to respond within a reasonable time (generally not to exceed three hours).

370.3.4 TTY AND RELAY SERVICES
Individuals who are deaf or hearing impaired must be given the opportunity to use available text telephones (TTY or TDD). All calls placed by such individuals through such services shall be accepted by this department.

370.3.5 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS
Depending on the circumstances, location and availability, responsible members of the community may be available to provide qualified interpreter services, such as those who are proficient in American Sign Language (ASL). Sources for these individuals may include local businesses, banks, churches, neighborhood leaders and school officials. In addition to such sources developed by individual deputies, the Department will attempt to maintain and update a list of qualified community volunteers who may be available to respond within a reasonable time.

370.3.6 FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF DISABLED OR IMPAIRED INDIVIDUAL
While family and friends of a disabled or impaired individual may frequently offer to assist with interpretation, employees should carefully consider the circumstances before relying

on such individuals. For example, children should not be relied upon except in emergency or critical situations. Further, the nature of the contact and relationship between the disabled individual and the individual offering services must be carefully considered (e.g., victim/suspect).

370.4 CONTACT SITUATIONS AND REPORTING
While all contacts, services, and individual rights are important, this department will carefully consider reasonably available information in an effort to prioritize services to disabled and impaired individuals so that such services and resources may be targeted where most needed because of the nature and importance of the particular law enforcement activity involved.

Whenever any member of this department is otherwise required to complete a report or other documentation, and communication assistance is provided to any involved disabled or impaired individual(s), such services should be noted in the related report.

370.4.1 RECEIVING AND RESPONDING TO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE
In order to provide disabled and impaired individuals with meaningful access to law enforcement services when they are victims of, or witnesses to, alleged criminal activity or other emergencies, this department has designated its 911 lines as its top priority for assistance with such services. Department personnel will make every reasonable effort to promptly accommodate such disabled and impaired individuals utilizing 911 lines through any or all of the above resources.

While911 calls shall receive top priority, it is also important that reasonable efforts be made to accommodate disabled and impaired individuals seeking more routine access to services and information from this department.

370.4.2 CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS AND BOOKINGS
In an effort to ensure the rights of all disabled and impaired individuals are protected during arrest and custodial interrogation, this department places a high priority on providing reasonable communication assistance during such situations. It is further recognized that miscommunication during custodial interrogations may have a substantial impact on the evidence presented in any related criminal prosecution. As such, department personnel providing communication assistance in these situations will make every reasonable effort to accurately and effectively communicate with disabled or impaired individuals.

Employees providing such assistance shall also be aware of the inherent communication impediments to gathering information from disabled or impaired individuals throughout the booking process or any other situation in which a disabled or impaired individual is within the control of department personnel. Medical screening questions are commonly used to elicit information on individual's medical needs, suicidal inclinations, presence of contagious diseases, potential illness, resulting symptoms upon withdrawal from certain medications, or the need to segregate the arrestee from other prisoners, therefore it is important for this department to make every reasonable effort to provide effective communication assistance in these situations.

(a) Individuals who require communication aids (e.g., hearing aids) should be permitted to retain such devices while in custody.

(b) While it may present officer safety or other logistical problems to allow a physically disabled individual to retain devices such as a wheel chair or crutches during a custodial situation, the removal of such items will require that other reasonable

accommodations be made to assist such individuals with access to all necessary services.

(c) Whenever a deaf or hearing impaired individual is detained or arrested and placed in handcuffs, deputies should consider, safety permitting, placing the handcuffs in front of the body in order to allow the individual to sign or write notes.

370.4.3 FIELD ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTIGATIONS

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 which may involve disabled or impaired individuals. The scope and nature of these activities and contacts will inevitably vary, therefore the Department recognizes that it would be virtually impossible to provide immediate access to complete communication services to every deputy in the field. Each deputy and/or supervisor must, however, assess each such situation to determine the need and availability for communication assistance to any and all involved disabled or impaired individuals.

Although not every situation can be addressed within this policy, it is important that employees are able to effectively communicate the reason for a contact, the need for information and the meaning or consequences of any enforcement action taken with a disabled or impaired individual. For example, it would be meaningless to verbally request consent to search if the deputy is unable to effectively communicate with a deaf individual.

370.4.4 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community outreach programs and other such services offered by this department have become increasingly recognized as important to the ultimate success of more traditional law enforcement duties. As such, this department will continue to work with community groups, local businesses and neighborhoods to provide equal access to such programs and services to disabled individuals and groups.

370.5 TRAINING

In an effort to ensure that all employees in public contact positions (or having contact with those in custody) are properly trained, this department will provide periodic training in the following areas:

(a) Employee awareness of related policies, procedures, forms and available resources

(b) Employees having contact with the public (or those in our custody) are trained to work effectively with in-person and telephone interpreters and related equipment

(c) Training for management staff, even if they may not interact regularly with disabled individuals, in order that they remain fully aware of, and understand this policy, so they can reinforce its importance and ensure its implementation by staff

Mandatory School Employee Reporting

372.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The purpose of this policy is to describe the requirements and procedures to follow when a public or private school employee (teacher and non-teacher) has been arrested under certain circumstances.

372.2 MANDATORY SCHOOL EMPLOYEE ARREST REPORTING
In the event a school employee is arrested for any controlled substance offense enumerated in Health & Safety Code § 11590, 11364, in so far as that section relates to paragraph (12) of subdivision (d) of Health and Safety Code §11054, or for any of the offenses enumerated in Penal Code § 290 or in subdivision 1 of Penal Code § 291 or Education Code § 44010, the Sheriff or his/her designee is required to immediately report the arrest as follows:

372.2.1 ARREST OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER
Upon arrest for one of the above sections, the Sheriff or his/her designee is mandated to immediately notify by telephone the superintendent of the school district employing the teacher and to immediately give written notice of the arrest to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing and to the superintendent of schools in the county where the person is employed.

372.2.2 ARREST OF PUBLIC SCHOOL NON-TEACHER EMPLOYEE
Upon arrest for one of the above sections, the Sheriff or his/her designee is mandated to immediately notify by telephone the superintendent of the school district employing the non-teacher and to immediately give written notice of the arrest to the governing board of the school district employing the person.

372.2.3 ARREST OF PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHER
Upon arrest for one of the above sections, the Sheriff or his/her designee is mandated to immediately notify by telephone the private school authority employing the teacher and to immediately give written notice of the arrest to the private school authority employing the teacher.

Biological Samples

374.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy provides guidelines for the collection of biological samples from those individuals required to provide samples upon conviction or arrest for certain offenses. This policy does not apply to biological samples collected at a crime scene or taken from a person in conjunction with a criminal investigation. Nor does it apply to biological samples from those required to register, for example, sex offenders.

374.2 POLICY
The Plumas County Sheriff's Office will assist in the expeditious collection of required biological samples from offenders in accordance with the laws of this state and with as little reliance on force as practicable.

374.3 PERSONS SUBJECT TO DNA COLLECTION
Those who must submit a biological sample include (Penal Code § 296):

(a) A person, including a juvenile, upon conviction or other adjudication of any felony offense.

(b) A person, including a juvenile, upon conviction or other adjudication of any offense if the person has a prior felony on record.

(c) An adult arrested or charged with any felony.

374.4 PROCEDURE
When an individual is required to provide a biological sample, a trained employee shall obtain the sample in accordance with this policy.

374.4.1 COLLECTION
The following steps should be taken to collect a sample:

(a) Verify that the individual is required to provide a sample pursuant to Penal Code § 296; Penal Code § 296.1.

(b) Verify that a biological sample has not been previously collected from the offender by querying the individual's criminal history record for a DNA collection flag or, during regular business hours, calling the California Department of Justice(DOJ)designated DNA laboratory. There is no need to obtain a biological sample if one has been previously obtained.

(c) Use a DNA buccal swab collection kit provided by the California DOJ to perform the collection and take steps to avoid cross contamination.

374.5 USE OF FORCE TO OBTAIN SAMPLES
If a person refuses to cooperate with the sample collection process, deputies should attempt to identify the reason for refusal and seek voluntary compliance without resorting to using force. Force will not be used in the collection of samples except as authorized by court order and only with the approval of a supervisor. Methods to consider when seeking voluntary compliance include contacting:

(a) The person's parole or probation officer when applicable.

(b) The prosecuting attorney to seek additional charges against the person for failure to comply or to otherwise bring the refusal before a judge.

(c) The judge at the person's next court appearance.

(d) The person's attorney.

(e) A chaplain.

(f) Another custody facility with additional resources, where an arrestee can be transferred to better facilitate sample collection.

(g) A supervisor who may be able to authorize custodial disciplinary actions to compel compliance, if any are available.

The supervisor shall review and approve any plan to use force and be present to document the process.

374.5.1 VIDEO RECORDING
A video recording should be made anytime force is used to obtain a biological sample. The recording should document all staff participating in the process, in addition to the methods and all force used during the collection. The recording should be part of the investigation file, if any, or otherwise retained in accordance with the department's records retention schedule (15 CCR § 1059).

374.5.2 CELL EXTRACTIONS
If the use of force includes a cell extraction, the extraction shall be video recorded, including audio. Video shall be directed at the cell extraction event. The video recording shall be retained by the Department for the length of time required by statute. Notwithstanding the use of the video as evidence in a criminal proceeding, the tape shall be retained administratively (15 CCR § 1059).

374.6 LEGAL MANDATES AND RELEVANT LAWS
California law provides for the following:

374.6.1 DOCUMENTATION RELATED TO FORCE
Supervisors shall prepare prior written authorization for the use of any force (15 CCR § 1059). The written authorization shall include information that the subject was asked to provide the requisite specimen, sample or impression and refused, as well as the related court order authorizing the force.

374.6.2 BLOOD SAMPLES
A blood sample should only be obtained under this policy when:

(a) The California DOJ requests a blood sample and the subject consents, or

(b) A court orders a blood sample following a refusal.

The withdrawal of blood may only be performed in a medically approved manner by health care providers trained and qualified to draw blood. A California DOJ collection kit shall be used for this purpose (Penal Code § 298(a); Penal Code § 298(b)(2)).

374.6.3 LITIGATION
The Sheriff or authorized designee should notify the California DOJ's DNA Legal Unit in the event this department is named in a lawsuit involving the DNA Data Bank sample collection, sample use or any aspect of the state's DNA Data Bank Program.

Chaplain Program

376.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The Plumas 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.

376.2 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.

376.3 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.

376.4 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 is encouraged with the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC).

(f) Possess a valid California Drivers License.

376.5 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 including a Polygraph examination.

(e) Complete an appropriate probationary period as designated by the Sheriff.

376.6 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.

(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 Shift Sergeant or supervisor aids in accomplishing the Department's mission.

(g) 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 personnel.

(h) Counseling 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 various denominations.

(q) Making referrals in cases where specialized attention is needed or in 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 contacts that was provided while functioning as a chaplain for the Plumas County Sheriff's Office.

376.7 CLERGY-PENITENT CONFIDENTIALITY

No person who provides chaplain services to members of the department may work or volunteer for the Plumas County Sheriff's Office in any capacity other than that of chaplain.

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 Plumas County Sheriff's Office employees concerning an incident personally witnessed by the chaplain or concerning an incident involving the chaplain.

376.8 COMMAND STRUCTURE

(a) Under the general direction of the Sheriff or his/her designee, chaplains shall report to the Senior Chaplain and/or Shift Sergeant.

(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 Assistant 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.

376.9 OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

(a) Generally, each chaplain will serve with Plumas County Sheriff's Office personnel a minimum of eight hours per month.

(b) Chaplains shall be permitted to ride with officers during any shift and observe Plumas County Sheriff's Office operations, provided the Shift Sergeant has been notified and approved of the activity.

(c) Chaplains shall not be evaluators of employees and shall not be required to reporton an employee's performance or conduct.

(d) In responding to incidents, a chaplain shall never function as an officer.

(e) 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.

(f) Chaplains shall serve only within the jurisdiction of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office unless otherwise authorized by the Sheriff or his designee.

(g) 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.

(h) If a Chaplain has a valid CCW permit issued by this county, the weapon must be concealed and carried in a department approved holster.

376.9.1 UNIFORMS AND BADGES
A distinct uniform, badge and radio will be provided for the Chaplains. The uniform may be similar to that worn by the personnel of this department and will be at the expense of the Chaplin.

376.10 TRAINING
The Department will establish a minimum number of training hours and standards for department chaplains. The training may include stress management, death notifications, post-traumatic stress syndrome, burnout for officers and chaplains, legal liability and confidentiality, ethics, responding to crisis situations, the law enforcement family, substance abuse, suicide, deputy injury or death, and sensitivity and diversity, as approved by the Administrative Sergeant.

Public Safety Camera System

378.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The County of Plumas County operates a public safety camera system for the purpose of creating a safer environment for all those who live, work and visit the County. This policy explains the purpose of the cameras and provides guidelines for their operation and for the storage of captured images.

378.2 POLICY
Cameras may be placed in strategic locations throughout the County at the direction or with the approval of the Sheriff. These cameras can be used for detecting and deterring crime, to help safeguard against potential threats to the public, to help manage emergency response situations during natural and man-made disasters and to assist County officials in providing services to the community.

378.3 PROCEDURE
The following procedures have been established for the effective operation of the public safety camera system.

378.3.1 MONITORING
If/when this system becomes fully functional, images from each camera will be recorded on a 24-hour basis every day of the week. These images will be transmitted to monitors installed in the Shift Sergeant's Office, area substations and the Communications Center. When activity warranting further investigation is reported or detected at any camera location, the dispatcher may selectively view the appropriate camera and relay any available information to responding units. The Shift Sergeant or the Communications Center personnel are authorized to adjust the cameras to more effectively view a particular area for any legitimate public safety purpose.

The Sheriff may authorize video feeds from the public safety camera system to be set up at a location other than the Communications Center for monitoring by other than sheriff's personnel when the provision of such access is in furtherance of this policy.

The cameras only record images and do not record sound. Recorded images may be used for a variety of purposes, including criminal investigations and monitoring of activity around high value or high threat areas. In addition, the public safety camera system may be useful for the following purposes:

(a) To assist in identifying, apprehending and prosecuting offenders.

(b) To assist in gathering evidence for criminal and civil court actions.

(c) To help emergency services personnel maintain public order.

(d) To monitor pedestrian and vehicle traffic activity.

(e) To help improve the general environment on the public streets.

(f) To assist in providing effective public services.

378.3.2 TRAINING
Personnel involved in video monitoring will be appropriately trained and supervised.

378.3.3 PROHIBITED ACTIVITY
Video monitoring will be conducted in a professional, ethical and legal manner. The public safety camera system will not be used to invade the privacy of individuals, to look into private areas or areas where the reasonable expectation of privacy exists. All reasonable efforts will be taken to protect these rights. Video monitoring shall not be used to harass, intimidate or discriminate against any individual or group.

378.3.4 CAMERA MARKINGS
Except in the case of covert operations or confidential investigations, all public areas that are monitored by public safety cameras shall be marked in a conspicuous manner with appropriate signs to inform the public that the area is under sheriff's surveillance. Signs shall be well lit to ensure visibility.

378.4 MEDIA STORAGE
All media will be stored in a secure area with access restricted to authorized persons.

Recordings not otherwise needed for official reasons shall be retained for a period of not less than one year and thereafter should be erased with the written consent of the County Counsel. Any recordings needed as evidence in a criminal or civil proceeding shall be copied to a suitable medium and booked into evidence in accordance with current evidence procedures (Government Code § 34090.6).

378.5 REVIEW OR RELEASE OR OF VIDEO IMAGES
The review or the release of video images shall be done only with the authorization of the Sheriff or his/her designee and only with a properly completed written request. Video images needed for a criminal investigation or other official reason shall be collected and booked in accordance with current departmental evidence procedures.

378.5.1 PUBLIC AND OTHER AGENCY REQUESTS
Requests for recorded video images from other government agencies or by the submission of a court order or subpoena shall be promptly submitted to the Communications Supervisor, who will promptly research the request and submit the results of such search through the Sheriff to the County Counsel's office for further handling. Every reasonable effort should be made to preserve the data requested until the request has been fully processed by the County Counsel's office.

Video images captured by public safety cameras that are requested by the public or media will be made available only to the extent required by law. Except as required by a valid court order or other lawful process, video images requested under the Public Records Act will generally not be disclosed to the public when such video images are evidence in an ongoing criminal investigation in which a disposition has not been reached.

378.6 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA SYSTEM
The Sheriff or his/her designee will conduct an annual review of the public safety camera system. The annual review will include an inventory of video monitoring installations, date of installation, summary of the purpose, adherence to this policy and any proposed policy changes. The results of each review will be documented and maintained by the Sheriff or his/her designee and other applicable advisory bodies. Any concerns or deviations from this policy will be addressed promptly and effectively.

Child Safety Policy

380.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The Plumas County Sheriff's Office recognizes that children who are subjected to traumatic events, such as the arrest of a parent or guardian, may experience negative emotional effects that can last throughout the lifetime of the individual. After such an event the child may not receive the appropriate care, which can lead to further emotional or physical trauma. This policy is intended to provide guidelines for deputies to take reasonable steps to minimize the impact to the child when it becomes necessary to take action involving the child's parent or guardian (Penal Code § 833.2(a)).

380.1.1 POLICY
It is the policy of this department to mitigate, to the extent reasonably possible, the stressful experience children may have when their parent or caregiver is arrested. The Plumas County Sheriff's Office will endeavor to create a strong cooperative relationship with local, state and community-based child social services to ensure an effective, collaborative response that addresses the needs of affected children.

380.2 PROCEDURES DURING AN ARREST
When encountering an arrest situation deputies should make reasonable attempts to determine if the arrestee is responsible for minor dependent children. In some cases this is obvious, such as when children are present. However, deputies should inquire if the person has any other dependent minor children who are without appropriate supervision. The following steps should be taken (Penal Code § 13517.7(b)(1)):

(a) Inquire about and confirm the location of any dependent minor children.

(b) Look for evidence of children. Deputies should be mindful that some arrestees may conceal the fact that they have dependent children for fear their children may be taken from them.

(c) Inquire of witnesses, neighbors, friends and relatives of the arrestee as to whether the person is responsible for a dependent child.

Whenever possible, deputies should take reasonable steps to accomplish the arrest of a parent or guardian out of the presence of his/her child. Removing children from the scene in advance of the arrest will generally ensure the best outcome for the child.

Whenever it is safe to do so, deputies should allow the parent to assure children that they will be provided care. If this is not safe or if the demeanor of the in-custody parent 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 children that both parent and children will receive appropriate care.

380.2.1 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, dependent minor children.

Deputies should allow the arrestee reasonable time to arrange for care of minor children. Temporary placement of the child with family or friends may be appropriate. However, any

decision should give priority to a child-care solution that is in the best interest of the child. In such cases the following guidelines should be followed:

(a) Allow the person reasonable time to arrange for the care of minor children with a responsible party, as appropriate.
   1. Unless there is evidence to the contrary (e.g., signs of abuse, drug use, unsafe environment), deputies should respect the parent's judgment regarding arrangements for child care. It is generally best if the child remains with relatives or family friends the child knows and trusts. Consideration regarding the child's familiarity with the surroundings, comfort, emotional state and safety should be paramount.
   2. Except when a court order exists limiting contact, the deputy should attempt to locate and place dependent children with the non-arrested parent or guardian.

(b) Provide for the immediate supervision of minor children until an appropriate caregiver arrives.

(c) Notify Child Protective Services if appropriate.

(d) Notify the field supervisor or Shift Sergeant of the disposition of minor children.

If children are at school or at a 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 parent's arrest and of the arrangements being made for the care of the arrestee's children, and then record the result of such actions in the associated report.

380.2.2 DURING THE BOOKING PROCESS
During the booking process the arrestee shall be allowed to make additional free local phone calls to relatives or other responsible individuals as is reasonably necessary to arrange for the care of any minor dependent child. These phone calls shall be given immediately upon request or as soon as practicable and are in addition to any other phone calls allowed by law (Penal Code § 851.5(c)).

380.2.3 REPORTING
For all arrests where children are present or living in the household, the reporting employee will include information about the children, including names, gender, age and how they were placed.

380.3 CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
Whenever an arrestee is unwilling or incapable of arranging for the appropriate care of any dependent minor children, the handling deputy should consider taking children into protective custody and placing them with the appropriate county child welfare service or other department-approved social service (Welfare and Institutions Code § 305).

Only when other reasonable options are exhausted should a child be transported to the sheriff's facility, transported in a marked patrol car or taken into formal protective custody.

Under no circumstances should a child be left unattended or without appropriate care.

380.4 TRAINING
The Administrative Sergeant is responsible to ensure that all personnel of this department who may be involved in arrests affecting children participate, on a timely basis, in a

POST-approved course on effective child safety when a parent or guardian is arrested (Penal Code § 13517.7).

Service Animals

382.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
Service animals play an important role in helping to overcome the limitations often faced by people with disabilities. The Plumas 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.

382.2 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).

California expands the definition of a service animal to include other animals that are individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability (Healthy and Safety Code § 113903).

382.2.1 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 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.

382.3 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 Plumas 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 the 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 questions 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 a result of a disability should be referred to the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Volunteer Program

384.1 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 are 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.

384.1.1 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.

384.2 VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

384.2.1 VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
The Volunteer Coordinator shall be appointed by an Assistant Sheriff. 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.

(j) Maintaining liaison with other volunteer-utilizing programs in the community and assisting in community-wide efforts to recognize and promote volunteering.

384.2.2 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.

384.2.3 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 California Criminal Information Index.

(b) Employment

(c) References

(d) Credit check

A polygraph exam may be required of each applicant depending on the type of assignment.

384.2.4 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 or Undersheriff. No volunteer should begin any assignment until they have been officially accepted for that position and completed all required screening and paperwork.

Volunteers should be placed only in assignments or programs that are consistent with their knowledge, skills, abilities and the needs of the Department.

384.2.5 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.

384.2.6 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 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.

384.2.7 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.

384.3 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.

384.4 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.

384.5 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.

384.5.1 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 California Driver 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 are not authorized to operate a Department vehicle Code-3.

384.5.2 RADIO AND [MDT/MDC] USAGE
Volunteers shall successfully complete CLETS and radio procedures training prior to using the police radio or [MDT/MDC] and comply with all related provisions. The Volunteer Coordinator should ensure that radio and CLETS training is provided for volunteers whenever necessary.

384.6 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES/TERMINATION
A volunteer may be removed from the volunteer program at the discretion of the Sheriff or an Assistant Sheriff. 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.

384.6.1 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.

384.7 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 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.

Off-Duty Law Enforcement Actions

386.1 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 Plumas County Sheriff's Office with respect to taking law enforcement action while off-duty.

386.2 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.

386.3 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 shall not be carried by any deputies 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.

386.4 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.

(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.

386.4.1 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 dispatcher should be informed that an off-duty deputy is on-scene and should be provided a description of the officer if possible.

Whenever practicable, the deputy should loudly and repeatedly identify him/herself as an Plumas County Sheriff's Office deputy until acknowledged. Official identification should also be displayed.

386.4.2 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.

386.4.3 NON-SWORN 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.

386.4.4 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.

386.5 REPORTING
Any off-duty deputy who engages in any law enforcement activity, regardless of jurisdiction, shall notify the Shift Sergeant as soon as practicable. The Shift Sergeant 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.

Illness and Injury Protection Program

388.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The health and safety of the employees of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office is important to executive and management staff, and critical to the operation of this department and the delivery of services to the community.

The purpose of this policy is to establish an ongoing and effective Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) for the Plumas County Sheriff's Office, in accordance with the requirements of CCR § 3203. This policy specifically applies to illnesses and injuries that result in lost time beyond the date of the incident or that require medical treatment beyond first aid. Though this policy provides the essential framework required for an IIPP, it may be supplemented by procedures outside the Policy Manual.

The IIPP guidelines are to be followed and adopted by all personnel. Supervisory and management personnel are charged with ensuring that these guidelines and directives are implemented.

388.2 RESPONSIBILITY
The Administration Supervisor, acting as the Department's IIPP administrator, has the authority and responsibility for implementing the provisions of this policy and the IIPP. Supervisors are responsible for implementing and maintaining the IIPP in their work areas and for answering questions from employees about the IIPP.

388.3 COMPLIANCE
The Administration Supervisor is responsible for ensuring that all safety and health policies and procedures are clearly communicated and understood by all employees. The Administration Supervisor should take reasonable steps to ensure that all workers comply with safety rules and maintain a safe work environment, including, but not limited to:

(a) Informing workers of the provisions of the IIPP.

(b) Recognizing employees who perform safe work practices.

(c) Ensuring that the employee evaluation process includes the employee's safety performance.

(d) Ensuring the Department's compliance with mandates regarding:

1. Bloodborne pathogens (8 CCR § 5193)
2. Airborne transmissible diseases (8 CCR § 5199)
3. Heat illness (8 CCR § 3395).
4. Respiratory protection (8 CCR § 5144).

Supervisors are responsible for training, counseling, instructing or making informal verbal admonishments anytime safety performance is deficient. Supervisors may also initiate discipline when it is reasonable and appropriate under this departments current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

All employees should use safe work practices, follow all directives and policies and assist in maintaining a safe work environment.

388.4 COMMUNICATION
Supervisors shall establish and maintain communication with employees on health and safety issues. This is essential for an injury-free, productive workplace.

(a) The Administration Supervisor will ensure that a system of communication is in place which facilitates a continuous flow of safety and health information between supervisors and employees. This system shall include:

1. New worker orientation, including a discussion of safety and health policies and procedures.
2. Regular employee review of the IIPP.
3. Workplace safety and health training programs.
4. Regularly scheduled safety meetings.
5. Posted or distributed safety information.
6. A system for workers to anonymously inform management about workplace hazards.
7. Establishment of a labor/management safety and health committee, which will:
   (a) Meet regularly.
   (b) Prepare a written record of the safety and health committee meeting.
   (c) Review the results of periodic scheduled inspections.
   (d) Review investigations of accidents and exposures.
   (e) Make suggestions to management for the prevention of future incidents.
   (f) Review investigations of alleged hazardous conditions.
   (g) Submit recommendations to assist in the evaluation of employee safety suggestions.
   (h) Assess the effectiveness of the Department's efforts to meet the following mandates:
      1. Bloodborne pathogens (8 CCR § 5193)
      2. Airborne transmissible diseases (8 CCR § 5199)
      3. Heat illness prevention (8 CCR § 3395).

388.5 HAZARD ASSESSMENT
Safety inspections are crucial to a safe work environment. These inspections identify and evaluate workplace hazards utilizing the applicable sections of the Hazard Assessment Checklist to ensure a thorough inspection. These checklists can be found at
http://www.dir.ca.gov/DOSH/etools/09-031/tools.htm.

388.5.1 ADMINISTRATION SUPERVISOR INSPECTION DUTIES
The Administration Supervisor shall ensure an Identified Hazard and Correction Record (http://www.dir.ca.gov/DOSH/etools/09-031/IndHazCorRec.pdf) is completed for each inspection.

388.5.2 PATROL DEPUTIES INSPECTION DUTIES
Deputies are charged with daily vehicle inspection of an assigned vehicle and of personal protective equipment prior to working in the field. Deputies shall complete an Identified Hazard and Correction Form if an unsafe condition cannot be immediately corrected. Deputies should forward this report to their supervisor.

388.5.3 SUPERVISOR ASSESSMENT DUTIES
Supervisors should inform the Administration Supervisor when the following occurs:

- New substances, processes, procedures or equipment that present potential new hazards are introduced into the work environment.
- New, previously unidentified hazards are recognized.
- Occupational injuries and illnesses occur.
- New and/or permanent or intermittent workers are hired or reassigned to processes, operations or tasks for which a hazard evaluation has not been previously conducted.
- Whenever workplace conditions warrant an inspection.

The Administration Supervisor will take appropriate action to ensure the IIPP addresses potential hazards upon such notification.

388.6 ACCIDENT/EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS
Employees must report all injuries that are a result of a workplace accident and any hazardous substance exposure to a supervisor. 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 visit to the accident scene as soon as possible.
- An interview of the injured worker and witnesses.
- An examination of the workplace for factors associated with the accident/exposure.
- Determination of the cause of the accident/exposure.
- Corrective action to prevent the accident/exposure from reoccurring.
- A record of the findings and corrective actions taken, using the Investigation/Corrective Action Report (http://www.dir.ca.gov/DOSH/etools/09-031/InvestigationReport.pdf).

388.7 HAZARD CORRECTION
All employees should report and/or take reasonable steps to correct unsafe or unhealthy work conditions, practices or procedures in a timely manner. Employees should make their reports to a supervisor (as a general rule, their own supervisor).

Supervisors should make reasonable efforts to correct unsafe or unhealthy work conditions in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazards. 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 employees or property, supervisors should protect or remove all exposed workers from the area or item, except those necessary to correct the existing condition.
Employees 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 an Identified Hazard and Correction Form. This should be forwarded to the Administration Supervisor via the chain of command.

388.8 TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION
The Administration Supervisor shall work with the Administrative Sergeant to ensure that all workers, including supervisors, are trained on general and job-specific, workplace safety and health practices. Training shall be provided as follows:

- To all new employees for those tasks that were not sufficiently covered by previous training from an academy or another training provider.
- To all workers given new job assignments for which training has not previously been provided.
- Whenever new substances, processes, procedures or equipment are introduced to the workplace and represent a new hazard.
- Whenever the department is made aware of a new or previously unrecognized hazard.
- To supervisors to familiarize them with the safety and health hazards to which workers under their immediate direction and control may be exposed.
- To all workers with respect to hazards that are specific to each employee's job assignment.
- An explanation of the department's IIPP, emergency action plan and fire prevention plan; measures for reporting any unsafe conditions, work practices and injuries; and informing a supervisor when additional instruction is needed.
- The use of appropriate clothing, including gloves, footwear and personal protective equipment.
- Information about chemical hazards to which employees could be exposed.
- The availability of toilet, hand-washing and drinking-water facilities.
- Provisions for medical services and first aid, including emergency procedures.
- Steps to prevent heat illness (8 CCR § 3395).

388.9 RECORDKEEPING
The Administration Supervisor will do the following to implement and maintain IIPP records:

(a) Make available the Identified Hazards and Correction Record Form to document inspections, any unsafe condition or work practice, and actions taken to correct unsafe conditions and work practices.

(b) Make available the Investigation/Corrective Action Report (http://www.dir.ca.gov/DOSH/etools/09-031/InvestigationReport.pdf) to document individual incidents or accidents.

(c) Develop a Worker Training and Instruction Form to document the safety and health training of each employee. This form will include the employee's name or other identifier, training dates, type of training, and training providers.

(d) Retain inspection records and training documentation for a minimum of one year.

388.10 TRAINING SUBJECTS
The Administration Supervisor should work with the Administrative Sergeant to ensure training is provided on the following topics:

- Driver safety
- Safe procedures for handling, cleaning and/or storing weapons
- Good housekeeping and fire prevention
- Back exercises/stretches and proper lifting techniques

- Lock-out/tag-out procedures
- Hazardous materials
- Building searches
- Slips and falls
- Ergonomic hazards, including working on ladders or in a stooped posture for prolonged periods
- Personal protective equipment
- Respiratory equipment
- Hazardous chemical exposures
- Hazard communication
- Physical hazards, such as heat/cold stress, noise, and ionizing and non-ionizing radiation
- Bloodborne pathogens and other biological hazards
- Other job-specific hazards

Chapter 4 -Patrol Operations

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 Plumas County, respond to calls for assistance ,act as a deterrent to crime, enforce state and local 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 division 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

(j) Conduct Coroner's Investigations

400.1.2 TERRORISM

It is the goal of the Plumas 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 Departments Terrorism Liaison Officer Coordinator (TLOC) or Investigation's Sergeant in a timely fashion. In some cases, where the information dictates, the immediate contact of the TLOC or Detective Sergeant may be needed.

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 Plumas County Sheriff's Office.

400.2.1 DETECTIVE UNIT
The Detective Unit will be the central unit for information exchange. Criminal information and intelligence reports can be submitted to the Detective Unit for distribution to all divisions within the Department through daily and special bulletins.

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 appropriate bureau for retention or follow-up investigation.

400.2.3 INFORMATION CLIPBOARDS
Information clipboards will be maintained in the squad room and area Substations and will be available for review by deputies from all divisions within the Department. Items to be placed on these boards will include, but not be limited to, patrol check requests or bulletins, wanted persons information and written directives.

400.2.4 BULLETIN BOARDS
A bulletin board will be kept in the Squad room and area Substations for display of suspect information, intelligence reports and photographs. New General Orders will be made available for patrol supervisors and will be discussed at [briefing]s and shift meetings.

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, such as Penal Code 602.1 (obstructing or intimidating business operators), when the activity blocks the entrance or egress of a facility or location and when voluntary compliance with the law is not achieved.

Racial/Bias Based Profiling

402.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The Plumas County Sheriff's Office strives to provide law enforcement to our community with due regard to the racial and cultural differences of those we serve. It shall therefore be the policy and practice of this department to provide law enforcement services and to enforce the law equally and fairly without discrimination toward any individual(s) or group because of their race, ethnicity or nationality, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

402.2 DEFINITION
Racial/Bias based profiling, for purposes of this section, is the practice of detaining a suspect based on a broad set of criteria which casts suspicion on an entire class of people without any individualized suspicion of the particular person being stopped (Penal Code § 13519.4(e)).

402.3 POLICY
The practice of racial/bias based profiling is illegal and will not be tolerated by this Department (Penal Code § 13519.4(f)).

(a) It is the responsibility of every member of this department to prevent, report, and respond appropriately to clear discriminatory or biased practices.

(b) Every member of this department engaging in a non-consensual detention shall be prepared to articulate sufficient reasonable suspicion to justify the detention independent of the individual's membership in a protected class.

1. To the extent that written documentation would otherwise be completed (e.g., arrest report, F.I. card, etc.), the involved deputy should include those facts giving rise to the deputy's reasonable suspicion or probable cause for the contact.
2. Nothing in this policy shall require any deputy to prepare documentation of a contact that would not otherwise involve such reporting.
3. While the practice of racial profiling is strictly prohibited, it is recognized that race or ethnicity may be legitimately considered by a deputy 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).

The Plumas County Sheriff's Office will investigate all complaints of alleged racial/bias based profiling complaints against its members. Employees found to be in violation of this policy are subject to discipline in accordance with this department's disciplinary policy.

402.4 TRAINING

(a) All sworn members of this department will be scheduled to attend POST approved training on the subject of racial profiling.

(b) Pending participation in such POST approved training and at all times, all members of this department are encouraged to familiarize themselves with and consider racial and cultural differences among members of our community.

(c) Each member of this department undergoing initial POST approved training will thereafter be required to complete an approved refresher course every five years

or sooner if deemed necessary in order to keep current with changing racial and cultural trends (Penal Code §13519.4(i)).

402.5 ADMINISTRATION

Each January, the Operations Assistant Sheriff shall review the Department's effort to prevent racial/bias based profiling and submit an overview, including public concerns, to the Sheriff. This overview shall not contain any identifying information regarding any specific complaint, citizen, or officer.

Crime And Disaster Scene Integrity

406.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The protection and integrity of a crime scene is of the utmost importance for the successful apprehension of criminals and successful prosecution. The integrity of a disaster scene is equally as critical for the protection of life and property and investigation by proper authorities.

406.2 CRIME SCENE RESPONSIBILITY
The first deputy at the scene of a crime or major incident is generally responsible for taking reasonable efforts to preserve the scene. Deputies shall also consider officer safety and public safety, including reasonable efforts to render medical aid to any obviously injured parties. Once an deputy has assumed or been assigned to maintain the integrity of the crime/disaster scene, the deputy shall continue to do so until he/she is relieved by a supervisor.

406.2.1 FIRST RESPONDER CONSIDERATIONS
The following list generally describes the functions which the first responder should reasonably attempt to take 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, the availability of resources, capacity of personnel and totality of each circumstance:

(a) Ensure no suspects are still in the area.

(b) Broadcast emergency information, including all requests for additional assistance.

(c) Provide first aid to injured parties if it can be done safely.

(d) Evacuate the location as required.

(e) Secure the inner and outer perimeter if needed.

(f) Protect items of apparent evidentiary value.

(g) Identify potential witnesses.

(h) Start a chronological log noting critical times and personnel allowed access.

406.2.2 EXECUTION OF HEALTH ORDERS
Any sworn member of this department is authorized to enforce all orders of the local health officer that have been issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious or communicable disease (Health and Safety Code § 120155).

406.3 SEARCHES AT CRIME OR DISASTER SCENES
Deputies arriving at crime or disaster scenes are often faced with the immediate need to search for and render aid to victims and 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 proper authority for the search is obtained.

406.3.1 CONSENT

Deputies should seek consent to search from authorized individuals where possible. However, in the case of serious crimes or major investigations, it may be prudent to obtain a search warrant. Consent may be sought even in cases where a search warrant has been granted.

Crisis Response Unit (S.W.A.T)

408.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The Crisis Response Unit (CRU) is comprised of two specialized teams: the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) and the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT). The unit has been established to provide specialized support in handling critical field operations where intense negotiations and/or special tactical deployment methods beyond the capacity of field officers appear to be necessary. This policy is written to comply with the guidelines established in the Attorney General's Commission on Special Weapons and Tactics Report (September 2002) and the POST 2005 SWAT Operational Guidelines and Standardized Training Recommendations (Penal Code § 13514.1).

408.1.1 OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY
The Policy Manual sections pertaining to the Crisis Response Unit are divided into Administrative and Operational Policy and Procedures. Since situations that necessitate the need for such a police response vary greatly from incident to incident and such events often demand on-the-scene evaluation, the Operational Policy outlined in this manual section serves as a guideline to department personnel allowing for appropriate on scene decision making as required. The Administrative Procedures, however, are more restrictive and few exceptions should be taken.

408.1.2 SWAT TEAM DEFINED
A SWAT team is a designated unit of law enforcement officers that is specifically trained and equipped to work as a coordinated team to resolve critical incidents that are so hazardous, complex, or unusual that they may exceed the capabilities of first responders or investigative units including, but not limited to, hostage taking, barricaded suspects, snipers, terrorist acts and other high-risk incidents. As a matter of department policy, such a unit may also be used to serve high-risk warrants, both search and arrest, where public and officer safety issues warrant the use of such a unit.

408.2 LEVELS OF CAPABILITY/TRAINING

408.2.1 LEVEL I
A level I SWAT team is a basic team capable of providing containment and intervention with critical incidents that exceed the training and resources available to line-level deputies. This does not include ad hoc teams of officers that are formed around a specific mission, detail or incident (e.g. active shooter response). Generally 5% of the basic team's on-duty time should be devoted to training.

408.2.2 LEVEL II
A level II, Intermediate level SWAT team is capable of providing containment and intervention. Additionally, these teams possess tactical capabilities above the Level I teams. These teams may or may not work together on a daily basis, but are intended to respond to incidents as a team. At least 5% of their on-duty time should be devoted to training with supplemental training for tactical capabilities above the Level I team.

408.2.3 LEVEL III
A Level III, Advanced level SWAT team is a SWAT team whose personnel function as a full-time unit. Generally 25% of their on-duty time is devoted to training. Level III teams operate in accordance with contemporary best practices. Such units possess both skills and equipment to utilize tactics beyond the capabilities of Level I and Level II teams.

408.3 POLICY
It shall be the policy of this department to maintain a SWAT team and to provide the equipment, manpower, and training necessary to maintain a SWAT team. The SWAT team should develop sufficient resources to perform three basic operational functions:

(a) Command and Control

(b) Containment

(c) Entry/Apprehension/Rescue

It is understood it is difficult to categorize specific capabilities for critical incidents. Training needs may vary based on the experience level of the team personnel, team administrators and potential incident commanders. Nothing in this policy shall prohibit individual teams from responding to a situation that exceeds their training levels due to the exigency of the circumstances. The preservation of innocent human life is paramount.

408.3.1 POLICY CONSIDERATIONS
A needs assessment should be conducted to determine the type and extent of SWAT missions and operations appropriate to this department. The assessment should consider the team's capabilities and limitations and should be reviewed annually by the SWAT Commander or his/her designee.

408.3.2 ORGANIZATIONAL PROCEDURES
This department shall develop a separate written set of organizational procedures which should address, at minimum, the following:

(a) Locally identified specific missions the team is capable of performing.

(b) Team organization and function.

(c) Personnel selection and retention criteria.

(d) Training and required competencies.

(e) Procedures for activation and deployment.

(f) Command and control issues, including a clearly defined command structure.

(g) Multi-agency response.

(h) Out-of-jurisdiction response.

(i) Specialized functions and supporting resources.

408.3.3 OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES
This department shall develop a separate written set of operational procedures in accordance with the determination of their level of capability, using sound risk reduction practices. The operational procedures should be patterned after the National Tactical Officers Association Suggested SWAT Best Practices. Because such procedures are specific to CRU members and will outline tactical and officer safety issues, they are not

included within this policy. The operational procedures should include, at minimum, the following:

(a) Designated personnel responsible for developing an operational or tactical plan prior to, and/or during SWAT operations (time permitting).
    1. All SWAT team members should have an understanding of operational planning.
    2. SWAT team training should consider planning for both spontaneous and planned events.
    3. SWAT teams should incorporate medical emergency contingency planning as part of the SWAT operational plan.

(b) Plans for mission briefings conducted prior to an operation, unless circumstances require immediate deployment.
    1. When possible, briefings should include the specialized units and supporting resources.

(c) Protocols for a sustained operation should be developed which may include relief, rotation of personnel and augmentation of resources.

(d) A generic checklist to be worked through prior to initiating a tactical action as a means of conducting a threat assessment to determine the appropriate response and resources necessary, including the use of SWAT.

(e) The appropriate role for a trained negotiator.

(f) A standard method of determining whether or not a warrant should be regarded as high-risk.

(g) A method for deciding how best to serve a high-risk warrant with all reasonably foreseeable alternatives being reviewed in accordance with risk/benefit criteria prior to selecting the method of response.

(h) Post incident scene management including:
    1. Documentation of the incident.
    2. Transition to investigations and/or other units.
    3. Debriefing after every deployment of the SWAT team.
        (a) After-action team debriefing provides evaluation and analysis of critical incidents and affords the opportunity for individual and team assessments, helps to identify training needs, and reinforces sound risk management practices.
        (b) Such debriefing should not be conducted until involved deputies have had the opportunity to individually complete necessary reports or provide formal statements.
        (c) In order to maintain candor and a meaningful exchange, debriefing will generally not be recorded.
        (d) When appropriate, debriefing should include specialized units and resources.

(i) Sound risk management analysis.

(j) Standardization of equipment deployed.

408.4 TRAINING NEEDS ASSESSMENT
The SWAT/CRU Commander shall conduct an annual SWAT Training needs assessment to ensure that training is conducted within team capabilities, department policy and the training guidelines as established by POST (11 C.C.R. § 1084).

408.4.1 INITIAL TRAINING
SWAT team operators and SWAT supervisors/team leaders should not be deployed until successful completion of the POST-certified Basic SWAT Course or its equivalent.

(a) To avoid unnecessary or redundant training, previous training completed by members may be considered equivalent when the hours and content (topics) meet or exceed department requirements or POST standardized training recommendations.

408.4.2 UPDATED TRAINING
Appropriate team training for the specialized SWAT functions and other supporting resources should be completed prior to full deployment of the team.

SWAT team operators and SWAT supervisors/team leaders should complete update or refresher training as certified by POST, or its equivalent, every 24 months.

408.4.3 SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING
Command and executive personnel are encouraged to attend training for managing the SWAT function at the organizational level to ensure personnel who provide active oversight at the scene of SWAT operations understand the purpose and capabilities of the teams.

Command personnel who may assume incident command responsibilities should attend SWAT or Critical Incident Commander course or its equivalent. SWAT command personnel should attend a POST-certified SWAT commander or tactical commander course, or its equivalent.

408.4.4 SWAT ONGOING TRAINING
Training shall be coordinated by the CRU Commander. The CRU Commander may conduct monthly training exercises that include a review and critique of personnel and their performance in the exercise in addition to specialized training. Training shall consist of the following:

(a) Quarterly, each SWAT team member shall perform the mandatory SWAT handgun qualification course. The qualification course shall consist of the SWAT Basic Drill for the handgun. Failure to qualify will require that officer to seek remedial training from a team range master approved by the CRU Commander. Team members who fail to qualify must retest within 30 days. Failure to qualify within 30 days with or without remedial training may result in dismissal from the team.

408.4.5 TRAINING SAFETY
Use of a designated safety officer should be considered for all tactical training.

408.4.6 SCENARIO BASED TRAINING
SWAT teams should participate in scenario-based training that simulates the tactical operational environment. Such training is an established method of improving performance during an actual deployment.

408.4.7 TRAINING DOCUMENTATION
Individual and team training shall be documented and records maintained by the Training Section. Such documentation shall be maintained in each member's individual training file. A separate agency SWAT training file shall be maintained with documentation and records of all team training.

408.5 UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT, AND FIREARMS
408.5.1 UNIFORMS
SWAT teams from this agency should wear uniforms that clearly identify team members as law enforcement officers. It is recognized that certain tactical conditions may require covert movement. Attire may be selected appropriate to the specific mission.

408.5.2 EQUIPMENT
SWAT teams from this agency should be adequately equipped to meet the specific mission(s) identified by the agency.

408.5.3 FIREARMS
Weapons and equipment used by SWAT, the specialized units, and the supporting resources should be agency-issued or approved, including any modifications, additions, or attachments.

408.6 MANAGEMENT/SUPERVISION OF CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT
The Commander of the CRU shall be selected by the Sheriff upon recommendation of staff.

408.6.1 PRIMARY UNIT MANAGER
Under the direction of the Sheriff, the Crisis Response Unit shall be managed by the Operations Assistant Sheriff.

408.6.2 TEAM SUPERVISORS
The Negotiation Team and each Special Weapons and Tactics Team will be supervised by a sergeant.

The team supervisors shall be selected by the Operations Assistant Sheriff upon specific recommendation by staff.

The following represent the supervisor responsibilities for the Crisis Response Unit.

(a) The Negotiation Team supervisor's primary responsibility is to supervise the operations of the Negotiation Team which will include deployment, training, first line participation, and other duties as directed by the CRU Commander.

(b) The Special Weapons and Tactics Team supervisor's primary responsibility is to supervise the operations of the SWAT Team, which will include deployment, training, first line participation, and other duties as directed by the CRU Commander.

408.7 CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES
The Crisis Negotiation Team has been established to provide skilled verbal communicators who may be utilized to attempt to de-escalate and effect surrender in critical situations where suspects have taken hostages, barricaded themselves, or have suicidal tendencies.

The following procedures serve as directives for the administrative operation of the Crisis Negotiation Team.

408.7.1 SELECTION OF PERSONNEL

Interested sworn personnel, who are off probation, shall submit a request to the Operations Assistant Sheriff. A copy will be forwarded to the Sheriff. Qualified applicants will then be invited to an oral interview. The oral board will consist of the Operations Assistant Sheriff and all team members. Interested personnel shall be evaluated by the following criteria:

(a) Recognized competence and ability as evidenced by performance.

(b) Demonstrated good judgment and understanding of critical role of negotiator and negotiation process.

(c) Effective communication skills to ensure success as a negotiator.

(d) Special skills, training, or appropriate education as it pertains to the assignment.

(e) Commitment to the unit, realizing that the assignment may necessitate unusual working hours, conditions, and training obligations.

The oral board shall submit a list of successful applicants to staff for final selection.

408.7.2 TRAINING OF NEGOTIATORS

Those deputies selected as members of the Negotiation Team should attend the Basic Negotiators Course as approved by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) prior to primary use in an actual crisis situation. Untrained deputies may be used in a support or training capacity. Additional training will be coordinated by the team supervisor.

A minimum of one training day per quarter will be required to provide the opportunity for role playing and situational training necessary to maintain proper skills. This will be coordinated by the team supervisor.

Continual evaluation of a team member's performance and efficiency as it relates to the positive operation of the unit shall be conducted by the team supervisor. Performance and efficiency levels, established by the team supervisor, will be met and maintained by all team members. Any member of the Negotiation Team who performs or functions at a level less than satisfactory shall be subject to dismissal from the unit.

408.8 SWAT TEAM ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

The Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team was established to provide a skilled and trained team which may be deployed during events requiring specialized tactics in such situations as cases where suspects have taken hostages and/or barricaded themselves as well as prolonged or predictable situations in which persons armed or suspected of being armed pose a danger to themselves or others.

The following procedures serve as directives for the administrative operation of the Special Weapons and Tactics Team.

408.8.1 SELECTION OF PERSONNEL

Interested sworn personnel who are off probation shall submit a request to their appropriate Operations Assistant Sheriff, a copy of which will be forwarded to the Sheriff. Those qualifying applicants will then be invited to participate in the testing process. The order of the tests will be given at the discretion of the Operations Assistant Sheriff. The testing

process will consist of an oral board, physical agility, SWAT basic handgun, and team evaluation.

(a) Oral board: The oral board will consist of personnel selected by the Operations Assistant Sheriff. Applicants will be evaluated by the following criteria:
   1. Recognized competence and ability as evidenced by performance;
   2. Demonstrated good judgment and understanding of critical role of SWAT member;
   3. Special skills, training, or appropriate education as it pertains to this assignment; and,
   4. Commitment to the unit, realizing that the additional assignment may necessitate unusual working hours, conditions, and training obligations.

(b) Physical agility: The physical agility test is designed to determine the physical capabilities of the applicant as it relates to performance of SWAT-related duties. The test and scoring procedure will be established by the CRU Commander. A minimum qualifying score shall be attained by the applicant to be considered for the position.

(c) SWAT basic handgun: Candidates will be invited to shoot the SWAT Basic Drill for the handgun. A minimum qualifying score of 400 out of a possible score of 500 must be attained to qualify.

(d) Team evaluation: Current team members will evaluate each candidate on his or her field tactical skills, teamwork, ability to work under stress, communication skills, judgment, and any special skills that could benefit the team.

(e) A list of successful applicants shall be submitted to staff, by the CRU Commander, for final selection.

408.8.2 TEAM EVALUATION
Continual evaluation of a team member's performance and efficiency as it relates to the positive operation of the unit shall be conducted by the CRU Commander. The performance and efficiency level, as established by the team supervisor, will be met and maintained by all SWAT Team members. Any member of the SWAT Team who performs or functions at a level less than satisfactory shall be subject to dismissal from the team.

408.9 OPERATION GUIDELINES FOR CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT
The following procedures serve as guidelines for the operational deployment of the Crisis Response Unit. Generally, the Special Weapons and Tactics Team and the Crisis Negotiation Team will be activated together. It is recognized, however, that a tactical team may be used in a situation not requiring the physical presence of the Crisis Negotiation Team such as warrant service operations. This shall be at the discretion of the CRU Commander.

408.9.1 ON-SCENE DETERMINATION
The supervisor or Deputy in charge on the scene of a particular event will assess whether the Crisis Response Unit is to respond to the scene. Upon final determination by the Shift Sergeant or Deputy, he/she will notify the CRU Commander.

408.9.2 APPROPRIATE SITUATIONS FOR USE OF CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT
The following are examples of incidents which may result in the activation of the Crisis Response Unit:

(a) Barricaded suspects who refuse an order to surrender.

(b) Incidents where hostages are taken.

(c) Cases of suicide threats.

(d) Arrests of dangerous persons.

(e) Any situation that could enhance the ability to preserve life, maintain social order, and ensure the protection of property.

408.9.3 OUTSIDE AGENCY REQUESTS
Requests by field personnel for assistance from outside agency crisis units must be approved by the Shift Sergeant. Deployment of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office Crisis Response Unit in response to requests by other agencies must be authorized by the Sheriff or an Assistant Sheriff.

408.9.4 MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL SWAT OPERATIONS
The SWAT team, including relevant specialized units and supporting resources, should develop protocols, agreements, MOU's, or working relationships to support multi-jurisdictional or regional responses.

(a) If it is anticipated that multi-jurisdictional SWAT operations will regularly be conducted; SWAT multi-agency and multi-disciplinary joint training exercises are encouraged.

(b) Members of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office SWAT team shall operate under the policies, procedures and command of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office when working in a multi-agency situation.

408.9.5 MOBILIZATION OF CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT
The On-Scene supervisor or deputy shall make a request for the Crisis Response Unit. Dispatch shall then notify the CRU Commander. If unavailable, a team supervisor shall be notified. A current mobilization list shall be maintained in the dispatch center. The Shift Sergeant will then notify the Operations Assistant Sheriff as soon as practical.

The Shift Sergeant or Deputy should advise the CRU Commander with as much of the following information which is available at the time:

(a) The number of suspects, known weapons and resources.

(b) If the suspect is in control of hostages.

(c) If the suspect is barricaded.

(d) The type of crime involved.

(e) If the suspect has threatened or attempted suicide.

(f) The location of the command post and a safe approach to it.

(g) The extent of any perimeter and the number of deputies involved.

(h) Any overt acts

(i) Any other important facts critical to the immediate situation and whether the suspect has refused an order to surrender.

The CRU Commander or supervisor shall then have the Dispatch Center call selected deputies to respond.

408.9.6 FIELD UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES
While waiting for the Crisis Response Unit, field personnel should, if safe, practical and sufficient resources exist:

(a) Establish an inner and outer perimeter.

(b) Establish a command post outside of the inner perimeter.

(c) Establish an arrest/response team. The team actions may include:

1. Securing any subject or suspect who may surrender.
2. Taking action to mitigate a deadly threat or behavior.

(d) Evacuate any injured persons or citizens in the zone of danger.

(e) Attempt to establish preliminary communication with the suspect. Once the CRU has arrived, all negotiations should generally be halted to allow the negotiators and SWAT time to set up.

(f) Be prepared to brief the CRU Commander on the situation.

(g) Plan for, and stage, anticipated resources.

408.9.7 ON-SCENE COMMAND RESPONSIBILITIES
Upon arrival of the Crisis Response Unit at the scene, the Incident Commander shall brief the CRU Commander and team supervisors about the situation. Upon review, it will be the Incident Commander's decision, with input from the CRU Commander, whether to deploy the Crisis Response Unit. Once the Incident Commander authorizes deployment, the CRU Commander 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 support for the Crisis Response Unit. The Incident Commander and the CRU Commander (or his or her designee) shall maintain communications at all times.

408.9.8 COMMUNICATION WITH CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT PERSONNEL
All of those persons who are non-Crisis Response Unit personnel should refrain from any non-emergency contact or interference with any member of the unit during active negotiations. Operations require the utmost in concentration by involved personnel and, as a result, no one should interrupt or communicate with Crisis Team personnel directly. All non-emergency communications shall be channeled through the Negotiation Team Sergeant or his or her designee.

Ride-Along Policy

410.1 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.

410.1.1 ELIGIBILITY
The Plumas 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 15 years of age
- Prior criminal history
- Pending criminal action
- Pending lawsuit against the Department
- Denial by any supervisor

410.1.2 AVAILABILITY
The Ride-Along Program is available on most days of the week, with certain exceptions. 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, an Assistant Sheriff, or Shift Sergeant.

410.2 PROCEDURE TO REQUEST A RIDE-ALONG
Generally, ride-along requests will be scheduled by the area Patrol Sergeant. The participant will complete a ride-along waiver form. Information requested will include a valid ID or California 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 area Patrol Sergeant will schedule a date, based on availability, at least one week after the date of application.

If the ride-along is denied after the request has been made, the area Patrol Sergeant will contact the applicant and advise him/her of the denial.

410.2.1 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
Once approved, civilian ride-alongs will be allowed to ride no more than once every year. An exception would apply to the following: Cadets, Explorers, RSVP, Chaplains, Reserves, sheriff's applicants, and all others with approval of an Assistant Sheriff or area Shift Sergeant.

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 Policy Manual §1048, "Sheriff's Cadet Program."

410.2.2 SUITABLE ATTIRE
Any person approved to ride along is required to be suitably dressed. Sandals, T-shirts, tank tops, shorts and ripped or torn blue jeans are not permitted. Hats and ball caps may be worn in the sheriff's vehicle if appropriate. The area Sergeant or field Deputy may refuse a ride along to anyone not properly dressed.

410.2.3 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 Shift Sergeant. 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.

410.2.4 RIDE-ALONG CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK
All Ride-along applicants are subject to a criminal history check. The criminal history check may include a local records check and a Department of Justice Automated Criminal History System check through CLETS prior to their approval as a ride-along with a law enforcement officer (provided that the ride-along is not an employee of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office) (CLETS Policies, Practices and Procedures Manual § 1.6.1.D.3.).

410.3 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.

The Patrol Sergeant or area Sergeant is responsible for maintaining and scheduling ride-alongs. Upon completion of the ride-along, the Ride-Along form shall be returned to the area Sergeant with any comments which may be offered by the deputy.

410.4 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

(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

Hazardous Material Response

412.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
Hazardous materials present a potential harm to employees resulting from their exposure. To comply with Title 8, California Code of Regulations, § 5194, the following is to be the policy of this department.

412.1.1 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.

412.2 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 the type of hazardous substance. (Identification can be determined by placard, driver's manifest or statements from the person transporting).

(b) Notify the Fire Department.

(c) Provide first-aid for injured parties if it can be done safely and without contamination.

(d) Begin evacuation of the immediate area and surrounding areas, depending on the substance. Voluntary evacuation should be considered; however, depending on the substance, mandatory evacuation may be necessary.

(e) Notify the local health authority. Such notification is mandatory when a spilled or released item is a pesticide (Health and Safety Code § 105215).

(f) Notify the Department of Toxic Substances Control. This is mandatory when a deputy comes in contact with, or is aware of, the presence of a suspected hazardous substance at a site where an illegal controlled substance is or was manufactured (Health and Safety § 25354.5).

412.3 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 appropriate Assistant Sheriff. 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 immediately.

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.

412.3.1 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.

In all cases, the supervisor shall as soon as possible, complete a State of California Workers' Compensation Claim form and a Plumas County Supervisor's Employee Accident Report. Both forms are to be forwarded to the appropriate Assistant Sheriff or Sheriff immediately upon completion.

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.

Hostages and Barricaded Suspects

414.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
Hostage situations and barricaded suspects present unique problems for agencies. The protection of the public and law enforcement personnel is of the utmost importance. Proper planning and training will tend to reduce the risks involved with these incidents.

414.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Hostage -A person held by one party in a conflict as security so that specified terms will be met by the opposing party.

Barricaded Suspect-A person who takes a position of cover or concealment or maintains a position in a structure and who resists capture by law enforcement personnel. A barricaded suspect may be armed or suspected of being armed.

414.2 HOSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS
Promises of immunity or leniency and payment of ransom demands are rarely effective and will generally not be offered to barricaded suspects. Trained hostage negotiators, however, will be permitted to exercise flexibility in each situation based upon the circumstances presented and consistent with their training.

Personnel involved in barricaded/hostage situations are urged to exercise patience and extreme caution. The use of deadly force against any armed suspect will be governed by Policy Manual § 300, with particular regard directed toward the safety of hostages.

414.3 FIRST RESPONDER RESPONSIBILITY
Until the Incident Commander has been designated, the first deputy on the scene of an actual or potential hostage/barricade situation shall consider the following:

(a) Attempt to avoid confrontation in favor of controlling and containing the situation until the arrival of trained personnel and/or trained hostage negotiation personnel
(b) Notification of tactical and hostage negotiation personnel
(c) Notification of appropriate persons within and outside the agency, such as command officers, dog handlers, or helicopter pilots
(d) Establishment of inner and outer perimeters
(e) Evacuation of bystanders and injured persons
(f) Establishment of central command post and appropriate chain of command
(g) Request for ambulance, rescue, fire and surveillance equipment
(h) Authorization for news media access and news media policy
(i) Pursuit/surveillance vehicles and control of travel routes

414.4 REPORTING
Unless otherwise relieved by a supervisor, the initial deputy at the scene is responsible for completion of reports or coordination of reports for the hostage/barricade incident.

Response to Bomb Calls

416.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

These guidelines have been prepared to assist deputies in their initial response to incidents 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.

416.2 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 device. An access point should be provided for support personnel.

(c) As much information as is available should be promptly relayed to the Shift Sergeant 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.

416.3 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 and EMS has primary responsibility).
- Assist with evacuation of victims (Fire Department and EMS has primary responsibility).
- Identify and take appropriate precautions to mitigate scene hazards such as collapsed structures, bloodborne pathogens, hazardous materials and secondary explosive devices.
- Request additional resources as needed.
- Identify witnesses.
- Preserve evidence.

416.3.1 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) EMS
(c) Bomb Squad
(d) Additional deputies
(e) Field supervisor
(f) Shift Sergeant
(g) Detectives
(h) Operations Assistant Sheriff
(i) Administration Assistant Sheriff
(j) Sheriff

416.3.2 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.

416.3.3 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.

416.4 BOMB THREATS RECEIVED AT SHERIFF'S FACILITY
This procedure shall be followed should a bomb threat call be received at the sheriff's facility.

416.4.1 BOMB THREATS RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE
The following questions should be asked if a call of a bomb threat is received at the Sheriff's Department or area substations:

- 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.

416.4.2 RESPONSIBILITIES
The employee handling the call shall ensure that the Shift Sergeant and Dispatch center is immediately advised and fully informed of the details. All Sheriff's employees shall use appropriate radio codes during the incident. The Shift Sergeant will then direct and assign deputies as required for coordinating a general building search or evacuation as he/she deems appropriate.

Mental Illness Commitments

418.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This procedure describes a deputy's duties when a person is to be committed to a mental health unit pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code § 5150. The commitment of a person under § 5150 does not constitute an arrest. If a deputy believes that a person falls within the provisions of Welfare and Institutions Code § 5150, he/she shall transport that person to the designated facility for evaluation and commitment.

418.2 AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Welfare and Institution Code § 5150 when any person, as a result of mental disorder, is a danger to others, or to himself or herself, or gravely disabled, a peace officer, or other individual authorized by statute may, upon probable cause, take, or cause to be taken, the person into custody and place him or her in a facility designated by the county and approved by the State Department of Mental Health as a facility for 72-hour treatment and evaluation.

Such facility shall require an application in writing stating the circumstances under which the person's condition was called to the attention of the deputy, or other individual authorized by statute has probable cause to believe that the person is, as a result of mental disorder, a danger to others, or to himself or herself, or gravely disabled. If the probable cause is based on the statement of a person other than the deputy, or other individual authorized by statute, such person shall be informed that they may be liable in a civil action for intentionally giving a statement which he or she knows to be false.

418.3 DEPUTY CONSIDERATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Any deputy responding to or handling a call involving a suspected mentally disabled individual or an involuntary mental illness commitment should consider utilizing the following as time and circumstances reasonably permit:

(a) Any available information that might assist in determining the cause and nature of the mental illness or developmental disability

(b) Conflict resolution and de-escalation techniques

(c) Language that is appropriate for interacting with a mentally disabled person;

(d) If circumstances permit, alternatives to deadly force

(e) Any available Community resources that can assist in dealing with a mentally disabled individual.

(f) In instances where the subject is transported or Mental Health is notified form MH302 and CAD incident narrative shall be completed.

(g) In instances where the subject is under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or drugs the subject shall be incarcerated at the Plumas County Jail, if appropriate, or medically cleared at a hospital. Upon sobriety the subject shall be seen by Mental Health.

(h) Subjects above .08% BAC are to be taken to the Plumas County Jail for incarceration. Subjects with a BAC below a .08% BAC are to be seen by Mental Health per MOU.

418.3.1 TRANSPORTATION
When transporting any individual for a 5150 commitment, the handling deputy should have the Communications Center notify the receiving facility of the estimated time of arrival, the level of cooperation of the patient and whether or not any special medical care is needed.

Deputies may transport patients in the patrol unit and shall secure them in accordance with the handcuffing policy. Violent patients or those that are medically unstable may be restrained and transported by ambulance and ambulance personnel. The deputy will escort the patient into the facility and place that person in a designated treatment room as directed by a staff member. As soon as a security staff member becomes available, he/she should relieve the deputy and physically remain in the treatment room with the patient.

418.3.2 RESTRAINTS
If the patient is violent or potentially violent, the deputy will notify the staff of this concern. The staff member in charge will have discretion as to whether soft-restraints will be used. If these restraints are desired, the deputy will wait while they are being applied to help provide physical control of the patient, if needed.

418.3.3 MENTAL HEALTH DOCUMENTATION
The deputy will complete an Application For 72-Hour Detention for Evaluation and Treatment form (MH-302) and provide it to the staff member assigned to that patient. The deputy will retain a copy of the 72-hour evaluation for inclusion in the case report. The deputy shall also provide a verbal summary to an emergency department staff member regarding the circumstances leading to the involuntary detention.

418.3.4 SECURING OF WEAPONS
If a receiving and secured facility prohibits weapons or if an extraordinary event occurs in the treatment facility and deputies determine a need to secure their firearms, the firearm shall be secured in the appropriate gun locker at the facility or in the sheriff's unit.

418.4 MENTALLY ILL PERSON CHARGED WITH A CRIME
When practical, any person charged with a crime who also appears to be mentally ill shall be booked at the Plumas County Sheriff's Office before being transported to the authorized facility. If the person has injuries or some other medical condition, he/she may be taken directly to the hospital with the approval of a supervisor.

418.5 CONFISCATION OF FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS
Whenever a person has been detained or apprehended for examination pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code § 5150, the handling deputy should seek to determine if the person owns or has access to any firearm or other deadly weapon. Any such firearm or other deadly weapon should be confiscated in a manner consistent with current search and seizure law (Welfare and Institutions Code § 8102(a)).

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, valid consent) (Penal Code § 1524).

For purposes of this section, deadly weapon means any weapon, the possession of which or carrying while concealed, is prohibited by Penal Code § 19100; 21310.

The deputy taking custody of any firearm or other deadly weapon shall issue the individual possessing such weapon a receipt, fully describing the weapon (including any serial number) and indicating the location where the weapon may be recovered, along with any applicable time limit for recovery (Penal Code § 33800).

The handling deputy shall further advise the person of the below described procedure described below for the return of any firearm or other deadly weapon which that has been confiscated (Welfare and Institutions Code § 8102(a)). For purposes of this section deadly weapon means any weapon that the possession of or carrying while concealed is prohibited by Penal Code § 19100; 21310.

418.5.1 RETURN OF CONFISCATED FIREARMS AND WEAPONS

(a) Whenever the handling deputy has cause to believe that the future return of any confiscated weapon(s) might endanger the person or others, the deputy shall detail those facts and circumstances in a report. The report shall be forwarded to the Investigation's Sergeant which shall be responsible for initiating a petition to the superior court for a hearing in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code § 8102(b), to determine whether or not the weapon(s) will be returned.

(b) The petition to the Superior Court shall be initiated within 30 days of the release of the individual from whom such weapon(s) have been confiscated unless the Department makes an exparte application to the court to extend the time to file such a petition, up to a maximum of 60 days. At the time any such petition is initiated, the Department shall send written notice to the individual informing him or her of the right to a hearing on the issue and that he or she has 30 days to confirm with the court clerk any desire for a hearing and that the failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of any confiscated weapon(s).

(c) If no petition is initiated within the above period, the Department shall make the weapon(s) available for return in accordance with subsection (d) below. If the person does not confirm a desire for a hearing within the prescribed 30 days, the Department may file a petition for an order of default.

(d) Under no circumstances shall any firearm be returned to any individual unless and until such person presents valid identification and written notification from the California Department of Justice which conforms to the provisions of Penal Code § 12021.3(e).

(e) In no case in which a firearm or other deadly weapon is not retained as evidence shall the Department be required to retain such firearms or other deadly weapon longer than 180 days after notice has been provided to the owner that such firearm or other deadly weapon is available for return. At the expiration of such period, the firearm or other deadly weapon may be processed for disposal in accordance with applicable law (Penal Code § 12021.3(g)).

418.6 TRAINING

As a part of advanced officer training programs, this agency will endeavor to include POST approved training on interaction with mentally disabled persons as provided by Penal Code § 13515.25.

Cite and Release Policy

420.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
Penal Code § 853.6 requires law enforcement agencies to use citation release procedures in lieu of arrest for misdemeanor offenses with certain exceptions. The State Legislature has shown the intent to release all persons on misdemeanor citations, if qualified for such release.

420.2 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS
Citation releases are authorized by Penal Code § 853.6. Release by citation for misdemeanor offenses can be accomplished in two separate ways:

(a) A field release is when the violator is released in the field without being transported to a jail facility.

(b) A jail release is when a violator is released after being transported to the jail and booked.

420.2.1 DISCRETION TO ARREST
While this department recognizes the statutory power of peace officers to make arrests throughout the state, deputies are encouraged to use sound discretion in the enforcement of the law. On-duty arrests will not generally be made outside the jurisdiction of this department except in cases of hot and/or fresh pursuit, while following up on crimes committed within the County, or while assisting another agency. On-duty deputies who discover criminal activity outside the jurisdiction of the County should, when circumstances permit, consider contacting the agency having primary jurisdiction before attempting an arrest.

Off-duty deputies observing criminal activity should generally take enforcement action only when it reasonably appears that imminent risk to life or property exists and the reasonable opportunity does not exist to contact the law enforcement agency with primary jurisdiction. In such situations the involved deputy shall clearly identify him/herself as a sheriff's deputy.

Deputies are authorized to use verbal or written warnings to resolve minor traffic and criminal violations when appropriate.

420.3 DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE
The following procedure will be followed to comply with this law.

420.3.1 FIELD CITATIONS
In most misdemeanor cases an arrestee 18 years or older may be released on citation provided the individual can be satisfactorily identified, there is no outstanding arrest warrant for the individual and none of the below described disqualifying circumstances are present (Penal Code § 853.6 and Penal Code § 1270.1).

420.3.2 JAIL RELEASE
In certain cases, it may be impractical to release a person arrested for misdemeanor offenses in the field. The person arrested may instead be released after booking at the jail, with Shift Sergeant or arresting Deputy approval.

Any person arrested for a misdemeanor offense shall be released on his/her written promise to appear after the booking procedure is completed, unless disqualified for reasons listed in Policy Manual § 420.3.3.

420.3.3 DISQUALIFYING CIRCUMSTANCES
A person arrested for a misdemeanor shall be released on a notice to appear unless one of the following situations is present (Penal Code § 853.6(i)):

(a) The person arrested is so intoxicated that he/she could be a danger to him/herself or to others. Release may occur as soon as this condition no longer exists.

(b) The person arrested requires medical examination or medical care or is otherwise unable to care for his/her own safety

1. The Plumas County Sheriff's Office shall not release an arrestee from custody for the purpose of allowing that person to seek medical care at a hospital, and thenimmediatelyre-arrestthesameindividualupondischargefromthehospital, unless the hospital determines this action will enable it to bill and collect from a third-party payment source (Penal Code § 4011.10).

(c) The person is arrested for one or more of the offenses listed in Vehicle Code §§40302, 40303 and 40305.

1. Any person arrested for any offense listed in Vehicle Code § 40303(b) shall, in the judgment of the arresting deputy, either be given a 10 day notice to appear or be taken without delay before a magistrate in the county of arrest.
2. If a person under Vehicle Code §§ 40303 or 40305 does not have satisfactory identification, the deputy may require the individual to provide a right thumb print (or other finger). However such print may not be used for other than law enforcement purposes.
3. Should any person arrested on a notice to appear claim under penalty of perjury not to be the person listed in the notice, such person may request that his/her thumbprint be taken for comparison at a fee not to exceed the actual cost of such service.

(d) There are one or more outstanding arrest warrants for the person.

(e) The person could not provide satisfactory evidence of personal identification.

(f) The prosecution of the offense or offenses for which the person was arrested or the prosecution of any other offense or offenses would be jeopardized by the immediate release of the person arrested.

(g) There is a reasonable likelihood that the offense or offenses would continue or resume, or that the safety of persons or property would be imminently endangered by the release of the person arrested.

(h) The person arrested demands to be taken before a magistrate or has refused to sign the notice to appear.

(i) There is reason to believe that the person would not appear at the time and place specified in the notice to appear. The basis for this determination shall be specifically documented.

(j) The charges fall under Penal Code § 1270.1 (serious or violent felonies, domestic violence, etc.)

When a person is arrested on a misdemeanor offense and is not released by criminal citation, the reason for non-release shall be noted on the booking form. This form shall be submitted to the Correctional Shift Supervisor for approval and included with the case file in the Records Center.

420.3.4 OTHER REASONS FOR NON-RELEASE
If the person arrested is not released for one or more of the reasons specified in Policy Manual § 420.3.3, the Correctional Shift Supervisor shall state specifically on the booking form the reason for non-release. Such reasons for non-release may include:

(a) Previous failure to appear is on record

(b) The person lacks ties to the area, such as a residence, job, or family

(c) Unusual circumstances lead the deputy responsible for the release of prisoners to conclude that the suspect should be held for further investigation

420.3.5 INSTRUCTIONS TO CITED PERSON
The citing deputy shall, at the time he/she asks the defendant to sign the notice to appear, call attention to the time and place for appearance and take any other steps he/she deems necessary to ensure that the defendant understands his/her written promise to appear.

420.4 CITATION RELEASE ON MISDEMEANOR WARRANTS
Penal Code § 827.1 allows the release by citation of a person designated in a warrant of arrest unless one of the following conditions exist:

(a) The misdemeanor cited in the warrant involves violence

(b) The misdemeanor cited in the warrant involves a firearm

(c) The misdemeanor cited in the warrant involves resisting arrest

(d) The misdemeanor cited in the warrant involves giving false information to a peace deputy

(e) The person arrested is a danger to himself or herself or others due to intoxication or being under the influence of drugs or narcotics

(f) The person requires medical examination or medical care or was otherwise unable to care for his or her own safety

(g) The person has other ineligible charges pending against him/her

(h) There is reasonable likelihood that the offense or offenses would continue or resume, or that the safety of persons or property would be immediately endangered by the release of the person

(i) The person refuses to sign the notice to appear

(j) The person cannot provide satisfactory evidence of personal identification

(k) The warrant of arrest indicates that the person is not eligible to be released on a notice to appear

Release under this section shall be done in accordance with the provisions of this section.

420.5 JUVENILE CITATIONS
Completion of criminal citations for juveniles is appropriate with the following exceptions:

- Violent Felonies

- Sex Crimes

Arrest or Detention of Foreign Nationals

422.1 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 authorities to notify the consulate upon the person's detention, regardless of whether the detained person requests that his/her consulate be notified. The list of specific countries that the United States is obligated to notify is listed on the U.S. Department of State website.

422.1.1 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.

422.2 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.

422.3 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.

422.3.1 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. Currently there are no diplomatic agents permanently assigned to California; but they do occasionally visit the state.

422.3.2 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.

There are approximately 600 consular officers in California, with most located in Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego.

422.3.3 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. There are less than 100 honorary consuls in California.

422.4 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. Additionally they may have California credentials issued by the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA).

422.4.1 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 California license plates with an "honorary consul" 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.

422.5 ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES
The following procedures provide a guideline for handling enforcement of foreign nationals:

422.5.1 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 claimant shall be requested to sign the notice to appear. If the claimant refuses, the identity and immunity status of the individual shall be conclusively established

(d) Verified diplomatic agents and consular officers, including staff and family members from countries with which the U.S. has special agreements, are not required to sign the Notice to Appear. The word Refused shall be entered in the signature box, and the violator shall be released

(e) Verified consular staff members, excluding those from countries with which the U.S. has special agreements, are generally obligated to sign the Notice to Appear, but a signature shall not be required if their immunity status is uncertain

(f) All other claimants are subject to the provisions of Vehicle Code §40302 (b) and policy and procedures outlined in this chapter

(g) The violator shall be provided with the appropriate copy of the notice to appear

422.5.2 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 § 422.6 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 (greenbordered), 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 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)

Office of the Foreign Missions
Los Angeles, CA
(310) 235-6292, Ext. 121 or 122
(310) 235-6297 FAX
(0800-1700 PST)

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 California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA), 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 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.

422.6 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. The actual driver license class (e.g., 1, 2, 3, or A, B, C, M) shall be entered in the miscellaneous box on page two of the traffic 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 § 422.5 of this chapter.

422.6.1 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.

422.6.2 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 Shift Sergeant/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.

422.7 FOREIGN NATIONALS WHO DO NOT CLAIM IMMUNITY
These policies and procedures apply to foreign nationals who do not claim diplomatic or consular immunity.

Deputies shall arrest foreign nationals only 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

(c) Deputies shall not arrest foreign nationals solely for alleged undocumented entry into the U.S. unless the undocumented entry is committed in the deputy's presence

After a lawful detention or criminal arrest, deputies may detain foreign nationals solely for alleged undocumented presence in the U.S. if the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is contacted and can respond to take custody within a reasonable time. Deputies shall not arrest foreign nationals for undocumented presence. Federal courts have consistently held that undocumented presence is not a crime but a federal civil violation only enforceable by federal officers.

- Deputies shall not stop or detain persons solely for determining immigration status.

- International treaty obligations provide for notification of foreign governments when foreign nationals are arrested or otherwise detained in the U.S.
- Whenever a deputy arrests and incarcerates a foreign national or detains a foreign national for investigation for over two hours, the deputy shall promptly advise the individual that he/she is entitled to have his/her government notified of the arrest or detention. (Penal Code § 834c). If the individual wants his/her government notified, the deputy shall begin the notification process.

422.7.1 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 the Communications Center as soon as practical and request the appropriate embassy/consulate be notified. Deputies shall provide the Communications Center 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 individual claims citizenship of one of the countries for which notification of the consulate/embassy is mandatory, deputies shall provide the Communications Center with the information above as soon as practicable, regardless of whether the individual desires that the embassy/consulate be notified. This procedure is critical because of treaty obligations with the particular countries. The list of countries and jurisdictions that require notification can be found on the U.S. Department of State website.

422.7.2 DOCUMENTATION
Deputies shall document on the face page and in the narrative of the appropriate Arrest-Investigation Report the date and time the Communications Center was notified of the foreign national's arrest/detention and his/her claimed nationality.

Rapid Deployment Team Policy

424.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
Violence in schools, work places and other locations by any individual or group of individuals presents a difficult situation for law enforcement. The purpose of this policy is to identify guidelines and factors that will assist responding deputies as they make decisions in these rapidly unfolding and tense situations.

424.2 POLICY
The policy of this department in dealing with the crisis situation shall be:

(a) To obtain and maintain complete operative control of the incident.

(b) To explore every reasonably available source of intelligence regarding the circumstances, location, and suspect(s) in the incident.

(c) To attempt, by every means available, to attain any tactical advantage over the responsible individual(s).

(d) To attempt, whenever feasible, a negotiated surrender of the suspect(s) and release of the hostages through the expertise of the members of this department and others.

(e) When an emergency situation exists, neutralize the threat as rapidly as reasonably possible to minimize injury and loss of life.

Nothing in this policy shall preclude the use of necessary force, deadly or otherwise, by members of this department in protecting themselves or others from death or serious injury.

424.3 PROCEDURE
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 immediately 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.

When deciding on a course of action deputies should consider:

(a) Whether sufficient personnel are available on-scene to advance on the suspect. Any advance on a suspect should be made using teams of two or more deputies whenever reasonably possible.

(b) Whether individuals who are under imminent threat can be moved out of danger with reasonable safety.

(c) Whether the deputies have the ability to effectively communicate with others in the field.

(d) Whether planned tactics can be effectively deployed.

(e) The availability of rifles, shotguns, shields, control devices and any other appropriate tools, and whether the deployment of these tools will provide a tactical advantage.

(f) 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).

(g) If a suspect is actively engaged in the infliction of serious bodily harm or other life-threatening activity toward others, the deputy should take immediate action, if reasonably possible, to stop the threat presented by the suspect while calling for additional assistance.

Reporting Police Activity Outside of Jurisdiction

426.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy provides general guidelines for reporting police activity while on or off-duty and occurring outside the jurisdiction of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office.

426.1.1 ASSISTANCE TO AGENCIES OUTSIDE THE COUNTY
When a deputy is on-duty and is requested by an allied agency to participate in law enforcement activity in another jurisdiction, he/she shall obtain prior approval from the immediate supervisor or the Shift Sergeant. If the request is of an emergency nature, the deputy shall notify the Communications Center before responding and thereafter notify a supervisor as soon as practical.

426.1.2 LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY OUTSIDE THE COUNTY
Any on-duty deputy, who engages in law enforcement activities of any type outside the immediate jurisdiction of Plumas County shall notify his or her supervisor or the Shift Sergeant at the earliest possible opportunity. Any off-duty deputy who engages in any law enforcement activities, regardless of jurisdiction shall notify the Shift Sergeant as soon as practical.

The supervisor shall determine if a case report or other documentation of the deputy's activity is required. The report or other documentation shall be forwarded to the Operations Assistant Sheriff.

Immigration Violations

428.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The immigration status of individuals alone is generally not a matter for police action. It is incumbent upon all employees of this department to make a personal commitment to equal enforcement of the law and equal service to the public regardless of immigration status. Confidence in this commitment will increase the effectiveness of the Department in protecting and serving the entire community.

428.2 DEPARTMENT POLICY
The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has primary jurisdiction for enforcement of the provisions of Title 8, United States Code dealing with illegal entry. When assisting ICE at its specific request, or when suspected criminal violations are discovered as a result of inquiry or investigation based on probable cause originating from activities other than the isolated violations of Title 8, U.S.C., §§ 1304, 1324, 1325 and 1326, this department may assist in the enforcement of federal immigration laws.

428.3 PROCEDURES FOR IMMIGRATION COMPLAINTS
Persons wishing to report immigration violations should be referred to the local office of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The Employer Sanction Unit of ICE has primary jurisdiction for enforcement of Title 8, United States Code.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 650 Capitol Mall, Sacramento Ca. 95814

(916) 930-3848 or (916) 930-3852 Fax (916) 930-3799

428.3.1 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 being an undocumented alien shall not be the sole basis for contact, detention, or arrest.

428.3.2 SWEEPS
The Plumas County Sheriff's Office does not independently conduct sweeps or other concentrated efforts to detain suspected undocumented aliens.

When enforcement efforts are increased in a particular area, equal consideration should be given to all suspected violations and not just those affecting a particular race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic status or other group.

The disposition of each contact (e.g., warning, citation, arrest), while discretionary in each case, should not be affected by such factors as race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion or socioeconomic status.

428.3.3 ICE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
If a specific request is made by ICE or any other federal agency, this department will provide available support services, such as traffic control or peacekeeping efforts, during the federal operation.

Members of this department should not participate in such federal operations as part of any detention team unless it is in direct response to a request for assistance on a temporary basis or for officer safety. Any detention by a member of this department should be based upon the reasonable belief that an individual is involved in criminal activity.

428.3.4 IDENTIFICATION
Whenever any individual is reasonably suspected of a criminal violation (infraction, misdemeanor or felony), the investigating deputy should take reasonable steps to determine the person's identity through valid identification or other reliable sources.

If an individual would have otherwise been released for an infraction or misdemeanor on a citation, the person should be taken to the station and given a reasonable opportunity to verify his/her true identity (e.g., telephone calls). If the person's identity is thereafter reasonably established, the original citation release should be completed without consideration of immigration status.

428.3.5 ARREST
If the deputy intends to take enforcement action and the individual is unable to reasonably establish his/her true identity, the deputy may take the person into custody on the suspected criminal violation (see Vehicle Code § 40302(a) and Penal Code § 836, if pertinent to the circumstances). A field supervisor shall approve all such arrests.

428.3.6 BOOKING
If the deputy is unable to reasonably establish an arrestee's identity, the individual may, upon approval of a supervisor, be booked into jail for the suspected criminal violation and held for bail.

A person detained exclusively pursuant to the authority of Vehicle Code § 40302(a) for any Vehicle Code infraction or misdemeanor shall not be detained beyond two hours for the purpose of establishing his/her true identity. Regardless of the status of that person's identity at the expiration of two hours, he/she shall be released on his/her signature with a promise to appear in court for the Vehicle Code infraction or misdemeanor involved.

428.3.7 NOTIFICATION OF IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT
If a deputy has an articulable belief that an individual taken into custody for a misdemeanor is an undocumented alien, and after he or she is formally booked there is no intention to transport to the county jail, ICE may be informed by the arresting deputy so that ICE may consider placing an "immigration hold" on the individual.

Whenever an officer has reason to believe that any person arrested for any offense listed in Health & Safety Code §11369 or any other felony may not be a citizen of the United States, and the individual is not going to be booked into County Jail, the arresting officer shall complete the attached Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement questionnaire and fax it to ICE for consideration of an immigration hold.

In making the determination whether to notify ICE in such circumstances, the Deputy should, in consultation with a supervisor, whenever possible, consider the totality of circumstances of each case, including, but not limited to:

(a) Seriousness of the offense

(b) Community safety

(c) Potential burden on ICE

(d) Impact on the immigrant community

Generally Deputies 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 and notification will be handled according to jail operation procedures.

428.4 CONSIDERATIONS PRIOR TO REPORTING TO ICE

The Plumas County Sheriff's Office is concerned for the safety of local citizens and thus detection of criminal behavior is of primary interest in dealing with any person. The decision to arrest shall be based upon those factors which establish probable cause and not on arbitrary aspects. Race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, and socioeconomic status are of no bearing on the decision to arrest.

All individuals, regardless of their immigration status, must feel secure that contacting law enforcement will not make them vulnerable to deportation. Members should not attempt to determine the immigration status of crime victims and witnesses or take enforcement action against them absent exigent circumstances or reasonable cause to believe that a crime victim or witness is involved in violating criminal laws. Generally, if a Deputy suspects that a victim or witness is an undocumented immigrant, the deputy need not report the person to ICE unless circumstances indicate such reporting is reasonably necessary.

Nothing in this policy is intended to restrict deputies from exchanging legitimate law enforcement information with any other federal, state or local government entity (Title 8 U.S.C. 1373 and 8 U.S.C. 1644).

Refer to G.O. 402

428.4.1 U-VISA/T-VISA NONIMMIGRANT STATUS

Under certain circumstances, federal law allows temporary immigration benefits to victims and witnesses of certain qualifying crimes (8 USC § 1101(a)(15)(U and T); 8 USC § 1101(a)(15)(T)). A declaration/certification for a U-Visa/T-Visa from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services may be completed on the appropriate U.S. DHS Form supplements (I-918or I-914)by law enforcement and must include information on how the individual can assist in a criminal investigation or prosecution in order for a U-Visa/T-Visa to be issued.

Any request for assistance in applying for U-Visa/T-Visa status should be forwarded in a timely manner to the Patrol/Investigation sergeant assigned to supervise the handling of any related case. The Patrol/Investigation sergeant should do the following:

(a) Consult with the assigned detective to determine the current status of any related case and whether further documentation is warranted.

(b) Review the instructions for completing the declaration/certification if necessary. Instructions for completing Forms I-918/I-914 can be found on the U.S. DHS website.

(c) Contact the appropriate prosecutor assigned to the case, if applicable, to ensure the declaration/certification has not already been completed and whether a declaration/certification is warranted.

(d) Address the request and complete the declaration/certification, if appropriate, in a timely manner.

(e) Ensure that any decision to complete or not complete the form is documented in the case file and forwarded to the appropriate prosecutor. Include a copy of any completed declaration/certification in the case file.

428.4.2 HUMAN TRAFFICKING T-VISA

Deputies and their supervisors who are assigned to investigate a case of human trafficking shall complete the above process and documents needed for a T-Visa application within15 business days of the first encounter with the victim, whether or not it is requested by the victim (Penal Code § 236.5).

Emergency Utility Service

430.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The County Public Works Department has personnel available to handle emergency calls 24 hours per day. Calls for service during non-business hours are frequently directed to the Sheriff's Department. Requests for such service received by this department should be handled in the following manner.

430.1.1 BROKEN WATER LINES

The Countys responsibility ends at the water meter; any break or malfunction in the water system from the water meter to the citizen's residence or business is the customer's responsibility. Public Works can only turn off the valve at the meter. The citizen can normally accomplish this.

If a break occurs on the County side of the meter, emergency personnel should be called as soon as practical by the Communications Center.

430.1.2 ELECTRICAL LINES
County Public Works does not maintain electrical lines to street light poles. When a power line poses a hazard, a deputy should be dispatched to protect against personal injury or property damage that might be caused by power lines. The Electric Company or Public Works should be promptly notified, as appropriate.

430.1.3 RESERVOIRS, PUMPS, WELLS, ETC.
Public Works maintains the reservoirs and public water equipment, as well as several underpass and other street drainage pumps. In the event of flooding or equipment malfunctions, emergency personnel should be contacted as soon as possible.

430.1.4 EMERGENCY NUMBERS
A current list of emergency personnel who are to be called for municipal utility emergencies is maintained by the Communications Center.

430.2 TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE
The County of Plumas County contracts with a private maintenance company to furnish maintenance for all traffic signals within the County, other than those maintained by the State of California.

430.2.1 DEPUTY'S RESPONSIBILITY
Upon observing a damaged or malfunctioning signal, the deputy will advise the Communications Center of the location and problem with the signal. The dispatcher should make the necessary notification to the proper maintenance agency.

Patrol Rifles

432.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
In order to more effectively and accurately address the increasing level of fire power and body armor utilized by criminal suspects, the Plumas County Sheriff's Office will make patrol rifles available to qualified patrol deputies as an additional and more immediate tactical resource.

432.2 PATROL RIFLE

432.2.1 DEFINITION
A patrol rifle is an authorized weapon which is owned by the Department and which is made available to properly trained and qualified deputies as a supplemental resource to their duty handgun or shotgun. No personally owned rifles may be carried for patrol duty unless pre-approved in writing by the Sheriff and the department armorer/Rangemaster. Any personal owned assault rifle must be registered as such with the California Department of Justice.

432.3 SPECIFICATIONS
Only weapons and ammunition that meet agency authorized specifications, approved by the Sheriff, and issued by the Department may be used by deputies in their law enforcement responsibilities. The authorized patrol rifle issued by the Department is the M-14/M1A, AR-15 (type)/ M-16/Mini-14

432.4 RIFLE MAINTENANCE
(a) Primary responsibility for maintenance of patrol rifles shall fall on the Rangemaster/Armorer, who shall inspect and service each patrol rifle on a bi-annual basis.

(b) Each patrol deputy carrying a patrol rifle may be required to field strip and clean an assigned patrol rifle as needed.

(c) Each patrol deputy shall be responsible for promptly reporting any damage or malfunction of an assigned patrol rifle.

(d) Any patrol rifle found to be unserviceable shall be removed from service. The rifle shall be clearly labeled as "out of service" and details regarding the weapon's condition shall be included on the label.

(e) Each patrol rifle shall be subject to inspection by a supervisor or the Rangemaster at any time.

(f) No modification shall be made to any patrol rifle without prior written authorization from the Rangemaster or Department Armorer.

432.5 TRAINING
Deputies shall not carry or utilize the patrol rifle unless they have successfully completed departmental training. This training shall consist of a patrol rifle user's course and qualification score with a certified patrol rifle instructor. Deputies shall thereafter be required to successfully complete bi-annual training and qualification conducted by a certified patrol rifle instructor.

Any deputy who fails to qualify or who fails to successfully complete two or more department sanctioned training/qualification sessions within a calendar year will no longer be authorized to carry the patrol rifle without successfully retaking the initial patrol deputies user's course and qualification.

432.6 DEPLOYMENT OF THE PATROL RIFLE
Deputies may deploy the patrol rifle in any circumstance where the deputy can articulate a reasonable expectation that the rifle may be needed. Examples of some general guidelines for deploying the patrol rifle may include, but are not limited to:

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

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

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

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

(e) When a deputy 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.

432.7 DISCHARGE OF THE PATROL RIFLE
The discharge of the patrol rifle shall be governed by the Department's Deadly Force Policy, Policy Manual § 300.

432.8 PATROL READY
Any qualified deputy carrying a patrol rifle in the field shall maintain the weapon in a patrol ready condition until deployed. A rifle is considered in a patrol ready condition when it has been inspected by the assigned deputy, the fire selector switch is in the safe position, the chamber is empty and a fully loaded magazine is inserted into the magazine well.

432.9 RIFLE STORAGE

(a) When not in use, patrol rifles will be stored in a safe secure manner at all times.

Aircraft Accidents

434.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy describes situations involving aircraft accidents including responsibilities of personnel, making proper notification, and documentation.

434.2 RESPONSIBILITIES
In the event of an aircraft crash the employee responsibilities are as follows:

434.2.1 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 the Coroner's office is notified if a death occurs.

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.

434.2.2 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 on-site investigation, at the discretion of the pilot or the owner.

434.2.3 THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 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's Department the dispatcher receiving such information should contact the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Flight Standards District Office and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

434.2.4 RECORDS SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES
The Records Supervisor is responsible for the following:

(a) Forward and maintain an approved copy of the accident report to the California Department of Aeronautics

(b) Forward a copy of the report to the Operations Assistant Sheriff, Administrative Assistant Sheriff and the manager of the affected airport if airport related.

434.2.5 OPERATIONS ASSISTANT SHERIFF RESPONSIBILITIES
The Department Operations Assistant Sheriff 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 Operations Assistant Sheriff 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 Operations Assistant Sheriff or in accordance with existing policy. The

Operations Assistant Sheriff should coordinate the release of such information with the FAA Press Information Officer.

434.3 DOCUMENTATION
Any aircraft accident (crash) within the County, regardless of whether injuries or deaths occur, shall be documented.

Field Training Officer Program

436.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The Field Training Officer Program 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 Plumas County Sheriff's Office.

It is the policy of this department to assign all new sheriff's deputies to a structured Field Training Officer Program that is designed to prepare the new deputy to perform in a patrol assignment, and possessing all skills needed to operate in a safe, productive and professional manner.

436.2 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.

436.2.1 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) Evaluation by supervisors and current FTO's

(e) Possess a POST Basic certificate

436.2.2 TRAINING
A deputy selected as a Field Training Officer shall successfully complete a POST certified (40-hour) Field Training Officer's Course prior to being assigned as an FTO.

All FTOs must complete a 24-hour Field Training Officer update course every three years while assigned to the position of FTO.

436.3 FIELD TRAINING OFFICER PROGRAM SUPERVISOR
The FTO Program supervisor should be selected from the rank of sergeant or above by the Sheriff or a designee and should possess, or be eligible to receive, a POST Supervisory Certificate.

The responsibilities of the FTO Program supervisor include the following:
(a) Assignment of trainees to FTOs

(b) Conduct FTO meetings

(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 FTO 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

The FTO Program supervisor will be required to successfully complete a POST approved Field Training Administrator's Course within one year of appointment to this position (11 CCR § 1004(c)).

436.4 TRAINEE DEFINED
Any entry level or lateral sheriff's deputy newly appointed to the Plumas County Sheriff's Office who has successfully completed a POST approved Basic Academy.

436.5 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 a lateral deputy may be modified depending on the trainee's demonstrated performance and level of experience, but shall consist of a minimum of eight weeks.
Returning Plumas County Deputy Sheriffs may have a modified Field Training Program at the Sheriff's discretion.

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.

436.5.1 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 Plumas 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 adopted by the Plumas County Sheriff's Office.

436.6 EVALUATIONS
Evaluations are an important component of the training process and shall be completed as outlined below.

436.6.1 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 Coordinator on a weekly basis.

(b) Review the Daily Trainee Performance Evaluations with the trainee each day.

(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.

436.6.2 FIELD TRAINING ADMINISTRATOR
The Field Training Administrator will review and approve the Daily Trainee Performance Evaluations submitted by the FTO.

436.6.3 TRAINEE
At the completion of the Field Training Program, the trainee shall submit a confidential performance evaluation on each of their FTOs and on the Field Training Program.

436.7 DOCUMENTATION
All documentation of the Field Training Program will be retained in the deputy's training files and will consist of the following:

(a) Daily Trainee Performance Evaluations

(b) End of phase evaluations

(c) A Certificate of Completion certifying that the trainee has successfully completed the required number of hours of field training

Obtaining Air Support

438.1 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.

438.2 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.

438.2.1 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM ANOTHER AGENCY
After consideration and approval of the request for a helicopter, the Shift Sergeant, or his/her designee, will call the closest agency having helicopter support available. The communications center will apprise that agency of the specific details of the incident prompting the request.

438.2.2 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.

Field Interviews & Photographing of Field Detainees

440.1 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.

440.2 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 -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.

Pat-Down Search-This type of search is 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.

Reasonable Suspicion -Occurs when, under the totality of the circumstances, a deputy has articulable facts that criminal activity may be a foot and a particular person is connected with that possible criminal activity.

440.3 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:

(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.

440.3.1 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 Plumas County Sheriff's Office to strengthen our community involvement, community awareness and problem identification.

440.3.2 WITNESS IDENTIFICATION AND INTERVIEWS

Because potential witnesses to an incident may become unavailable 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.

440.4 PAT-DOWN SEARCHES

A pat-down search of a detained subject may be conducted whenever a deputy reasonably believes that the person may possess an object that can be utilized as an offensive weapon or whenever the deputy has a reasonable fear for his/her own safety or the safety of others. 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 deadly weapons is involved.

(b) Where more than one suspect must be handled by a single deputy.

(c) The hour of the day and the location or neighborhood where the stop takes place.

(d) Prior knowledge of the suspect's use of force and/or propensity to carry deadly weapons.

(e) The appearance and demeanor of the suspect.

(f) Visual indications which suggest that the suspect is carrying a firearm or other weapon.

(g) The age and gender of the suspect.

Whenever possible, pat-down searches should be performed by deputies of the same gender.

440.5 FIELD PHOTOGRAPHS
Before photographing any field detainee, the deputy shall carefully consider, among other things, the factors listed below.

440.5.1 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.

440.5.2 FIELD PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN WITHOUT CONSENT
Field photographs may be taken without consent only if they are taken during a detention that is based upon 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.

440.6 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.

440.7 DISPOSITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS
All detainee photographs must be adequately labeled and submitted to the Shift Sergeant with either an associated FI card or other memorandum explaining the nature of the contact. If an individual is photographed as a suspect in a particular crime, the photograph should be submitted as an evidence item in the related case, following standard evidence procedures.

If a photograph is not associated with an investigation where a case number has been issued, the Shift Sergeant should review and forward the photograph to one of the following locations:

(a) If the photo and associated FI or memorandum is relevant to criminal street gang enforcement, the Shift Sergeant will forward the photo and documents to the Investigation's Supervisor. The Investigation's Supervisor will ensure the photograph and supporting documents are retained as prescribed by Policy § 442.

(b) Photographs that do not qualify for Criminal Street Gang file retention or which are not evidence in an investigation with an assigned case number should be forwarded to the Records Center. These photographs will be purged as described in Policy § 440.7.1.

When a photograph is taken in association with a particular case, the detective may use such photograph in a photo lineup. Thereafter, the individual photograph should be retained as a part of the case file. All other photographs will be kept in the Records Center in a separate non-booking photograph file in alphabetical order.

440.7.1 PURGING THE FIELD PHOTO FILE

The Records Supervisor will be responsible for ensuring that photographs maintained by the Records Center that are more than one year old and no longer serve a law enforcement purpose are periodically purged and destroyed. Photographs that continue to serve a legitimate law enforcement purpose may be retained longer than one year provided that a notation of that fact is added to the file for each additional year that they are retained. Access to the FI photo file shall be strictly limited to law enforcement purposes.

A photograph need not be purged but may be retained as an updated photograph in a prior booking file if the person depicted in the photograph has been booked at the Plumas County Sheriff's Office and the booking file remains in the Records Center.

440.8 PHOTO REVIEW POLICY

Any person who has been the subject of a field photograph or an FI by this agency during any contact other than an arrest may file a written request within 30 days of the contact requesting a review of the status of the photograph/FI. The request shall be directed to the office of the Sheriff who will ensure that the status of the photograph or FI is properly reviewed according to this policy as described below. Upon a verbal request, the Department will send a request form to the requesting party along with a copy of this policy.

440.8.1 REVIEW PROCESS

Upon receipt of such a written request, the Sheriff or his or her designee will permit the individual to appear in person (any minor must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian) for a review of the status of the photograph/FI.

Such a meeting will generally be scheduled during regular business hours within 30 days of the receipt of the written request. An extension of the 30-day limit may be made either upon the mutual convenience of the parties or if, at the discretion of the Sheriff, there appears to be an ongoing legitimate law enforcement interest which warrants a delay. If the delay could jeopardize an ongoing investigation, nothing in this policy shall require the Sheriff to disclose the reason(s) for the delay.

A meeting for the review of the status of any non-arrest photograph/FI is not intended to be a formal hearing, but simply an informal opportunity for the individual to meet with the Sheriff or his/her designee to discuss the matter.

After carefully considering the information available, the Sheriff or designee will determine, generally within 30 days of the original meeting, whether the photograph/FI was obtained in accordance with existing law and Plumas County Sheriff's Office policy and, even if properly obtained, then whether there is any ongoing legitimate law enforcement interest in retaining the photograph/FI.

If the Sheriff or his/her designee determines that the photograph/FI was obtained in accordance with existing law and department policy and that there is an ongoing legitimate law enforcement interest in retaining the non-arrest photograph, the photograph/FI shall be retained according to this policy and applicable law.

If the Sheriff or his/her designee determines that the original legitimate law enforcement interest in retaining a non-arrest photograph no longer exists or that it was obtained in violation of existing law or Plumas County Sheriff's Office policy, the original photograph will be destroyed or returned to the person photographed, if requested. All other associated reports or documents, however, will be retained according to department policy and applicable law.

If the Sheriff or his/her designee determines that the original legitimate law enforcement interest in retaining a non-arrest FI no longer exists or that the original F/I was not obtained in accordance with established law or Plumas County Sheriff's Office policy, the original FI may only be destroyed upon the execution of a full and complete waiver of liability by the individual (and guardian if a minor) arising out of that field contact.

If the Sheriff or his/her designee determines that any involved Plumas County Sheriff's Office personnel violated existing law or department policy, the Sheriff or designee shall initiate a separate internal investigation which may result in additional training, discipline or other appropriate action for the involved employees.

The person photographed/FI'd will be informed in writing within 30 days of the Sheriff's determination whether or not the photograph/FI will be retained. This does not entitle any person to any discovery or access to any law enforcement records not otherwise authorized by law.

Criminal Street Gangs

442.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
It is the policy of this department to establish a procedure for identifying criminal street gangs, participants of criminal street gangs, and patterns of criminal activity as outlined in Penal Code § 186.20 through Penal Code § 186.33 of the "Street Terrorism Enforcement and Prevention Act."

The intent of this policy is to provide for the collection and management of criminal street gang information so as to enhance officer safety and the criminal prosecution of criminal street gang participants. This policy is not intended or designed to establish a formal gang intelligence database.

442.2 DEFINITIONS
Pattern of Criminal Gang Activity -The commission, attempted commission, conspiracy to commit, sustained juvenile petition for, or conviction of two or more of any offenses as described in Penal Code § 186.22(e).

Criminal Street Gang -Any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as one of its primary activities the commission of one or more of the criminal acts enumerated in Penal Code § 186.22(e), and which has a common name or common identifying sign or symbol, and whose members individually or collectively engage or have engaged in a pattern of criminal street gang activity.

Gang Related Crime -Any crime, which is committed for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with, a criminal street gang with the intent to promote, further or assist any criminal street gang.

442.3 IDENTIFICATION OF CRIMINAL STREET GANGS / PARTICIPANTS
The Investigations Unit shall be authorized to collect information on individuals who are suspected of participating in a criminal street gang and groups that are suspected of being criminal street gangs.

(a) A group of three or more individuals shall be designated a criminal street gang when:
   1. They have a common name or common identifying sign or symbol.
   2. There is evidence, substantiated by crime and informational reports, that a primary activity of the group is the commission of one or more criminal acts enumerated in Policy Manual § 442.2(a).
   3. One or more members individually or collectively have engaged in a pattern of criminal gang activity as defined in Policy Manual § 442.2(a) of this policy.
   4. A designated representative of the District Attorney's Office reviews the available evidence and concurs with a Department finding that the group meets the criteria for being a criminal street gang.

(b) An individual shall be designated as a participant in a criminal street gang and included in a gang file, when one or more of the following elements have been verified by the Investigations Unit and a reasonable basis for believing such affiliation has been established and approved by a supervisor:

1. An individual admits membership in a criminal street gang.
2. A reliable informant or known gang member identifies an individual as a participant in a criminal street gang.
3. An informant of previously untested reliability identifies an individual as a participant in a criminal street gang when that identification is corroborated by independent information.
4. An individual resides in or frequents a particular criminal street gang's area, and affects their style of dress, color of dress, use of jewelry, tattoos, monikers, or any other identifiable mannerism associated to that particular criminal street gang, and where the deputy documents reasonable suspicion that the individual is involved in criminal gang activity or enterprise.
5. A person has been arrested in the company of identified criminal street gang members for offenses that are consistent with criminal street gang activity or criminal street gang related crimes.
6. An individual is identified as a gang member in a criminal street gang document or the individual is depicted in a criminal street gang member's photograph(s) in such a manner as to clearly indicate membership in a criminal street gang.
7. An individual otherwise meets the criteria of a criminal street gang participant under the guidelines of a department approved gang intelligence database and/or 28 C.F.R. 23.20.

(c) An individual may be designated as a gang affiliate only when the individual is known to affiliate with active criminal gang members and a deputy has established that there is reasonable suspicion that the individual is involved in criminal activity. A deputy's belief must be premised upon reasoning and logic coupled with sound judgment based upon law enforcement experience, rather than a mere hunch or whim.

442.4 CRIMINAL STREET GANG TEMPORARY FILE

The Investigations Supervisor may maintain a temporary file of reports and FIs that is separate from any criminal gang intelligence database when an individual or group has been identified as a suspected criminal street gang participant or a suspected criminal street gang but does not meet the criteria necessary for entry into a criminal gang intelligence database.

Inclusion in a temporary file may be done only if there is a reasonable likelihood that, within one year of the contact, the individual or group will meet the criteria for entry into a department approved criminal gang intelligence database. Reports and FIs will only be included in a temporary gang file with the written authorization of the Investigations Supervisor. A temporary file of criminal street gang participants or criminal street gangs shall include:

(a) Names, aliases, monikers, addresses, and other relevant identifying information.

(b) Gang name.

(c) Justification used to identify an individual as a criminal street gang participant.

(d) Vehicle(s) known to be used.

(e) Cross references to other identified gangs or gang members.

442.4.1 REVIEW AND PURGING OF GANG PARTICIPANT FILE
Temporary files shall not be retained longer than one year. At the end of one year, temporary files must be purged if the information does not qualify for entry into a department approved criminal gang intelligence database.

The Investigations Supervisor shall periodically review temporary files to verify that the information was properly obtained and meets the criteria for retention. Validation and purging of temporary criminal street gang files is the responsibility of the Investigation's Supervisor.

442.4.2 CRIMINAL GANG INTELLIGENCE DATABASES
While this policy does not establish a criminal gang intelligence database, the Sheriff may approve one or more criminal gang intelligence databases, such as CALGANG, for use by members of the Investigations Unit. Any such database should be compliant with 28 C.F.R. § 23.20 regulating criminal intelligence systems. Employees must obtain the requisite training before accessing any such database.

It is the Investigations Supervisor's responsibility to determine whether any report or FI contains information that would qualify for entry into a department approved criminal gang intelligence database. The Investigations Supervisor should forward any such reports or FIs to the Records Center after appropriate database entries are made. The submitting Investigation Supervisor should clearly mark the report/FI as Gang Intelligence Information.

It is the responsibility of the Records Center Supervisor to retain reports and FIs in compliance with the procedures of the department approved criminal gang intelligence database and 28 C.F.R. § 23.20. The Records Center Supervisor may not purge these reports or FIs without the approval of the Investigations Supervisor.

442.5 FIELD CONTACTS
Deputies who contact individuals who are, or may be participants in criminal street gang activity should complete a FI card and document the reasonable suspicion underlying the contact and the exact circumstances leading to the suspicion that the individual is a criminal street gang participant (e.g., subject states he or she is a member of XYZ gang; XYZ tattoo on right hand near thumb; wearing ball cap with gang name printed in blue or red ink).

Photographing known or suspected criminal street gang participants shall be done in accordance with the provisions of Policy Manual § 440(Photographing of Field Detainees).

442.6 INQUIRY BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN
When an inquiry is made by a parent or guardian as to whether a juvenile's name is in the temporary criminal street gang participant's file, such information shall be provided by the unit supervisor, unless there is good cause to believe that the release of such information may jeopardize an ongoing criminal investigation.

Employees must observe strict compliance with the rules of a department approved gang intelligence database regarding release of information from that database.

442.7 DISSEMINATIONS OF THE FILE INFORMATION
Information from the temporary criminal street gang participant files may only be furnished to Department personnel and other public law enforcement agencies on a need-to-know basis. This means information that may be of use in the prevention of gang-related criminal activity

or information concerning the investigation of gang-related crimes shall only be released to members of this department and other law enforcement agencies.

Information from any department approved gang intelligence file must only be released in compliance with the rules for that particular database.

442.8 REPORTING CRITERIA AND ROUTING
Incidents that appear to be criminal street gang related shall be documented on a report form and shall at minimum include the following:

(a) A description of any document, statements, actions, dress or other information that would tend to support the deputy's belief that the incident may be related to the activities of a criminal street gang.

(b) Whether any photographs were taken and a brief description of what they depict.

(c) What physical evidence, if any, was observed, collected or booked.

(d) A specific request to that a copy of the report be routed to the Gang Unit.

Any photographs taken or evidence collected shall be booked in accordance with current evidence booking procedures.

Shift Sergeants

444.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Each patrol shift must be directed by supervisor(s) 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 Sergeant heads each watch.

444.2 DESIGNATION AS ACTING SHIFT SERGEANT

When a Sergeant is unavailable for duty as Shift Sergeant, in most instances the qualified senior deputy shall be designated as acting Shift Sergeant. This policy does not preclude designating a less senior senior deputy as an acting Shift Sergeant when operational needs require or training permits.

Use of Audio/Video Recorders

450.1 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.

This policy does not apply to surreptitious interception of electronic communications for lawful authorized investigative purposes or to mobile audio video recordings (see the Mobile Audio Video Policy).

450.2 POLICY
The Plumas County Sheriff's Office may 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.

450.3 PRIVACY
All recordings made by personnel acting in their official capacity as members of this department shall remain the property of the Department and should not be considered private, regardless of whether those recordings were made with department-issued or personally owned recorders.

450.4 MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES
Prior to going into service, each uniformed 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. Uniformed members should wear the recorder in a conspicuous manner.

Any member assigned to a non-uniformed position may carry an approved portable recorder at any time the member believes that such a device may be useful.

When using a recorder, the assigned member shall record his/her name, employee number and the current date and time at the beginning and the end of the shift or other period of use, regardless of whether any activity was recorded. This procedure is not required when the recording device and related software captures the user's unique identification and the date and time of each recording.

450.5 ACTIVATION OF THE AUDIO RECORDER
Members should activate the recorder during all enforcement stops and field interrogation situations and any other time the member reasonably believes that a recording of a non-duty contact may be useful. Once started, recordings should continue without interruption until the contact ends, if feasible.

At no time is a member expected to jeopardize his/her safety in order to activate a recorder or change the recording media. However, the recorder should be activated in required situations as soon as practicable.

450.5.1 SURREPTITIOUS USE OF THE AUDIO RECORDER
California law permits an individual to surreptitiously record any conversation in which one party to the conversation has given his/her permission.

Members of the Department may surreptitiously record any conversation during the course of a criminal investigation in which the deputy reasonably believes that such a recording will be beneficial to the investigation (Penal Code § 633).

Members shall not surreptitiously record another department member without acourt order or authorization of the Sheriff.

450.6 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 such recordings shall be retained at the Department.

Members are prohibited from using personally owned recording devices while on-duty without the express consent of the Shift Sergeant or an Assistant Sheriff. 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.

Recordings shall not be used by any member for the purpose of embarrassment or ridicule.

Any member who may have questions regarding the application of this policy is encouraged to seek clarification from supervisory personnel.

450.7 RETENTION OF RECORDINGS
Any time a member records any portion of a contact that the member reasonably believes constitutes evidence in a criminal case, the member shall record the related case number and download the file in accordance with the Computers and Digital Evidence Policy and document the existence of the recording in the related case report.

Any time a member reasonably believes a recorded contact may be beneficial in a non-criminal matter (e.g., a hostile contact), the member should promptly notify a supervisor of the existence of the recording.

Members should upload the file, in accordance with current procedure for storing digital files, at the end of their shift and any time the storage capacity is nearing its limit.

450.7.1 RETENTION REQUIREMENTS
All recordings shall be retained for a period consistent with the requirements of the organization's records retention schedule but in no event for a period less than 180 days.

450.8 RELEASE OF RECORDINGS
Recordings made using portable recording devices pursuant to this policy are department records and may only be released as provided in the Release of Records and Information Policy or for other authorized legitimate department business purposes.

450.9 REVIEW OF RECORDED MEDIA FILES
When preparing written reports, members should review their recordings as a resource. However, 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, 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.

(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 Release of Records and Information Policy.

Medical Marijuana

452.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The purpose of this policy is to provide members of this department with guidelines for handling and distinguishing between claims of medical marijuana use under California's Compassionate Use Act (Health & Safety Code §11362.5) and criminal narcotics violations.

452.2 ENFORCEMENT
Although federal law does not currently permit possession of marijuana for medical use, California has created a limited defense (i.e. no penalty) for certain qualified individuals possessing small quantities of marijuana for medical use under strict conditions.

(a) Notwithstanding California Medical Marijuana laws:

1. California does not provide any exception for individuals driving under the influence of marijuana. All such cases should be handled with appropriate enforcement action (e.g., Vehicle Code § 23152, et seq.).
2. Medical marijuana may not be smoked outside of a residence within 1000 feet of a school, recreation center, youth center or in a vehicle or boat (Health & Safety Code § 11362.79).
3. No probationer or parolee may possess medical marijuana unless such possession is authorized in writing by court order or parole conditions (Health & Safety Code § 11362.795).

(b) Possession, cultivation and sales of marijuana in quantities beyond that which might reasonably be construed as for personal use should be handled as criminal cases with appropriate enforcement action taken pursuant to Health & Safety Code §§ 11357, 11358 and 11359.

1. The amount of marijuana possessed must be consistent with the medical needs of the qualified patient or person with valid ID card.
2. The quantity and form of marijuana must also be reasonably related to the patient's current medical needs.
   (a) Absent a verifiable doctor's recommendation to exceed allotted quantities, a qualified patient or primary caregiver may possess no more than eight ounces of dried marijuana per qualified patient, or;
   (b) Maintain no more than six mature, or twelve immature marijuana plants per qualified patient (Health & Safety Code § 11362.77(a)(b)).
   (c) In any case involving the possession or cultivation of marijuana, the handling deputy should inquire whether the individual is claiming that the marijuana is for medicinal purposes.
3. If no such claim is made, the deputy should proceed with normal enforcement action.
4. If a claim of medicinal use is made, the deputy should proceed as outlined below.

452.3 MEDICINAL USE CLAIMS
In order to qualify for a medicinal marijuana defense, any individual making such a claim must affirmatively establish the following information. If the individual cannot or will not provide all of the required information, the deputy should note such fact in any related report and proceed with appropriate enforcement action.

452.3.1 PATIENTS
(a) An individual may establish his/her status as a qualified patient by presenting a current and valid state issued identification card issued by the Department of Health (Health & Safety Code § 11362.735). Such identification cards shall contain the following information:

1 A unique serial number.

2 An expiration date.

3 The name and telephone number of the county health department approving the application.

4 A 24-hour toll-free number for law enforcement to verify the validity of the card (Verification can be checked at www.calmmp.ca.gov).

5 A photograph of the cardholder.

No deputy shall refuse to accept a properly issued identification card unless the deputy has reasonable cause to believe that the information contained in the card is false or that the card is being used fraudulently (Health & Safety Code § 11362.78).

(b) If the individual does not possess a valid state issued identification card, the individual claiming status as a qualified patient must minimally provide the following information:

1 Satisfactory identification establishing current residency in California.

2 A current and valid medical marijuana ID card from a local governmental agency (e.g., county) or a current and verifiable, written recommendation for marijuana from a California licensed physician.

3 In the absence of a valid identification card, the handling deputy should also obtain a written waiver from the involved individual authorizing the release of all related medical records.

452.3.2 PRIMARY CAREGIVERS
Primary caregivers are subject to the following requirements (Health & Safety Code 11362.765):

(a) A primary caregiver is not authorized to use, sell, or possess marijuana for sale.

(b) A primary caregiver must provide sufficient proof that he/she is responsible for the patient's housing, health and/or safety.

(c) A primary caregiver must provide sufficient proof of personal knowledge of the patient's medical needs and the details of the attending physician's recommendation.

(d) Upon proof that a qualified primary caregiver is caring for more than one qualified patient, he/she may aggregate possession and cultivation limits. For example, a primary caregiver caring for three qualified patients may possess 24 ounces (eight ounces per patient) of marijuana (Health & Safety Code § 11362.7(d)(2)).

(e) While qualified patients and primary caregivers may be permitted to collectively or cooperatively associate to cultivate medical marijuana, such individuals must strictly

adhere to all non-profit and local business requirements (Health & Safety Code § 11362.775).

452.3.3 CLAIM REQUIREMENTS MET
Once the handling deputy is satisfied that the individual making a medicinal marijuana use claim meets the above requirements, the deputy should proceed as follows:

(a) A small sample of the involved marijuana should be seized and booked into evidence.

(b) Any allowable amount of marijuana left in possession of a qualified individual for the limited purpose of medicinal use should be described and noted in the related report.

(c) If the handling deputy has already taken the individual into custody (vs. detention only) prior to establishing qualification for a potential medicinal use defense and there are no other criminal charges pending or being investigated, the individual should be released pursuant to Penal Code § 849(b).

(d) If the individual remains in custody on any charge(s), the individual will not be permitted to use marijuana while being detained or held in jail or other law enforcement facility (Health & Safety Code § 11362.785(c)).

(e) The handling deputy shall complete a timely report which will be submitted to the District Attorney with all of the aforementioned documentation for a determination of whether the medicinal marijuana defense will apply.

452.3.4 RETURN OF MARIJUANA
Regardless of the prosecution status or disposition of any related criminal case, this department will not be responsible for the return of any marijuana seized as evidence except as may be required by a valid court order (Cal. Health and Safety Code § 11473.5 and 21 U.S.C. § 885(d)).

Foot Pursuit Policy

458.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
Foot pursuits are inherently dangerous and require common sense, sound tactics and heightened officer safety awareness. This policy sets forth guidelines to assist deputies in making the decision to initiate or continue the pursuit of suspects on foot by balancing the objective of apprehending the suspect with the risk of potential injury to the deputy, the public or the suspect.

458.1.1 POLICY
It is the policy of this department when deciding to initiate or continue a foot pursuit that deputies must continuously balance the objective of apprehending the suspect with the risk and potential for injury to department personnel, the public or the suspect.

Deputies are expected to act reasonably, based on the totality of the circumstances. Absent exigent circumstances, the safety of department personnel 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 personnel.

458.2 DECISION TO PURSUE
Deputies may be justified in initiating a foot pursuit of any individual 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 shall not serve as the sole justification for engaging in an extended foot pursuit without the development of reasonable suspicion regarding the individual's involvement in criminal activity.

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 potentially place department personnel 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, a deputy 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 patrol personnel.

(c) Aerial support if available.

(d) 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.

458.3 GUIDELINES FOR FOOT PURSUIT
Unless the deputy reasonably believes that exigent circumstances exist (e.g. a serious threat to the safety of personnel or members of the public), deputies should consider alternatives to engaging in or continuing a foot pursuit under the following conditions:

(a) When directed by a supervisor to terminate the foot pursuit. Such an order shall be considered mandatory

(b) When the deputy is acting alone.

(c) When 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) When pursuing multiple suspects and the pursuing deputies do not reasonably believe that they would be able to control the suspect should a confrontation occur.

(f) When the physical condition of the deputies renders them incapable of controlling the suspect if apprehended.

(g) When the deputy loses radio contact with the Communications Center or with backup deputies.

(h) When the suspect enters a building, structure, confined space or a wooded or otherwise isolated area 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 deputies.

(i) The deputy becomes aware of unanticipated or unforeseen circumstances that unreasonably increase the risk to deputies 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 pursuit, requiring immediate assistance, and there are no other emergency personnel available to render assistance.

(m) The suspect's location is no longer definitely 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 personnel or the public if the suspect is not immediately apprehended.

(o) The deputy's ability to safely continue the pursuit is impaired by inclement weather, darkness or other conditions.

458.4 RESPONSIBILITIES IN FOOT PURSUITS

458.4.1 INITIATING DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITIES
Unless relieved by another deputy or a supervisor, the initiating deputy shall be responsible for coordinating the progress of the pursuit. 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 broadcast the following information as soon as it becomes practicable and available:

(a) Unit identifier

(b) Location and direction of travel

(c) Reason for the foot pursuit

(d) Number of suspects and description

(e) Whether the suspect is known or believed to be armed

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 deputy unable to promptly and effectively broadcast this information should terminate the 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 Communications Center 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.

458.4.2 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 deputy who is 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.

458.4.3 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY

Upon becoming aware of a foot pursuit, the supervisor shall make every reasonable effort to ascertain sufficient information to direct responding resources and to take command, control and coordination of the foot pursuit. The supervisor should respond to the area whenever possible; the supervisor does not, however, need not 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-pursuit activity.

458.4.4 THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER RESPONSIBILITIES

Upon being notified or becoming aware that a foot pursuit is in progress, communication personnel shall, as soon as practicable, notify the field supervisor and provide available information, the Communications Center personnel are also responsible for the following:

(a) Clear the radio channel of non-emergency traffic.

(b) Repeat the transmissions of the pursuing deputy as needed.

(c) Relay all pertinent information to responding personnel.

(d) Contact additional resources as directed by a supervisor.

(e) Coordinate response of additional resources to assist with the foot pursuit.

458.5 REPORTING

The initiating deputy shall complete the appropriate crime/arrest reports documenting, at minimum, the following:

(a) The reason for initiating the foot pursuit.

(b) The identity of involved personnel.

(c) The course and approximate distance of the pursuit.

(d) 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 Department Use of Force Policy.

(e) Any injuries or property damage.

Assisting deputies taking an active role in the apprehension of the suspect shall complete supplemental reports as necessary or as directed.

In any case in which a suspect is not apprehended and there is insufficient information to warrant further investigation, a supervisor may authorize that the initiating deputy need not complete a formal report.

Homeless Persons

464.1 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 Plumas County Sheriff's Office recognizes that members of the homeless community are often in need of special protection and services. The Plumas County Sheriff's Office will address these needs in balance with the overall mission of this department. Therefore, deputies will consider the following when serving the homeless community.

464.1.1 POLICY

It is the policy of the Plumas 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.

464.2 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 the 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:

   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 the Property and Evidence Policy 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 that 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.

464.3 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 that such services may be appropriate.

464.3.1 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 that 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 Policy § 326.

(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 that he/she does not desire prosecution.

464.4 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 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.

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. When practicable, requests by the public for clean-up of a homeless encampment should be referred to the Homeless Liaison Deputy.

Deputies who encounter unattended encampments, bedding or other personal property in public areas that reasonably appears to belong to a homeless person should not 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. It will be the responsibility of the Homeless Liaison Deputy to address the matter in a timely fashion.

464.5 MENTAL ILLNESS AND MENTAL IMPAIRMENT
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 (See Policy § 418).

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 requested by the person and approved by a supervisor.

464.6 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.

Chapter 5 -Traffic Operations

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 DEPUTY DEPLOYMENT
Several factors are considered in the development of deployment schedules for deputies of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office. Information provided by the California Statewide Integrated Traffic Reporting System (SWITRS) 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 deputy overall performance (Vehicle Code § 41603). The visibility and quality of a deputy's work effort will be commensurate with the philosophy of this policy. Several methods are effective in the reduction of collisions:

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

500.3.3 PHYSICAL ARREST
Physical arrest can be made on a number of criminal traffic offenses outlined in the Vehicle Code or Penal Code. These physical arrest cases usually deal with, but are not limited to:

(a) Vehicular manslaughter

(b) Felony and misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs

(c) Felony or misdemeanor hit-and-run

(d) Refusal to sign notice to appear

(e) Any other misdemeanor at the discretion of the deputy, such as reckless driving with extenuating circumstances

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 Vehicle Code § 14601.

If a computer check of a traffic violator's license status reveals a suspended or revoked driver license and the traffic violator still has his or her license in possession, the license shall be seized by the deputy. The deputy shall verbally advise the traffic violator of the suspension or revocation and issue the citation. The deputy will be responsible for filling out the Verbal Notice form (DMV form DL-310) and causing that form and license to be forwarded to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

500.5 HIGH-VISIBILITY VESTS

500.5.1 CARE AND STORAGE OF HIGH-VISIBILITY VESTS
High-visibility vests shall be maintained in the trunk of each patrol and investigation unit. Before going into service each employee shall ensure a serviceable high-visibility vest is properly stored in the vehicle.

A supply of high-visibility vests will be maintained in the equipment room for replacement of damaged or unserviceable vests. The Administrative Sergeant should be promptly notified whenever the supply of vests in the equipment room needs replenishing.

Traffic Collision Reporting

502.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The Plumas County Sheriff's Office prepares traffic collision reports in compliance with the California Highway Patrol Collision Investigation Manual (CIM) and as a public service makes traffic collision reports available to the community with some exceptions.

502.2 RESPONSIBILITY
The Patrol Sergeant will be responsible for distribution of the Collision Investigation Manual. The Patrol Sergeant will receive all changes in the state manual and ensure conformity with this policy.

502.3 TRAFFIC COLLISION REPORTING
All traffic collision reports taken by members of this department shall be forwarded to the Traffic Bureau for approval and data entry into the Records Management System. The Patrol Sergeant will be responsible for monthly and quarterly reports on traffic collision statistics to be forwarded to the Patrol Undersheriff, or other persons as required.

502.4 REPORTING SITUATIONS

502.4.1 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 (CHP 555 form) 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 Undersheriff.

Photographs of the collision scene and vehicle damage shall be taken at the discretion of the traffic investigator or any supervisor.

502.4.2 TRAFFIC COLLISIONS WITH SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES
When an employee of this department, either on-duty or off-duty, is involved in a traffic collision within the jurisdiction of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office resulting in a serious injury or fatality, the Patrol Sergeant or the Shift Sergeant, may notify the California Highway Patrol for assistance.
The term serious injury is defined as any injury that may result in a fatality.

502.4.3 TRAFFIC COLLISIONS WITH OTHER COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OFFICIALS
The Patrol Sergeant or on-duty Shift Sergeant may request assistance from the California Highway Patrol for the investigation of any traffic collision involving any County official or employee where a serious injury or fatality has occurred.

502.4.4 TRAFFIC COLLISIONS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY
In compliance with the Collision Investigation Manual, traffic collision reports shall not be taken for traffic collisions occurring on private property unless there is a death or injury to any person involved, a hit-and-run violation, or Vehicle Code violation. An Incident Report may be taken at the discretion of any supervisor.

502.4.5 TRAFFIC COLLISIONS ON ROADWAYS OR HIGHWAYS
Traffic collision reports shall be taken when they occur on a roadway or highway within the jurisdiction of this department under any of the following circumstances:

(a) When there is a death or injury to any persons involved in the collision

(b) When there is an identifiable violation of the Vehicle Code

(c) When a report is requested by any involved driver

502.5 NOTIFICATION OF TRAFFIC BUREAU SUPERVISION
In the event of a serious injury or death related traffic collision, the Shift Sergeant shall notify the Operations Assistant Sheriff to relate the circumstances of the traffic collision and seek assistance from the Traffic Bureau. In the absence of the Operations Assistant Sheriff or Administrative Assistant Sheriff the Shift Sergeant or any supervisor will ensure the traffic collision is investigated.

Vehicle Towing and Release

510.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy provides the procedures for towing a vehicle by or at the direction of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office. Nothing in this policy shall require the Department to tow a vehicle.

510.2 STORAGE AND IMPOUNDS
When circumstances permit, for example when towing a vehicle for parking or registration violations, the handling employee should, prior to having the vehicle towed, make a good faith effort to notify the owner of the vehicle that it is subject to removal. This may be accomplished by personal contact, telephone or by leaving a notice attached to the vehicle at least 24 hours prior to removal. If a vehicle presents a hazard, such as being abandoned on the roadway, it may be towed immediately.

The responsibilities of those employees towing, storing or impounding a vehicle are listed below.

510.2.1 VEHICLE STORAGE REPORT
Department members requesting towing, storage or impound of a vehicle shall complete CHP Form 180 and accurately record the mileage and a description of property within the vehicle (Vehicle Code § 22850). A copy of the storage report should to be given to the tow truck operator and the original shall be submitted to the Records Center as soon as practicable after the vehicle is stored.

510.2.2 REMOVAL FROM TRAFFIC COLLISION SCENES
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 rotational list of towing companies in the Communications Center.

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 the official towing garage for the County of Plumas County. The deputy will then store the vehicle using a CHP Form 180.

510.2.3 STORAGE 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 storing the arrestee's vehicle subject to the exceptions described below. The vehicle, however, shall be stored whenever it is needed for the furtherance of the investigation or prosecution of the case, or when the community caretaker doctrine would reasonably suggest that the vehicle should be stored (e.g., traffic hazard, high crime area).

The following are examples of situations where consideration should be given to leaving a vehicle at the scene in lieu of storing, provided the vehicle can be lawfully parked and left in a reasonably secured and safe condition:

- Traffic related warrant arrest.

- Situations where the vehicle was not used to further the offense for which the driver was arrested.
- Whenever the licensed owner of the vehicle is present, willing, and able to take control of any vehicle not involved in criminal activity.
- Whenever the vehicle otherwise does not need to be stored and the owner requests that it be left at the scene. In such cases the owner shall be informed that the Department will not be responsible for theft or damages.

510.2.4 IMPOUNDMENT AT SOBRIETY CHECKPOINTS
Whenever a driver is stopped at a sobriety checkpoint and the only violation is that the operator is driving without a valid driver's license, the deputy shall make a reasonable attempt to identify the registered owner of the vehicle (Vehicle Code § 2814.2). The deputy shall release the vehicle to the registered owner if the person is a licensed driver, or to another licensed driver authorized by the registered owner, provided the vehicle is claimed prior to the conclusion of the checkpoint operation.

If the vehicle is released at the checkpoint, the deputy shall list on his/her copy of the notice to appear the name and driver's license number of the person to whom the vehicle is released.
When a vehicle cannot be released at the checkpoint, it shall be towed (Vehicle Code § 22651(p)). When a vehicle is removed at the checkpoint, it shall be released during the normal business hours of the storage facility to the registered owner or his/her agent upon presentation of a valid driver's license and current vehicle registration.

510.2.5 DRIVING A NON-CITY VEHICLE
Vehicles which have been towed by or at the direction of the Department should not be driven by sheriff's personnel unless it is necessary to move a vehicle a short distance to eliminate a hazard, prevent the obstruction of a fire hydrant or to comply with posted signs.

510.2.6 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.

When there is no preferred company requested, the dispatcher shall call the next firm in rotation from the list of approved towing companies and shall make appropriate entries on that form to ensure the following firm is called on the next request.

510.2.7 RECORDS CENTER RESPONSIBILITY
Communications Center personnel shall promptly enter pertinent data from the completed storage form (CHP Form 180) into the Stolen Vehicle System and return the form to the Shift Sergeant for approval (Vehicle Code §22651.5(b); Vehicle Code §22851.3(b); Vehicle Code § 22854.5).

Within 48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays, of the storage of any such vehicle it shall be the responsibility of the Evidence Clerk to determine the names and addresses of any individuals having an interest in the vehicle through DMV or CLETS computers. Notice shall be sent to all such individuals by first-class mail (Vehicle Code § 22851.3(d); Vehicle Code § 22852(a); Vehicle Code § 14602.6(a)(2)). The notice shall include the following (Vehicle Code § 22852(b)):

(a) The name, address, and telephone number of this Department.

(b) The location of the place of storage and description of the vehicle, which shall include, if available, the name or make, the manufacturer, the license plate number, and the mileage.

(c) The authority and purpose for the removal of the vehicle.

(d) A statement that, in order to receive their post-storage hearing, the owners, or their agents, shall request the hearing in person, writing, or by telephone within 10 days of the date appearing on the notice.

510.3 TOWING SERVICES
The County of Plumas County periodically selects a firm to act as the official tow service and awards a contract to that firm. This firm will be used in the following situations:

(a) When it is necessary to safeguard a vehicle due to the inability of the owner or operator to take the required action.

(b) When a vehicle is being held as evidence in connection with an investigation.

(c) When it is otherwise necessary to store a motor vehicle. This would include situations involving the recovery of stolen or abandoned vehicles, and the removal from the streets of vehicles obstructing traffic in violation of state or local regulations.

510.4 VEHICLE INVENTORY
All property in a stored or impounded vehicle shall be inventoried and listed on the vehicle storage form. This includes the trunk and any compartments or containers, even if closed and/or locked. Members conducting inventory searches should be as thorough and accurate as practical in preparing an itemized inventory. 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.

510.5 SECURITY OF VEHICLES AND PROPERTY
Unless it would cause an unreasonable delay in the completion of a vehicle impound/storage or create an issue of officer safety, deputies should make reasonable accommodations to permit a driver/owner to retrieve small items of value or personal need (e.g., cash, jewelry, cell phone, prescriptions) which are not considered evidence or contraband.

If a search of a vehicle leaves the vehicle or any property contained therein vulnerable to unauthorized entry, theft or damage, personnel conducting the search shall take such steps as are reasonably necessary to secure and/or preserve the vehicle or property from such hazards.

510.6 RELEASE OF VEHICLE
The Department will maintain a listed, 24-hour telephone number to provide information regarding impoundment of vehicles and the right of the registered owner to request a storage hearing. Releases for towed vehicles will be made available during regular, non-emergency business hours (Vehicle Code § 14602.6).

(a) Vehicles removed pursuant to Vehicle Code § 22850 shall be released after proof of current registration is provided by the owner or the person in control of the vehicle

and after all applicable fees are paid (Vehicle Code § 22850.3 and Vehicle Code § 22850.5).

(b) Vehicles removed that require payment of parking fines or proof of valid driver's license shall only be released upon presentation of proof of compliance, proof of payment, completion of affidavit and payment of applicable fees related to the removal (Vehicle Code § 22651 et seq., Vehicle Code § 22652 et seq., Vehicle Code § 22850.3 and Vehicle Code § 22850.5).

(c) A vehicle removed pursuant to Vehicle Code § 14602.6(a) shall be released to the registered owner or his/her agent with proof of current registration, proof of a valid driver's license and applicable fees paid prior to the end of the 30-day impoundment period if the vehicle was stolen, if the driver reinstates his/her driver's license, if the driver acquires a license and proper insurance, or under other circumstances as set forth in Vehicle Code § 14602.6.

Personnel whose duties include releasing towed vehicles should consult the Vehicle Code under which the vehicle was towed or impounded for any specific requirements prior to release.
Employees who suspect that a vehicle was impounded in error should promptly advise a supervisor. Supervisors should approve, when appropriate, the release of the vehicle without requiring the registered owner or his/her agent to request a hearing, as described in the Vehicle Impound Hearings Policy.

Vehicle Impound Hearings

512.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy establishes a procedure for the requirement to provide vehicle storage or impound hearings pursuant to Vehicle Code § 22852.

512.2 STORED OR IMPOUND HEARING
When a vehicle is stored or impounded by any member of the Plumas 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 (Vehicle Code §§ 22650(a) and 22852(a)).

The hearing shall be conducted within 48 hours of the request, excluding weekends and holidays. The hearing officer must be a person other than the person who directed the storage or impound of the vehicle (Vehicle Code § 22852(c)).

512.2.1 HEARING PROCEDURES
The vehicle storage hearing is an informal process to evaluate the validity of an order to store or impound a vehicle. The employee who caused the storage or removal of the vehicle does not need to be present for this hearing.

All requests for a hearing on a stored or impounded vehicle shall be submitted in person, in writing or by telephone within 10 days of the date appearing on the notice (Vehicle Code § 22852(d)). The Patrol Sergeant will generally serve as the hearing officer. The person requesting the hearing may record the hearing at his/her own expense.

The failure of either the registered or legal owner or interested person or his/her agent to request a hearing in a timely manner or to attend a scheduled hearing shall be considered a waiver of and satisfaction of the post-storage hearing requirement (Vehicle Code §§ 22851.3(e)(2) and 22852(d)).

Any relevant evidence may be submitted and reviewed by the hearing officer to determine if reasonable grounds have been established for the storage or impound of the vehicle. The initial burden of proof established by a preponderance of the evidence that the storage/impound was based on probable cause rests with the Department.

After consideration of all information, the hearing officer shall determine the validity of the storage or impound of the vehicle in question and then render a decision. The hearing officer shall also consider any mitigating circumstances attendant to the storage that reasonably would warrant the release of the vehicle or a modification or reduction of the period the vehicle is impounded (Vehicle Code §§14602.6(b) and 14602.8(b)).

Aside from those mitigating circumstances enumerated in the Vehicle Code, the registered owner's lack of actual knowledge that the driver to whom the vehicle was loaned was not validly licensed may constitute a mitigating circumstance under Vehicle Code §§14602.6(b) or 14608(b), warranting release of the vehicle. This mitigating circumstance exception is not limited to situations where the owner made a reasonable inquiry as to the licensed status of the driver before lending the vehicle.

Vehicle Impound Hearings

The legislative intent and this department's policy is to prevent unlicensed driving pursuant to Vehicle Code §14602.6. If this purpose is not furthered by the continued impoundment of a vehicle, release is most often appropriate.

(a) If a decision is made that reasonable grounds for storage or impound have been established, the hearing officer shall advise the inquiring party of the decision and that the inquiring party may pursue further civil remedies if desired.

1. If mitigating circumstances are found to be relevant, the hearing officer shall make reasonable adjustments to the impound period, storage or assessment of fees as warranted.

(b) If a decision is made that reasonable grounds for storage or impound have not been established or sufficient mitigating circumstances exist, the vehicle in storage shall be released immediately. Towing and storage fees will be paid at the Department's expense (Vehicle Code § 22852(e)).

(c) If a decision is made that reasonable grounds for storage have not been established or sufficient mitigating circumstances exist, and the vehicle has been released with fees having been paid, the receipt for such fees will be forwarded with a letter to the appropriate Operations Assistant Sheriff. The hearing officer will recommend to the appropriate Operations Assistant Sheriff that the fees paid by the registered or legal owner of the vehicle in question or their agent be reimbursed by the Department.

Impaired Driving and Evidence Collection

514.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy explains the procedures to be followed while collecting evidence to establish the blood alcohol level of drivers arrested for driving while intoxicated and unconscious drivers who are suspected of driving while intoxicated.

514.2 CHEMICAL TESTING
When a person is arrested for driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, the arresting deputy will advise the person that he/she has a choice of whether the chemical test shall be of the breath or blood (Vehicle Code § 23612 (a)(2)(A)). When a person is arrested for driving under the influence of any drug or the combined influence of an alcoholic beverage and any drug, the arresting deputy will advise the person that he/she has a choice of whether the test shall be of the blood, breath or urine (Vehicle Code § 23612 (a)(2)(B)).

If the person chooses to submit to a breath test, the deputy should also require the person to submit to a blood or urine test if the deputy has a clear indication that a blood or urine test will reveal evidence of any drug or the combined influence of an alcoholic beverage and any drug (Vehicle Code § 23612(a)(2)(C)).

Any person who is unable to submit to a chemical test due to any of the following conditions shall not be considered as refusing to comply with the provisions of Vehicle Code § 23612:

- The Department is unable to furnish a selected test.
- There are verifiable medical reasons for noncompliance.
- An attending physician refuses to allow it.

514.2.1 COLLECTING BLOOD EVIDENCE
Only a certified phlebotomy technician, licensed physician, nurse or other individual authorized by Vehicle Code § 23158(a) may withdraw a blood sample. Whether such evidence is collected at the Department or other location, the withdrawal of the blood sample shall be witnessed by the assigned deputy.

When a person cannot submit to a blood test because he/she is a hemophiliac or is using an anticoagulant under the direction of a physician for a heart condition, he or she shall not be required to take a blood test (Vehicle Code § 23612(b) and (c)).

All blood samples shall be booked into evidence for later transfer to the crime laboratory for analysis.

514.2.2 COLLECTING BREATH AS EVIDENCE
If the arrested person chooses a breath test and it can be accomplished without undue delay, the arrested person shall first be transported to the jail for breath testing preparatory to booking. At the jail, an deputy trained in the use of the alcohol breath machine will record the blood alcohol level by obtaining samples of the person's breath.

When the arrested person chooses a breath test the handling deputy shall advise the person that the breath-testing equipment does not retain a sample, and the person may, if desired, provide a blood or urine specimen which will be retained to facilitate subsequent verification testing (Vehicle Code § 23614).

514.2.3 COLLECTING URINE AS EVIDENCE
If the arrested person chooses a urine test, as permitted by law, he/she shall be promptly transported to the jail. Urine evidence collection kits are maintained in the jail. The deputy shall follow the directions listed on the instruction sheet accompanying the urine evidence collection kit. If the arrested person's urine is necessarily collected elsewhere, the procedure will remain the same.

Urine samples shall be collected and/or witnessed by a deputy or correctional officer of the same gender as the person giving the sample. The person tested shall be given such privacy in the taking of the urine specimen as will ensure the accuracy of the specimen and, at the same time, maintain the dignity of the individual involved (Vehicle Code § 23158(i)).

The urine evidence collection kit shall be marked with the arrestee's name, offense, department, case number and the name of the witnessing deputy. The urine evidence collection kit shall then be placed in the mail for transportation to the crime laboratory.

514.2.4 TESTING OF CONSCIOUS PERSON AT A HOSPITAL
Most blood, breath and urine tests will be administered at the jail. However, if a timely breath or urine test cannot be administered because the person is transported to a medical facility where such tests cannot be facilitated, the person shall be advised that a blood test will be the only choice available and a blood sample may be taken at the medical facility (Vehicle Code § 23612(a)(3)).

Based on probable cause, the deputy should place the conscious person under arrest in the presence of a witnessing deputy or medical personnel and advise the attending physician of the intention to collect a sample of the person's blood. Unless the attending physician objects for medical reasons a blood sample will be collected in the prescribed manner.

514.2.5 TESTING OF UNCONSCIOUS PERSON AT A HOSPITAL
When a person is suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and the person is unconscious or in a condition rendering him or her incapable of refusal, that person is deemed not to have withdrawn his or her consent and a blood test may be ordered by the arresting deputy. The deputy shall advise the attending physician of the intention to collect a sample of the person's blood as evidence. If the physician does not object based on medical reasons, the blood will be collected in the prescribed manner.

A person who is dead is deemed not to have withdrawn his or her consent and a test or tests may be administered. In such cases the handling deputy should coordinate with the Coroner's Office to ensure that a viable test will be obtained (Vehicle Code § 23612(a)(5)).

514.2.6 EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES DOCTRINE
Under the exigent circumstances doctrine, the level of influence of an intoxicant can be important evidence. Since it is not of a permanent nature, it will be lost if not seized immediately. The above sections will generally come within the guidelines of the exigent circumstances doctrine.

514.3 REFUSAL OR FAILURE TO TEST

If a person who has been arrested for a violation of Vehicle Code § 23140; Vehicle Code § 23152; Vehicle Code§ 23153, after having been advised of his/her rights per Vehicle Code § 23612, refuses or fails through statements or actions to complete a chemical test, the handling deputy shall serve the notice of order of suspension on behalf of the Department of Motor Vehicles and confiscate all California driver's licenses in the person's possession (Vehicle Code § 23612(e); Vehicle Code § 23612(f)).

Blood may be taken by force in any felony or in a misdemeanor impaired driver investigation when the person refuses to take a chemical test. If the person makes a timely and reasonable request to undergo a different and viable form of testing, such request shall be considered. Blood may only be taken by force when the following circumstances have been met:

(a) The person must be in custody and the deputy must have reason to believe the person is intoxicated.

(b) The person's alternative choice, if selected, is either run available or not a viable test for the nature of the suspected intoxication (e.g., breath is not a viable test for suspected drug influence).

(c) The blood is taken in a medically approved manner.

(d) Only reasonable force may be used to restrain the arrestee.

A supervisor shall be present whenever blood is forcibly extracted from a person who is uncooperative and has refused a chemical test. The amount of force used to accomplish the collection of this evidence will be controlled by that supervisor, keeping in mind the seriousness of the suspected offense and the factors used to determine the reasonableness of force in accordance with the Use of Force Policy. In misdemeanor cases, force will generally be limited to handcuffing or similar restraint methods during the withdrawal of blood.

The amount of force and methods used to accomplish the blood sample draw shall be detailed in the related report.

Traffic Citations

516.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy outlines the responsibility for traffic citations, the procedure for dismissal, correction, and voiding of traffic citations.

516.2 RESPONSIBILITIES
The Patrol Sergeant shall be responsible for the development and design of all Department traffic citations in compliance with state law and the Judicial Council.

The Records Center shall be responsible for the supply and accounting of all traffic citations issued to employees of this department.

516.3 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 (Vehicle Code § 40500(d)). Any request from a recipient to dismiss a citation shall be referred to the Operations Assistant Sheriff. Upon a review of the circumstances involving the issuance of the traffic citation, the Operations Assistant Sheriff may 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. Upon dismissal of the traffic citation by the court, the deputy shall notify his/her immediate supervisor of the circumstances surrounding the dismissal and shall complete any paperwork as directed or required. The citation dismissal shall then be forwarded to the Operations Assistant Sheriff for review.

516.4 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. All copies of the citation shall be presented to a supervisor to approve the voiding of the citation. The citation and copies shall then be forwarded to the Operations Assistant Sheriff.

516.5 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 his/her immediate supervisor. The citation and letter shall then be forwarded to the Operations Assistant Sheriff. The Operations Assistant Sheriff shall review/forward the letter of correction to the court having jurisdiction and to the recipient of the citation.

516.6 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 Center.

Upon separation from employment with the this department, all employees issued traffic citations books shall return any unused citations to the Records Center.

516.7 NOTICE OF PARKING VIOLATION APPEAL PROCEDURE
Disposition of notice of parking violation appeals is conducted pursuant to Vehicle Code § 40215.

516.7.1 APPEAL STAGES
Appeals may be pursued sequentially at three different levels:

(a) Administrative reviews are conducted by the Operations Assistant Sheriff who will review written/documentary data. Requests for administrative reviews are available at the front desk of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office. These requests are informal written statements outlining why the notice of parking violation should be dismissed. Copies of documentation relating to the notice of parking violation and the request for dismissal must be mailed to the current mailing address of the processing agency.

(b) If the appellant wishes to pursue the matter beyond administrative review, an administrative hearing may be conducted in person or by written application, at the election of the appellant. Independent referees review the existent administrative file, amendments, and/or testimonial material provided by the appellant and may conduct further investigation or follow-up on their own.

(c) If the appellant wishes to pursue the matter beyond an administrative hearing, a Superior Court review may be presented in person by the appellant after an application for review and designated filing fees have been paid to The Superior Court of California.

516.7.2 TIME REQUIREMENTS
Administrative review or appearance before a hearing examiner will not be provided if the mandated time limits are not adhered to by the violator.

(a) Requests for an administrative review must be postmarked within 21 calendar days of issuance of the notice of parking violation, or within 14 calendar days of the mailing of the Notice of Delinquent Parking (Violation Vehicle Code § 40215(a)).

(b) Requests for administrative hearings must be made no later than 21 calendar days following the notification mailing of the results of the administrative review (Vehicle Code § 40215(b)).

(c) An administrative hearing shall be held within 90 calendar days following the receipt of a request for an administrative hearing, excluding time tolled pursuant to Vehicle Code § 40200 -40225. The person requesting the hearing may request one continuance, not to exceed 21 calendar days (Vehicle Code § 40215).

(d) Registered owners of vehicles may transfer responsibility for the violation via timely affidavit of non-liability when the vehicle has been transferred, rented or under certain other circumstances (Vehicle Code § 40209 and Vehicle Code § 40210).

516.7.3 COSTS

(a) There is no cost for an administrative review.

(b) Appellants must pay the full amount due for the citation, or provide satisfactory proof of their inability to pay, before receiving an administrative hearing.

(c) An appeal through Superior Court requires prior payment of filing costs including applicable court charges and fees. These costs will be reimbursed to the appellant in addition to any previously paid fines if appellant's liability is overruled by the Superior Court.

516.8 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.

Disabled Vehicles

520.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
Vehicle Code § 20018 provides that all law enforcement agencies having responsibility for traffic enforcement may develop and adopt a written policy to provide assistance to motorists in disabled vehicles within their primary jurisdiction.

520.2 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 or CHP to respond for assistance as soon as practical.

520.3 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.

520.3.1 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.

520.4 PUBLIC ACCESS TO THIS POLICY
This written policy is available upon request.

72-Hour Parking Violations

524.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy provides procedures for the marking, recording, and storage of vehicles parked in violation of the Plumas County Ordinance regulating 72-hour parking violations and abandoned vehicles under the authority of Vehicle Code §§ 22652.6 and 22669.

524.2 MARKING VEHICLES
Vehicles suspected of being in violation of the County of Plumas County 72-Hour Parking Ordinance shall be marked and noted on the Plumas County Sheriff's Office Marked Vehicle Card. A case number is required at this time.

A visible chalk mark should be placed on the left rear tire tread at the fender level unless missing tires or other vehicle conditions prevent marking. Any deviation in markings shall be noted on the Marked Vehicle Card. The investigating employee should make a good faith effort to notify the owner of any vehicle subject to towing prior to having the vehicle removed. This may be accomplished by personal contact, telephone or by leaving notice attached to the vehicle at least 24 hours prior to removal.

All Marked Vehicle Cards shall be submitted to the Dispatch Center for computer data entry.

If a marked vehicle has been moved or the markings have been removed during a 72-hour investigation period, the vehicle shall be marked again for the 72-hour parking violation and a Marked Vehicle Card completed and forwarded to the Operations Assistant Sheriff.

Parking citations for the 72-hour parking ordinance shall not be issued when the vehicle is stored for the 72-hour parking violation.

524.2.1 MARKED VEHICLE FILE
The records center shall be responsible for maintaining a file for all Marked Vehicle Cards.
Deputies shall be responsible for the follow up investigation of all 72-hour parking violations noted on the Marked Vehicle Cards.

524.2.2 VEHICLE STORAGE
Any vehicle in violation shall be stored by the authorized towing service and a vehicle storage report (CHP form 180) shall be completed by the deputy authorizing the storage of the vehicle.

The storage report form shall be submitted to the Records Center immediately following the storage of the vehicle. It shall be the responsibility of the Dispatch Center to immediately notify the Stolen Vehicle System (SVS) of the Department of Justice in Sacramento (Vehicle Code § 22851.3(b)). Notification may also be made to the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS)(Vehicle Code § 22854.5).

Within 48 hours of the storage of any such vehicle, excluding weekends and holidays, it shall be the responsibility of the Dispatch Center to determine the names and addresses of any individuals having an interest in the vehicle through DMV or CLETS computers. Notice to all such individuals shall be sent first-class or certified mail by the issuing deputy pursuant to Vehicle Code § 22851.3(d).

Administrative Per Se Law (APS)

526.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy provides for the immediate suspension of California driver's licenses in certain Driving Under the Influence (DUI) cases and in Zero Tolerance incidents. Vehicle Code §§ 13382 (a) and (b), and 13388 (b) require that peace officers immediately suspend driving privileges in certain situations involving arrests for Vehicle Code §§23152and 23153. This policy also describes the policy dealing with Zero Tolerance laws.

526.2 SUSPENSION OF CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSES
The driver's license of a person suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol, shall immediately be suspended under any of the following circumstances:

(a) The arrestee refuses to submit to a chemical test

(b) The arrestee fails to complete the selected test

(c) The arrestee declines a breath test and demands a blood or urine test, and, the arresting deputy has reasonable cause to believe that the arrestee's Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) will exceed the .08-percent level

(d) The arrestee completes the breath tests which show a BAC of .08-percent or higher

526.2.1 ZERO TOLERANCE LAW
Vehicle Code §§ 23136 & 23140 were enacted to reduce alcohol related incidents by persons under the age of 21-years. A person under 21-years years of age may have his or her license suspended under the following circumstances:
(a) When suspected of consuming alcohol and refusing a PAS test

(b) Who has a blood-alcohol level of .01-percent or greater

Zero Tolerance requires a Preliminary Alcohol Screening (PAS) device as the primary test. If the device is not available, one of the other chemical tests must be completed. Under Zero Tolerance, only the PAS device result is required. If, based on the PAS results, the driver's blood alcohol reading warrants arrest and further chemical testing, the Department of Motor Vehicles does not require completion of the chemical test section of the DS367m form. Once the PAS certification is complete, the Zero Tolerance requirement has been met.

526.3 PEACE OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITY
In any of the above situations, the peace officer, acting on behalf of the Department of Motor Vehicles, shall do the following:
(a) Confiscate any California driver's license(s) in the possession of the driver. If the subject has an Admin Per Se (APS) temporary license document, do not confiscate.

(b) Complete and serve the Administrative Per Se Order of Suspension (DMV form DS367, DS367m or DS367s -Officer's Statement and Order of Suspension), 4th page on the driver, regardless of license status.

(c) The deputy will inform the driver that the "Administrative Per Se Order of Suspension", form DS367, DS367m or DS367s 'along with his/her violator's notice to appear (except Zero Tolerance) or other release from custody document, will serve as the driver's temporary license. If the driver's privilege to drive is suspended or revoked, the

order will not be a valid temporary license. If the subject presents an Admin Per Se suspension order/temporary license, do not confiscate the order but do issue another order pursuant to the current DUI arrest.

526.4 DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES NOTIFICATION
The following specified items must be forwarded to the Department of Motor Vehicles within five regular business days:

(a) Officer's Statement form DS367 or DS367m (Minor) or DS367s (Spanish)

(b) Order of suspension (form DS367, DS367m or DS367s, pages 2 and 3)

(c) Copy of the printout of the breath test (if taken)

(d) Traffic collision report if applicable

(e) The offender's driver's license

526.5 PROCESSING OF FORMS
In order to ensure that the Department of Motor Vehicles and Sheriff's Department forms are routed properly, the following responsibilities are identified:

526.5.1 SUPERVISORY APPROVAL
The Shift Sergeant, or the supervisor responsible for approving reports, shall collect the documents described in Policy Manual § 526.4, review for completeness (dates, times, signatures, etc.) and forward the originals of the documents to the Operations Assistant Sheriff.

526.5.2 RECORDS DIVISION RESPONSIBILITY
The Records Division is responsible for the following:

(a) Copies of documents required by DMV are to be made for the department files and the originals are then to be forwarded to the Department of Motor Vehicles;

(b) Providing a copy of DMV form DS367, DS367m or DS367s to the case file

(c) One copy of the Forensic Alcohol Examination Report shall be attached to the second copy of form DS367, which shall then be forwarded to the case file

If the Department of Motor Vehicles should return form DS367, DS367m or DS367s for corrections, the Operations Assistant Sheriff must notify the deputy who made the arrest of the needed corrections. The deputy shall make the corrections by lining out the incorrect information with a single line and initialing above the corrected area, including the date the correction was made. White out and strikeouts are not acceptable forms of correction. The form(s) shall then be returned to the Operations Assistant Sheriff to be returned to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

526.5.3 DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITY
It is the responsibility of the Deputy to promptly deliver physiological specimens to the designated crime lab as soon as possible after receipt to ensure that the above time requirements are met.

Chapter 6 -Investigation Operations

Investigation and Prosecution

600.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
When assigned to a case for initial or follow-up investigation, detectives shall proceed with due diligence in evaluating and preparing the case for appropriate clearance or presentation to a prosecutor for filing of criminal charges.

600.2 MODIFICATION OF CHARGES FILED
Employees are not authorized to recommend to the District Attorney, County Counsel, or to any other official of the court that charges on a pending case be altered or the case dismissed. In all cases resulting in court prosecution, any request to modify the charges filed or to recommend dismissal of charges in a pending case shall be made to the District Attorney's Office or County Counsel's Office only as authorized by an Assistant Sheriff or the Sheriff.

600.3 CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION REQUIREMENTS
Any custodial interrogation of a person who is suspected of having committed any violent felony offense should be electronically recorded (audio/video or both as available) in its entirety as otherwise allowed by law. Regardless of where the interrogation occurs, every reasonable effort should be made to secure functional recording equipment to accomplish such recordings.

Deputies should also consider electronically recording a custodial interrogation, or any investigative interview, for any other offense when the deputy reasonably believes it would be appropriate and beneficial to the investigation and is otherwise allowed by law.

No recording of an interrogation should be destroyed or altered without written authorization from the District Attorney and the Patrol/Investigation supervisor. Copies of recorded interrogations or interviews may be made in the same or different format provided they are true, accurate and complete copies and are made only for authorized and legitimate law enforcement purposes.

Deputies should not allow the recording to take the place of a thorough report and investigative interviews and should continue to obtain written statements from suspects when applicable.

600.4 POTENTIALLY EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE OR FACTS
Deputies must include in their reports adequate reference to all material evidence and facts which are reasonably believed to be exculpatory to any individual in the case. If a deputy learns of potentially exculpatory information any time after submission of the case, the deputy must notify the prosecutor as soon as practicable.

Evidence or facts are considered material if there is a reasonable probability that they may impact the result 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 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.

Sexual Assault Victims' DNA Rights

602.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Consistent with Penal Code § 293 and the Sexual Assault Victims' DNA Bill of Rights (Penal Code § 680), this policy will establish a procedure by which sexual assault victims may inquire about and be provided with information regarding the status of any DNA evidence in their case, their right to confidentiality and other rights afforded by law.

602.2 INVESTIGATION CONSIDERATIONS

602.2.1 VICTIM CONFIDENTIALITY

Deputies investigating or receiving a report of an alleged sex offense shall inform the victim, or the victim's parent or guardian if the victim is a minor, that his/her name will become a matter of public record unless the victim requests that his/her name not be made public. The reporting deputy shall document in his/her report that the victim was properly informed and shall include any related response made by the victim, or if a minor, any response made by the victim's parent or guardian (Penal Code 293 § (a) and (b)).

(a) Except as authorized by law, members of this department shall not publicly disclose the name or address of any victim of a sex crime who has exercised his/her right to confidentiality (Penal Code § 293 (c) and (d)).

602.2.2 OFFICER RESPONSIBILITY

Whenever there is an alleged violation of Penal Code §§ 243(e), 261, 261.5, 262, 273.5, 286, 288a or 289, the assigned deputy shall accomplish the following:

(a) Immediately provide the victim with the "Victims of Domestic Violence" card containing the names and locations of rape victim counseling centers within the county and their 24-hour counseling service telephone numbers (Penal Code § 264.2(a)).

(b) If the victim is transported to a hospital for any medical evidentiary or physical examination, the officer shall immediately cause the local rape victim counseling center to be notified (Penal Code § 264.2(b)(1)).

1. Prior to any such examination the assigned deputy shall ensure that the victim has been properly informed of his/her right to have a sexual assault victim counselor and at least one other support person present (Penal Code § 264.2(b)(2)).
2. A support person may be excluded from the examination by the deputy or the medical provider if his/her presence would be detrimental to the purpose of the examination (Penal Code § 264.2(b)(4)).

602.3 TESTING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE

(a) Subject to available resources and other law enforcement considerations which may affect the ability to process and analyze rape kits or other sexual assault victim evidence and other crime scene evidence, any member of this department assigned to investigate a sexual assault offense (Penal Code §§ 261, 261.5, 262, 286, 288a or 289) should take every reasonable step to ensure that DNA testing of such evidence is performed in a timely manner and within the time periods prescribed by Penal Code § 803(g).

(b) In order to maximize the effectiveness of such testing and identifying the perpetrator of any sexual assault, the assigned deputy should further ensure that the results of any such test have been timely entered into and checked against both the Department of Justice Cal-DNA database and the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

(c) If, for any reason, DNA evidence in a sexual assault case in which the identity of the perpetrator is in issue is not going to be analyzed within two years of the crime, the assigned deputy shall notify the victim of such fact in writing within no less than 60 days prior to the expiration of the two-year period (Penal Code § 680(d)).

602.4 VICTIM NOTIFICATION OF DNA STATUS

(a) Upon receipt of a written request from a sexual assault victim or the victim's authorized designee, the assigned deputy may inform the victim of the status of the DNA testing of any evidence from the victim's case.

1. Although such information may be communicated orally, the assigned deputy should thereafter follow-up with and retain a copy of confirmation by either written or electronic mail.
2. Absent a written request, no member of this department is required to, but may, communicate with the victim or victim's designee regarding the status of any DNA testing.

(b) Subject to the commitment of sufficient resources to respond to requests for information, sexual assault victims shall further have the following rights:

1. To be informed whether or not a DNA profile of the assailant was obtained from the testing of the rape kit or other crime scene evidence from their case.
2. To be informed whether or not there is a match between the DNA profile of the assailant developed from the evidence and a DNA profile contained in the Department of Justice Convicted Offender DNA Database, providing that disclosure would not impede or compromise an ongoing investigation.
3. To be informed whether or not the DNA profile of the assailant developed from the evidence has been entered into the Department of Justice Data Bank of case evidence.

(c) Provided that the sexual assault victim or victim's designee has kept the assigned deputy informed with regard to current address, telephone number and e-mail address (if available), any victim or victim's designee shall, upon request, be advised of any known significant changes regarding the victim's case.

1. Although such information may be communicated orally, the assigned deputy should thereafter follow-up with and retain a copy of confirmation by either written or electronic mail.
2. No deputy shall be required to or expected to release any information which might impede or compromise any ongoing investigation.

602.5 DESTRUCTION OF EVIDENCE

Any destruction of evidence related to a sexual assault shall occur only after victim notification is made as required pursuant to Penal Code § 680 and only in compliance with the Property and Evidence Policy.

Asset Forfeiture Policy

606.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy describes the authority and procedure for the seizure and liquidation of assets associated with specified controlled substances. This policy applies to forfeited or seized assets in the form of currency, real estate, automobiles, boats, aircraft, or any other items of value.

606.2 ASSET SEIZURE AUTHORITY
Health & Safety Code § 11470 provides for the forfeiture of any currency, and real and/or personal property, which represents proceeds or was used to facilitate narcotic activity in violation of the Health & Safety Code. The offense(s) must involve the manufacturing, distribution, transportation for sale, sales, possession for sale, offer for sale, offer to manufacture, or the conspiracy to commit certain Health & Safety Code violations.

Health & Safety Code § 11488(a) specifies that any peace officer having probable cause, may seize all moneys, negotiable instruments, securities, vehicles, boats, airplanes or other things of value which are forfeitable pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 11470 (e) or (f).

606.3 ASSET FORFEITURE PROCEDURE
Before seizing any currency, vehicle, or personal property pursuant to Health & Safety Code §11470, a patrol deputy should contact the investigations unit. The following guidelines will be observed:

(a) The seizing deputy or the detective will serve all persons with Notice of Seizure and Intended Forfeiture forms which includes an attached County of Origin Claim form Opposing Forfeiture, and a forfeiture receipt. Disclaimers (English/Spanish) will be completed on all persons disclaiming ownership of currency, vehicle, or property seized

(b) When someone has made notification other than a detective, a copy of all reports and all applicable asset forfeiture paperwork must be forwarded to the Investigations Sergeant, for review

(c) Interview all persons involved concerning their possession of the seized assets, financial situation, employment, income, and other resources. The interviewing investigator/deputy shall ensure that Miranda warnings are given and waivers obtained before interviewing any person that is in custody.

(d) Attempt to promptly determine all lienholders or all persons who may have a legal interest in the seized currency, vehicle or property for further contact, investigation and notification

(e) The seizure of assets subject to forfeiture is a civil proceeding filed through the county of origin, Office of the District Attorney.

606.3.1 SEIZED PROPERTY
Property seized subject to forfeiture will be inventoried and booked into Property. The property will be checked through the Automated Property System to determine if the property has been stolen.

The property will be booked as evidence, with the notation in the comment section of the property form, "Seized Subject to Forfeiture."

606.3.2 SEIZED CURRENCY
Currency seized subject to forfeiture will be counted by the seizing deputy and witnessed by another deputy. The currency will be placed in a money envelope with the denomination of the currency, totals of each denomination and total amount of currency enclosed noted on the money envelope. The deputy counting and witnessing deputy verifying money will initial and sign the envelope when sealed. If the currency will not fit into a standard money envelope, place the currency in a larger envelope or bag, sealing and affixing a completed money envelope to the outside of the larger envelope or bag which contains the currency.

Currency seized will be given to and retained by the Evidence Clerk, for deposit into the Asset Forfeiture Account. If there is a need to book the currency into evidence/property, the currency will be booked on a single property form notating "subject to asset forfeiture" in the comments section of the property form. The seizing deputy shall notify the Investigations Sergeant and/or Evidence Clerk of the booked currency and the circumstances of the seizure as soon as possible.

606.3.3 SEIZED VEHICLES
Vehicles seized subject to forfeiture will be taken to a designated secure storage facility. A seized vehicle should not be impounded. The deputy seizing the vehicle shall notify the detective supervisor of the seizure of the vehicle and circumstances of the seizure as soon as possible.

If the vehicle cannot be driven, a tow truck will be used to tow the vehicle to the storage facility.
Personal property located in a seized vehicle shall be removed and booked into Property as either evidence or for safekeeping.

606.4 ASSET FORFEITURE LOG
A computerized inventory of all asset forfeiture cases shall be kept in the Investigation Unit. The inventory shall include the following:

- Case number
- Date of seizure
- Value
- Type of seizure (federal or state)
- Status of the seizure

Information maintained on the log will be provided to the Sheriff or authorized staff, as requested.

606.5 PROCEEDS FROM FORFEITURE
Equitable shares received from seized assets shall be maintained in separate funds and shall be subject to accounting controls and annual financial audits.

Confidential Informants

608.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
In many instances, a successful investigation cannot be conducted without the use of confidential informants. To protect the integrity of the Plumas 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.

608.2 INFORMANT FILE SYSTEM
The Investigations Supervisor or his/her designee shall be responsible for maintaining informant files. A separate file shall be maintained on each confidential informant.

608.2.1 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) Informant's name and/or aliases

(b) Date of birth

(c) Physical description: 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

(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

(l) Update on active or inactive status of informant

The informant files shall be maintained in a secure area within the Investigations. 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, a Undersheriff, the Investigations Supervisor, or their designees.

608.3 USE OF INFORMANTS
Before using an individual as a confidential informant, a deputy must receive approval from the Investigations Supervisor. 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.

608.3.1 JUVENILE INFORMANTS
The use of juvenile informants under the age of 13-years is prohibited. Except as provided for in the enforcement of the Tobacco Enforcement Act, Business & Professions Code §§ 22950, et seq., the use of any juvenile informant between the ages of 13 and 18-years is only authorized by court order obtained pursuant to Penal Code § 701.5.

For purposes of this policy, a "juvenile informant" means any juvenile who participates, on behalf of this department, in a prearranged transaction or series of prearranged transactions with direct face-to-face contact with any party, when the juvenile's participation in the transaction is for the purpose of obtaining or attempting to obtain evidence of illegal activity by a third party and where the juvenile is participating in the transaction for the purpose of reducing or dismissing a pending juvenile petition against the juvenile.

608.4 GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
All confidential informants are required to sign and abide by the provisions of the departmental Informant Agreement. The deputy/investigator 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.

608.4.1 RELATIONSHIPS WITH CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
No member of the Plumas 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 Plumas 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

(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 Plumas 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 Investigations supervisor

(g) Deputies shall not meet with informants of the opposite sex in a private place unless accompanied by at least one additional deputy or with prior approval of the Investigations Supervisor. Deputies may meet informants of the opposite sex alone in an occupied public place such as a restaurant. When contacting informants of either sex for the purpose of making payments deputies shall arrange for the presence of another deputy, whenever possible

(h) In all instances when department funds are paid to informants, a voucher shall be completed in advance, itemizing the expenses

608.5 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.

608.5.1 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.

The Investigations Supervisor will discuss the above factors with the Operations Assistant Sheriff and arrive at a recommended level of payment that will be subject to the approval of the Sheriff. The amount of payment will be based on a percentage of the current market price for the drugs or other contraband being sought.

608.5.2 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. (Without prior approval from the Sheriff).

(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 not to exceed a maximum of $150,000.

(b) A confidential informant may receive a cash amount for each quantity of drugs seized whether or not assets are also seized, not to exceed a maximum of $30,000.

608.5.3 PAYMENT PROCESS
Payments of $500 and under may be paid in cash out of the Investigations Buy/Expense Fund. The Investigations Supervisor, Investigator and Informant will be required to sign the voucher for amounts under $500. Payments over $500 shall be initiated by check payable to the Investigation's Supervisor upon approval from the Sheriff or Operations Assistant Sheriff. The Sheriff, Operations Assistant Sheriff, Investigations Supervisor and informant will be required to sign the voucher.

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 Plumas County Sheriff's Office case number shall be recorded on the cash transfer form. The form will be kept in the confidential informant's file.

If the payment amount exceeds $500.00, 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.

608.5.4 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 confidential informant shall be 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.

Eyewitness Identification

610.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy sets forth guidelines to be used when members of this department employ eyewitness identification techniques.

610.1.1 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.

610.2 POLICY
This department 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.

610.3 INTERPRETIVE SERVICES
Deputies 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 deputy 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.

610.4 EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION FORM
The Investigation 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 and any related forms or reports should provide:

(a) The date, time and location of the eyewitness identification procedure.

(b) The name and identifying information of the witness.

(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 admonishment that the suspect's photograph may or may not be among those presented and that the witness is not obligated to make an identification.

(f) An admonishment to the witness that the investigation will continue regardless of whether an identification is made by the witness.

(g) A signature line where the witness acknowledges that he/she understands the identification procedures and instructions.

The process and related forms should be reviewed at least annually and modified when necessary.

610.5 EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION

Deputies 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. Deputies 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.

Each witness should be admonished that he/she is not required to make an identification of any person shown during an eyewitness identification process.

Whenever feasible, the eyewitness identification procedure should be audio and/or video recorded and the recording should be retained according to current evidence procedures.

610.5.1 PHOTOGRAPHIC LINEUP AND LIVE LINEUP CONSIDERATIONS

When practicable, the person composing the lineup and the person presenting the lineup should not be directly involved in the investigation of the case. When this is not possible, the member presenting the lineup must take the utmost care not to communicate the identity of the suspect in any way.

When practicable, the employee presenting a lineup to a witness should not know which photograph or person is the suspect.

Other persons or photos used in any lineup should bear similar characteristics to the suspect to avoid causing him/her 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 employee presenting the lineup to a witness should do so sequentially and not simultaneously (i.e., show the witness one person at a time). The witness should view all persons in the lineup.

The order of the suspect or the photos and fillers should be randomized before being presented to each witness.

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 deputy should contact the appropriate prosecuting attorney before proceeding.

610.5.2 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 deputy 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, deputies should bring the witness to the location of the suspect, rather than bring the suspect to the witness.

(e) A person 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 suspects one at a time.

(g) A person in a field identification 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 an individual as the perpetrator, deputies should not conduct any further field identifications with other witnesses for that suspect. In such instances deputies should document the contact information for any additional witnesses for follow up, if necessary.

610.6 DOCUMENTATION
A thorough description of the eyewitness process and the results of any eyewitness identification should be documented in the case report. Witness comments of how certain he/she is of the identification or non-identification should be quoted in the 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.

Chapter 7 -Equipment

Department Owned and Personal Property

700.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
Department employees are expected to properly care for department property assigned or entrusted to them. Employees may also suffer occasional loss or damage to personal or department property while performing their assigned duty. Certain procedures are required depending on the loss and ownership of the item.

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.

700.3 FILING CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY
Claims for reimbursement for damage or loss of personal property must be made on the proper form. This form is submitted to the employee's immediate supervisor. The supervisor may require a separate written report of the loss or damage.

The supervisor shall direct a memo to the appropriate Assistant Sheriff, which shall include the results of his/her investigation and whether the employee followed proper procedures. The supervisor's report shall address whether reasonable care was taken to prevent the loss or damage.

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 Finance Department.

The Department will not replace or repair luxurious or overly expensive items (jewelry, exotic equipment, etc.) that are not reasonably required as a part of work.

700.3.1 REPORTING REQUIREMENT
A verbal report shall be made to the employee's immediate supervisor as soon as circumstances permit.

A written report shall be submitted before the employee goes off duty or within the time frame directed by the supervisor to whom the verbal report is made.

700.4 LOSS OR DAMAGE OF PROPERTY OF ANOTHER
Deputies and other employees intentionally or unintentionally may cause damage to the real or personal property of another while performing their duties. Any employee who damages or causes to be damaged any real or personal property of another while performing any law enforcement functions, regardless of jurisdiction, shall report it as provided below.

(a) A verbal report shall be made to the employee's immediate supervisor as soon as circumstances permit.

(b) A written report shall be submitted before the employee goes off duty or within the time frame directed by the supervisor to whom the verbal report is made.

700.4.1 DAMAGE BY PERSON OF ANOTHER AGENCY
If employees of another jurisdiction cause damage to real or personal property belonging to the County, it shall be the responsibility of the employee present or the employee responsible for the property to make a verbal report to his/her immediate supervisor as soon as circumstances permit. The employee shall submit a written report before going off duty or as otherwise directed by the supervisor.

These written reports, accompanied by the supervisor's written report, shall promptly be forwarded to the appropriate Assistant Sheriff.

Vehicle Maintenance

704.1 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.

704.2 DEFECTIVE VEHICLES
When a department vehicle becomes inoperative or in need of repair that affects the safety of the vehicle, that vehicle shall be removed from service for repair. In the event that the repair needed is less than $200.00 no approval from Administration is needed and the employee may arrange to have the repair completed.

If the cost of repair is over $200.00, written 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 the employee's immediate supervisor or Assistant Sheriff. This process may also be expedited by email or telephone when appropriate.

704.3 VEHICLE EQUIPMENT
Certain items shall be maintained in all department vehicles for emergency purposes and to perform routine duties.

704.3.1 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
- 1 Roll Crime Scene Barricade Tape
- 1 First aid kit, CPR mask
- 1 Blanket
- 1 Blood-borne pathogen kit, Incl. protective gloves
- 1 Hazardous waste disposal bag
- 1 Traffic Safety Vest
- 1 Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Handbook
- 1 Evidence collection kit
- 1 Camera

704.3.2 UNMARKED VEHICLES
An employee driving unmarked department vehicles shall ensure that the minimum following equipment is present in the vehicle:
- 20 Emergency road flares
- 1 Roll Crime Scene Barricade Tape
- 1 First aid kit, CPR mask
- 1 Blanket

- 1 Blood-borne pathogen kit, Incl. protective gloves
- 1 Hazardous waste disposal bag
- 1 Traffic Safety Vest
- 1 Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Handbook
- 1 Evidence collection kit
- 1 Camera

704.4 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.

704.5 WASHING OF VEHICLES
All units shall be kept clean inside and out at all times and weather conditions permitting, shall be washed as necessary to enhance their appearance.

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 this matter.

Vehicle Use

706.1 PURPOSE & SCOPE
The Department utilizes County owned motor vehicles in a variety of applications operated by department personnel. In order to maintain a system of accountability and ensure County owned vehicles are used appropriately, regulations relating to the use of these vehicles have been established. The term "County owned" as used in this section also refers to any vehicle leased or rented by the County.

706.2 USE OF VEHICLES

706.2.1 SHIFT ASSIGNED VEHICLES
Employees shall be responsible for inspecting the interior and exterior of any assigned vehicle before taking the vehicle into service and at the conclusion of their 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.

If an employee's vehicle is taken out of service for repair or any other reason and the employee obtains a different vehicle from the motor pool, that employee will notify the Administrative Sergeant by email or in writing advising the vehicle taken and reason for the exchange as soon as possible.

Vehicle assignments are at the sole discretion of the Sheriff or an Assistant Sheriff.

706.2.2 UNDERCOVER VEHICLES
Unmarked units, if not assigned to an individual employee, shall not be used without first obtaining approval from the respective unit supervisor.

706.2.3 AUTHORIZED PASSENGERS
Personnel operating department owned vehicles shall not permit persons other than County employees or persons required to be conveyed in the performance of duty or as otherwise authorized to ride as a passenger in their vehicle without prior approval from the area Sergeant or shift Supervisor.

706.2.4 INSPECTIONS
The interior of any vehicle that has been used to transport any person other than an employee should be inspected prior to placing another person in the vehicle and again after the person is removed. This is to ensure that unauthorized items have not been left in the vehicle.

706.3 ASSIGNED VEHICLE AGREEMENT
County owned vehicles assigned to personnel for their use within their job assignment may be used to transport the employee to and from their residence for work-related purposes. The employee shall sign an agreement setting the standard for how the vehicle shall be used and where it shall be parked when the employee is not on duty.

Vehicle Use

The agreement states that the vehicle shall only be used for work-related purposes and shall not be used for personal errands, or transports, unless special circumstances exist and the shift Sergeant gives authorization. The agreement also requires the employee to be responsible for the vehicle's care and maintenance. The Department will provide necessary care/maintenance supplies.

The assignment of vehicles is at the discretion of the Sheriff or Assistant Sheriff. Assigned vehicles may be changed at any time and/or permission to take home a vehicle may be withdrawn at any time.

706.3.1 VEHICLES SUBJECT TO INSPECTION

All County owned vehicles are subject to inspection and or search at any time by a supervisor and no employee assigned to or operating such vehicle shall be entitled to any expectation of privacy with respect to the vehicle or its contents.

706.4 SECURITY

Employees may take home County owned vehicles only with prior approval from their Assistant Sheriff and shall meet the following criteria:

(a) The employee lives within a 15-minute (rules of the road obeyed and based on average traffic flow) response time of the Plumas County limits.

1. A longer response time may be appropriate depending on the special assignment of the employee. In that event, the response time shall not exceed 30 minutes.

(b) Off-street parking shall be available at the employee's residence.

(c) Vehicles shall be locked when not attended.

(d) All firearms and kinetic impact weapons shall be removed from the interior of the vehicle and placed in the trunk or properly secured in the residence when the vehicle is not attended (refer to Firearms policy § 312 regarding safe storage of firearms at home).

When an employee is on vacation, leave, or out of the area in excess of one week, the vehicle should be stored in a secure garage at the employee's residence or at the sheriff's facility. It shall be at the discretion of the employee as to which location would provide the highest level of security.

706.4.1 KEYS

All uniformed field personnel approved to operate marked patrol vehicles shall be issued their own personal unit key as part of their initial equipment distribution upon hiring. Personnel assigned a permanent vehicle shall be issued keys for their respective vehicle. The loss of any assigned key shall be promptly reported in writing through the employee's chain of command.

706.5 ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

When driving an assigned vehicle to and from work outside of the jurisdiction of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office, a deputy shall not become involved in enforcement actions except in those circumstances where a potential threat to life or serious property damage exists.
Deputies driving marked vehicles shall be armed at all times.

Deputies may render public assistance, e.g. to a stranded motorist, when deemed prudent.

706.6 MAINTENANCE

(a) Each employee is responsible for the cleanliness (exterior and interior) and overall maintenance of their assigned vehicle.

1. Employees may use the wash racks at the Sheriff's facility or maintenance yards (trusties may be used to clean vehicles, when available).
2. Cleaning/maintenance supplies will be provided by the department.

(b) Employees shall make daily inspections of their assigned vehicle for service/maintenance requirements and damage.

(c) Supervisors shall make, at a minimum, monthly inspections of vehicles assigned to employees under their command to ensure the vehicles are being maintained in accordance with policy.

(d) Routine maintenance and oil changes shall be done at designated service stations located in the assigned area.

1. Vehicles requiring warranty service shall be taken to the nearest authorized dealer after receiving clearance from a supervisor

706.6.1 ACCESSORIES AND/OR MODIFICATIONS
No modifications, additions or deletions of any equipment or accessories shall be made to the vehicle without written permission from the Administrative Sergeant or Area Sergeant.

706.7 COLLISION DAMAGE, ABUSE AND MISUSE
When a County-owned or leased vehicle is involved in a traffic collision, the involved employee shall promptly notify a supervisor. A traffic collision report shall be filed with the agency having jurisdiction.

When a collision involves a department vehicle or when a member of this department is an involved driver in a collision that occurs in this jurisdiction, and the collision results in serious injury or death, the California Highway Patrol should be summoned to handle the investigation.
The employee involved in the collision shall complete the County's vehicle accident form. If the employee is incapable, the supervisor shall complete the form.

Any damage to a 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 shift sergeant.

An administrative investigation will be conducted to determine if there is any vehicle abuse or misuse. If it is determined that misuse or abuse was a result of negligent conduct or operation, appropriate disciplinary action may result.

706.8 TOLL ROAD USAGE
Law enforcement vehicles are not routinely exempted from incurring toll road charges. Pursuant to the non-revenue policy of the toll roads, law enforcement agencies responding to an emergency or incident on the toll roads, while on duty, are exempt from paying the toll. Commuting, or returning to the County after an emergency does not qualify for this exemption and personnel using County owned vehicles are subject to the toll charge. To

avoid unnecessary toll road violation charges, all employees operating a County owned vehicle upon the toll road shall adhere to the following:

(a) All employees operating a County owned vehicle for any reason other than an initial response to an emergency shall stop and pay the appropriate toll charge. Employees may submit for reimbursement from the County for any toll fees.

(b) All employees passing through the Toll Plaza or booth during a response to an emergency shall draft a memo to their respective Assistant Sheriff with five working days explaining the circumstances.

Chapter 8 -Support Services

Communication Operations

802.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The basic function of the communications system is to satisfy the immediate information needs of the law enforcement agency in the course of its normal daily activities and during emergencies. The latter situation places the greatest demands upon the communications system and tests the capability of the system to fulfill its functions. Measures and standards of performance are necessary to assess the effectiveness with which any department, large or small, uses available information technology in fulfillment of its missions.

802.1.1 FCC COMPLIANCE
Plumas County Sheriff's Office radio operations shall be conducted in accordance with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) procedures and guidelines.

802.2 COMMUNICATION OPERATIONS
This department provides 24-hour telephone service to the public for information or assistance that may be needed in emergencies. The ability of citizens to telephone quickly and easily for emergency service is critical. This department provides access to the 911 system for a single emergency telephone number. This department has two-way radio capability providing continuous communication between the Communications Center and deputies.

802.2.1 COMMUNICATIONS LOG
It shall be the responsibility of the Communications Center to record all relevant information on calls for criminal and non-criminal service or self-initiated activity. Employees shall attempt to elicit as much information as possible to enhance the safety of the deputy and assist in anticipating conditions to be encountered at the scene. Desirable information would include, at a minimum, the following:

- Control number
- Date and time of request
- Name and address of complainant, if possible
- Type of incident reported
- Location of incident reported
- Identification of deputy(s) assigned as primary and backup
- Time of dispatch
- Time of the deputy's arrival
- Time of deputy's return to service
- Disposition or status of reported incident

802.3 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS
Operations are more efficient and officer safety is enhanced when dispatchers, supervisors, and fellow deputies know the status of deputies, their locations and the nature of cases.

802.3.1 DEPUTY IDENTIFICATION

Identification systems are based on factors such as beat assignment and deputy identification numbers. Employees should use the entire call sign when initiating communication with the dispatcher. The use of the call sign allows for a brief pause so that the dispatcher can acknowledge the appropriate unit. Employees initiating communication with other agencies shall use their entire call sign. This requirement does not apply to continuing conversation between the mobile unit and dispatcher once the mobile unit has been properly identified.

Telephone Emergency Notification System

803.1 PURPOSE
The Plumas County Sheriff's Office has purchased a Dialogic Communicator, a type of "9-1-1 Calls You" . Effective this date, the system has been installed and is operational.

803.1.1 PROCEDURE

- The Emergency Notification System component of the system is used for notifying the public of public safety problems in a specifically identified geographical area. A message is recorded, and then activated or "launched". This system is used to easily call pre-set lists of personnel, such as the SWAT Team or Search and Rescue.
- Any Shift Supervisor may request an activation of the public notification, or Team Communicator aspect of the new system.
- If a Shift Supervisor requests a public notification, the dispatcher will obtain the geographical boundaries and text the desired message.
- This system is to be used for public safety only. It is not appropriate to use the system for investigative, social or political purposes. In the event the requesting Shift Supervisor is unsure a situation qualifies for use of the system the Shift Supervisor will contact the Operations Assistant Sheriff, Administrative Assistant Sheriff, or Sheriff (in order given) for a decision.

Property Procedures

804.1 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.

804.2 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 (e.g., Welfare and Institutions Code § 5150 (mentally ill persons))

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.

804.3 PROPERTY HANDLING
Any employee who first comes into possession of any property, shall retain such property in his/her possession, properly tag it and transport it to the designated property locker or storage room along with the property form. As soon as practical the property will be transported to the main evidence locker in Quincy for storage. Care shall be taken to maintain the chain of custody for all evidence/property.

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).

804.3.1 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:

(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) Place the case number in the upper right hand corner of the bag.

(e) 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.

(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.

804.3.2 NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS
All narcotics and dangerous drugs shall be booked separate from other property. Paraphernalia as defined by Health & Safety Code §11364 shall also be booked separately.

804.3.3 EXPLOSIVES
Explosives that are known or suspected to be armed or live, other than fixed ammunition, that are not field destroyed or disposed of by EOD personnel, should be retained in the sheriff's facility explosives bunker.

Deputies who encounter an explosive device shall immediately notify the Shift Supervisor and Operations Assistant Sheriff. EOD will be called to handle situations involving explosive devices and all such devices will be released to them for disposal.

804.3.4 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 air dried prior to booking

(b) License plates found not to be stolen or connected with a known crime, should be released directly to the Evidence Clerk/Deputy, or placed in the designated container for return to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

(c) All bicycles of value require a property record. Property tags will be securely attached to each bicycle. The property may be released directly to the Evidence Clerk/Deputy, or placed in the bicycle storage area.

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.

804.4 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) and rendered inoperable.

(c) Property with more than one known owner

(d) Paraphernalia as described in Health & Safety Code § 11364 and Business and Profession Code § 4140

(e) Fireworks

(f) Contraband

804.4.1 PACKAGING CONTAINER
Employees shall package all property, except narcotics and dangerous drugs in a suitable container available for its size. Knife boxes should be used to package knives, and syringe tubes should be used to package syringes and needles.

A property tag shall be securely attached to the outside of all items or group of items packaged together.

804.4.2 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 designated evidence locker, accompanied by a copy of the chain of custody.

If a presumptive test is needed a note should accompany the narcotics requesting the test be completed by the detective unit. If a presumptive test is completed the results of this test shall be included in a supplemental report.

Narcotics and dangerous drugs shall be packaged in an envelope of appropriate size available. The booking deputy shall initial the sealed envelope and the initials covered with cellophane tape. Narcotics and dangerous drugs shall not be packaged with other property.

A completed chain of custody shall be attached to the outside of the container.

804.5 RECORDING OF PROPERTY
The Evidence Clerk/Deputy receiving custody of evidence or property shall record his/her signature, the date and time the property was received and where the property will be stored on the property control card.

A property number shall be obtained for each item or group of items. This number shall be recorded on the property tag and the property control card.

Any changes in the location of property held by the Plumas County Sheriff's Office shall be noted in the property logbook.

804.6 PROPERTY CONTROL
Each time the Evidence Clerk/Deputy receives property or releases property to another person, he/she shall enter this information on the property control card. Deputies desiring property for court shall contact the Evidence Clerk/Deputy at least one day prior to the court day.

804.6.1 RESPONSIBILITY OF OTHER PERSONNEL
Every time property is released or received, an appropriate entry on the evidence package shall be completed to maintain the chain of possession. No property or evidence is to be released without first receiving written authorization from a supervisor or detective.

Request for analysis for items other than narcotics or drugs shall be completed on the appropriate forms and submitted to the appropriate lab by the Deputy.

804.6.2 TRANSFER OF EVIDENCE TO CRIME LABORATORY
The transporting employee will check the evidence out of property, indicating the date and time on the property control card and the request for laboratory analysis.

The Evidence Clerk/Deputy releasing the evidence must complete the required information on the property control card and the evidence. The lab forms will be transported with the property to the examining laboratory. Upon delivering the item involved, the deputy will record the delivery time on both copies, and indicate the locker in which the item was placed or the employee to whom it was delivered. The original copy of the lab form will remain with the evidence and the copy will be returned to the Records Center for filing with the case.

804.6.3 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 property control card, stating the date, time and to whom released.

The Evidence Clerk/Deputy 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 property or properly released to another authorized person or entity.

The return of the property should be recorded on the property control card, indicating date, time, and the person who returned the property.

804.6.4 AUTHORITY TO RELEASE PROPERTY
The Operations Assistant Sheriff or Investigation Sergeant shall authorize the disposition or release of all evidence and property coming into the care and custody of the Department.

804.6.5 RELEASE OF PROPERTY
All reasonable attempts shall be made to identify the rightful owner of found property or evidence not needed for an investigation.

Release of property shall be made upon receipt of an authorized release form, listing the name and address of the person to whom the property is to be released. The release authorization shall be signed by the authorizing supervisor or detective and must conform to the items listed on the property form or must specify the specific item(s) to be released. Release of all property shall be documented on the property form.

With the exception of firearms and other property specifically regulated by statute, found property and property held for safekeeping shall be held for a minimum of 90 days. During such period, property personnel shall attempt to contact the rightful owner by telephone and/or mail when sufficient identifying information is available. Property not held for any other purpose and not claimed within 90 days after notification (or receipt, if notification is not feasible) may be auctioned to the highest bidder at a properly published public auction. If such property is not sold at auction or otherwise lawfully claimed, it may thereafter be destroyed (Civil Code § 2080.6). The final disposition of all such property shall be fully documented in related reports.

A Evidence Clerk/Deputy 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 property entered on the property control card, the card shall be forwarded to the Records Center for filing with the case. If some items of property have not been released the property card will remain with the Evidence Room. Upon release, the proper entry shall be documented in the Property Log.

Under no circumstances shall any firearm be returned to any individual unless and until such person presents valid identification and written notification from the California Department of Justice that conforms to the provisions of Penal Code § 12021.3(e).

The Evidence Room Supervisor should also make reasonable efforts to determine whether the person is the subject of any court order preventing the person from possessing a firearm and if so, the firearm should not be released to the person while the order is in effect.

The Department is not required to retain any firearm or other deadly weapon longer than 180 days after notice has been provided to the owner that such firearm or other deadly weapon is available for return. At the expiration of such period, the firearm or other deadly weapon may be processed for disposal in accordance with applicable law (Penal Code § 12021.3(g)).

804.6.6 DISPUTED CLAIMS TO PROPERTY
Occasionally more than one party may claim an interest in property being held by the Department, 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 Department may wish to file an interpleader to resolve the disputed claim (Code of Civil Procedure § 386(b)).

804.6.7 CONTROL OF NARCOTICS & DANGEROUS DRUGS
The Investigations Sergeant and Evidence Clerk will be responsible for the storage, control, and destruction of all narcotics and dangerous drugs coming into the custody of this department, including paraphernalia as described in Health & Safety Code § 11364.

804.7 DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY
All property not held for evidence in a pending criminal investigation or proceeding, and held for six months or longer 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 Clerk/Deputy 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.

804.7.1 EXCEPTIONAL DISPOSITIONS
The following types of property shall be destroyed or disposed of in the manner, and at the time prescribed by law, unless a different disposition is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction:

- Weapons declared by law to be nuisances (Penal Code §§ 29300; 18010; 32750)
- Animals, birds, and related equipment that have been ordered forfeited by the court (Penal Code § 599a)
- Counterfeiting equipment (Penal Code § 480)
- Gaming devices (Penal Code § 335a)
- Obscene matter ordered to be destroyed by the court (Penal Code § 312)
- Altered vehicles or component parts (Vehicle Code § 10751)
- Narcotics (Health and Safety Code § 11474, etc.)

- Unclaimed, stolen or embezzled property (Penal Code § 1411)
- Destructive devices (Penal Code § 19000)

804.7.2 UNCLAIMED MONEY
If found or seized money is no longer required as evidence and remains unclaimed after three years, the Department shall cause a notice to published each week for a period of two consecutive weeks in a local newspaper of general circulation (Government Code § 50050). Such notice shall state the amount of money, the fund in which it is held and that the money will become the property of the agency on a designated date not less than 45 days and not more than 60 days after the first publication (Government Code § 50051).

Any individual item with a value of less than $15.00, or any amount if the depositor/owner's name is unknown, which remains unclaimed for a year or by order of the court, may be transferred to the general fund without the necessity of public notice (Government Code § 50055).

If the money remains unclaimed as of the date designated in the published notice, the money will become the property of this department to fund official law enforcement operations. Money representing restitution collected on behalf of victims shall either be deposited into the Restitution Fund or used for purposes of victim services.

804.7.3 RETENTION OF BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE
The Evidence Room Supervisor 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 and Attorney General

(d) Any sexual assault victim

(e) The Investigation Division supervisor

Biological evidence shall be retained for a minimum period established by law (Penal Code § 1417.9), the Evidence 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 Investigation Division supervisor.

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 an applicable statute of limitations, the Investigation Division supervisor should be consulted and the sexual assault victim should be notified.

804.8 INSPECTIONS OF THE EVIDENCE ROOM

(a) On a monthly basis, the supervisor of the evidence custodian 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.

(c) An annual audit of evidence held by the department shall be conducted by a Assistant Sheriff (as appointed by the Sheriff) not routinely or directly connected with evidence control.

(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.

Records Center Procedures

806.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The Records Supervisor shall maintain the Department Records Center Procedures Manual on a current basis to reflect the procedures being followed within the Records Center. Policies and procedures that apply to all employees of this department are contained in this chapter.

806.1.1 NUMERICAL FILING SYSTEM
Case reports are filed numerically within the Records Center by Records Center personnel.

Reports are numbered commencing with the last two digits of the current year followed by a sequential number beginning with 00001 starting at midnight on the first day of January of each year. As an example, case number YY-00001 would be the first new case beginning January 1 of a new year.

806.2 FILE ACCESS AND SECURITY
All reports including, but not limited to, initial, supplemental, follow-up, evidence, and all reports critical to a case shall be maintained in a secure area within the Records Center accessible only to authorized Records Center personnel. Access to report files after hours or when records personnel are otherwise not available may be obtained through the Shift Sergeant.

Plumas County Sheriff's Office employees shall not access, view or distribute, or allow anyone else to access, view or distribute any record, file or report, whether hard copy or electronic file format, except in accordance with department policy and with a legitimate law enforcement or business purpose or as otherwise permissible by law.

806.2.1 REQUESTING ORIGINAL REPORTS
Generally, original reports shall not be removed from the Records Center. Should an original report be needed for any reason the requesting employee shall first obtain authorization from the Records Supervisor. All original reports removed from the Records Center shall be recorded on the Report Check-Out Log which shall constitute the only authorized manner by which an original report may be removed from the Records Center.

806.3 REQUISITION OF SUPPLIES
All personnel who are in need of supplies shall complete a Requisition of Supplies form available in the Records Center. The form shall be approved by a supervisor and submitted to the Supply Clerk in the Records Center.

806.4 DETERMINATION OF FACTUAL INNOCENCE
In any case where a person has been arrested by deputies of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office and no accusatory pleading has been filed, the person arrested may petition the Department to destroy the related arrest records. Petitions should be forwarded to the Administration Supervisor. The Administration Supervisor should promptly contact the prosecuting attorney and request a written opinion as to whether the petitioner is factually innocent of the charges (Penal Code § 851.8). Factual innocence means the accused person did not commit the crime.

Upon receipt of a written opinion from the prosecuting attorney affirming factual innocence, the Administration Supervisor should forward the petition to the Patrol/Investigation Supervisor and the County Counsel for review. After such review and consultation with the County Counsel, the Patrol/Investigation Supervisor and the Administration Supervisor shall decide whether a finding of factual innocence is appropriate.

Upon determination that a finding of factual innocence is appropriate, the Administration Supervisor shall ensure that the arrest record and petition are sealed for later destruction and the required notifications are made to the California Department of Justice and other law enforcement agencies (Penal Code § 851.8).

The Administration Supervisor should respond to a petition with the Department's decision within 45 days of receipt. Responses should include only the decision of the Department, not an explanation of the analysis leading to the decision.

Restoration of Firearm Serial Numbers

808.1 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. This policy complies with Penal Code § 11108.9.

808.2 PROCEDURE
Any firearm coming into the possession of the Plumas 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:

808.2.1 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.

808.2.2 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.

808.2.3 DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITY
The Evidence Clerk/Deputy 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 if deemed appropriate.

808.2.4 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.

808.2.5 FIREARM TRACE
After the serial number has been restored (or partially restored) by the criminalistics laboratory, the Evidence Clerk/Deputy 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 NTCin Falling Waters, West Virginia or enter the data into the ATF eTrace system.

808.3 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 search the national database and compare with ballistic evidence recovered from other crime scenes.

Release of Records and Information

810.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The purpose of this section is to establish a comprehensive reference and procedure for the maintenance and release of Department reports and records in accordance with applicable law.

810.2 PUBLIC REQUESTS FOR RECORDS
The California Public Records Act (Government Code §6250, et seq.) provides that records created by a public agency shall be subject to inspection and release pursuant to request, except pursuant to exemptions set forth in the Act or otherwise established by statute. Public requests for records of this department shall be processed as follows:

810.2.1 PROCESSING OF REQUESTS
Any member of the public, including the media and elected officials, may access unrestricted records of this department by submitting a written and signed request for each record sought and paying any associated fees (Government Code § 6253).

The processing of requests is subject to the following limitations:

(a) The employee processing the request shall determine if the requested record is available and, if so, whether the record is exempt from disclosure. Either the requested record or the reason for non-disclosure will be provided promptly, but no later than 10 days from the date of request, unless unusual circumstances preclude doing so. If more time is needed, an extension of up to 14 additional days may be authorized by the Sheriff or the authorized designee. If an extension is authorized, the Department shall provide written notice of the extension to the requesting party (Government Code § 6253(c)).

(b) In accordance with the Public Records Act, the Department is not required to create records that do not otherwise exist in order to accommodate a request under the Act.

Requests by elected officials for records that are not open to public inspection should be referred to the Administration Undersheriff for a determination as to whether the records will be released.

810.3 REPORT RELEASE RESTRICTIONS
Absent a valid court order or other statutory authority, records and/or unrestricted portions of such records of this department shall be made public subject to the following restrictions:

810.3.1 GENERAL CASE AND CRIME REPORTS
Reports containing any of the items listed below will not be released:

(a) Victim information -Victims of crimes who have requested that their identifying information be kept confidential, victims who are minors and victims of certain offenses (e.g., sex crimes, Penal Code § 293) shall not be made public. No employee shall disclose to any arrested person or to any person who may be a defendant in a criminal action the address or telephone number of any person who is a victim or witness in the alleged offense, unless it is required by law (Penal Code § 841.5).

(b) Confidential information –Information involving confidential informants, intelligence information, information that would endanger the safety of any person involved or information that would endanger the successful completion of the investigation or a related investigation shall not be made public.

1. Analysis and conclusions of investigating deputies may also be exempt from disclosure.
2. If it has been noted in any report that any individual wishes to protect his/her right to privacy under the California Constitution, such information may not be subject to public disclosure.

(c) Specific crimes -Certain types of reports involving, but not limited to, child abuse/molestation (Penal Code § 11167.5), elder abuse (Welfare and Institutions Code § 15633) and juveniles (Welfare and Institutions Code § 827) shall not be made public.

(d) General information -Absent statutory exemption to the contrary or other lawful reason to deem information from reports confidential, information from unrestricted agency reports shall be made public as outlined in Government Code § 6254(f).

(e) Deceased juvenile crime victims -The Code of Civil Procedure § 130 limits the dissemination of autopsy and private medical information concerning a murdered child by allowing families to request that the autopsy report of the victim be sealed from public inspection. Such requests shall be honored, with the exceptions that allow dissemination of those reports to law enforcement agents, prosecutors, defendants or civil litigants under state and federal discovery laws (Code of Civil Procedure §130).

810.3.2 ARREST REPORTS
Arrestee information shall be subject to release in the same manner as information contained in other reports as set forth above.

In addition to the restrictions stated above, all requests from criminal defendants and their authorized representatives (including attorneys) shall be referred to the District Attorney, County Counsel or the courts pursuant to Penal Code § 1054.5.

Local criminal history information including, but not limited to, arrest history and disposition, and fingerprints shall only be subject to release to those agencies and individuals set forth in Penal Code § 13300.

810.3.3 TRAFFIC COLLISION REPORTS
Traffic collision reports (and related supplemental reports) shall be considered confidential and subject to release only to the California Highway Patrol, Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), other law enforcement agencies and those individuals and their authorized representatives set forth in Vehicle Code § 20012.

810.3.4 PERSONNEL RECORDS
Personnel records, medical records and similar records which would involve personal privacy shall not be made public (Government Code § 3303(e)).

Peace officer personnel records are deemed confidential (Penal Code §832.7,et seq.) and shall not be made public or otherwise released to unauthorized individuals or entities absent a valid court order (Evidence Code § 1043, et seq.).

The identity of any deputy subject to any criminal or administrative investigation shall not be released without the consent of the involved deputy, prior approval of the Sheriff or as required by law (Government Code § 3303 (e)).

810.3.5 CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS
Information contained in CCW permit applications or other files which would tend to reveal where the applicant is vulnerable or which contains medical or psychological information shall not be made public (Government Code § 6254(u)).

810.3.6 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS
Victims of domestic violence or their representative shall be provided, without charge, one copy of all domestic violence incident report face sheets, one copy of all domestic violence incident reports, or both, pursuant to the requirements and time frames of Family Code § 6228.

810.4 OTHER RECORDS
Any other record not addressed in this policy shall not be subject to release where such record is exempt or prohibited from disclosure pursuant to state or federal law, including, but not limited to, provisions of the Evidence Code relating to privilege or to the security of the department's electronic technology systems (Government Code §6254(k); Government Code 6254.19).

The Department maintains the right to refuse to disclose or release any other record when it would appear that the public's interest in accessing such record is outweighed by the need for nondisclosure (Government Code § 6255).

Any record which was created exclusively in anticipation of potential litigation involving this department shall not be subject to public disclosure (Government Code § 6254(b)).

810.4.1 PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION
Employees shall not access, use or disclose personal identifying information, including an individual's photograph, social security number, driver identification number, name, address, telephone number and the individual's medical or disability information, which is contained in any driver license record, motor vehicle record or any department record except as authorized by the Department and only when such use or disclosure is permitted or required by law to carry out a legitimate law enforcement purpose (18 USC § 2721 and 18 USC § 2722).

810.5 SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM
Any Subpoena Duces Tecum (SDT) should be promptly provided to a supervisor 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.
All questions regarding compliance with any Subpoena Duces Tecum should be promptly referred to legal counsel for the Department so that a timely response can be prepared.

810.6 RELEASED RECORDS TO BE STAMPED
Each page of any record released pursuant to a Public Records Act request or Subpoena Duces Tecum shall be stamped in red ink with a departmental stamp identifying the individual to whom the record was released.

Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI)

812.1 PURPOSE & SCOPE
This policy provides guidelines for the release of criminal offender information, security of that information, and persons authorized to release that information.

812.2 AUTHORITY
This policy is established pursuant to the mandate of the Regulations Regarding Security of Criminal Offender Record Information in California, Title 11, California Code of Regulations. Other authority includes Penal Code §11105, which delineates who has access to Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI), and Penal Code §§ 11140 through 11144, which establishes penalties for the improper use of rap sheets.

812.3 DEFINITIONS
Criminal Offender Record Information -(CORI) shall include CII manual/automated rap sheets and abstracts, CII crime summaries, CII criminal history transcripts, FBI rap sheets, and any Plumas County Sheriff's Office documents containing a list of prior arrests.

Criminal Justice Agency -A public agency or component thereof which performs a criminal justice activity as its principal function.

Authorized Recipient -Any person or agency authorized by court order, statute or case law to receive CORI.

Right to Know -Persons or agencies authorized by court order, statute or decisional case law to receive the information.

Need to Know -A necessity exists to obtain CORI in order to execute official responsibilities.

812.4 AUTHORIZED RECIPIENTS OF CORI
CORI may be released only to authorized recipients who have both a right to know and a need to know. All law enforcement personnel with proper identification are authorized recipients, if they have an official need to know.

The California Department of Justice has issued a list of agencies authorized to receive criminal history information. Persons not included in the Department of Justice list are not authorized recipients and shall not receive CORI.

812.4.1 CRIMINAL RECORD SECURITY OFFICER
The Records Supervisor is the designated Criminal Record Security Officer for the Plumas County Sheriff's Office. This supervisor is responsible for ensuring compliance with this procedure and with applicable records security regulations and requirements imposed by federal and state law. The Criminal Record Security Officer will resolve specific questions that arise regarding authorized recipients of CORI.

812.4.2 RELEASE OF CORI
Only the persons listed below are authorized to release CORI. Each authorized person releasing CORI is responsible to ensure that each request granted appears legitimate and that the requester is an authorized recipient with a right and need to know.

(a) Criminal Records Security Officer

(b) Records Supervisor

(c) Full-time employees of the Records Center

(d) Personnel specifically designated in writing by Operations Assistant Sheriff with the concurrence of the Criminal Records Security Officer

812.4.3 RELEASE OF CORI TO FIELD PERSONNEL
Personnel shall not have access to CORI until a background investigation has been completed and approved.

CORI shall not generally be transmitted by radio, cellular phone, or through computer terminals to field personnel or vehicles except in cases where circumstances reasonably indicate that the immediate safety of the deputy or the public are at significant risk. Examples of situations where the transmission of summary criminal history information would be justified include a hostage situation or an armed suspect however a routine investigation or traffic enforcement stop would not be sufficient justification.

Nothing in this procedure is intended to prohibit broadcasting warrant information concerning wanted persons.

812.5 JUVENILE RECORDS
Nothing in this procedure is intended to alter existing statutes, case law, or the policies and orders of the Juvenile Court regarding the release of juvenile offender records. Refer to Policy Manual § 324 for more specific information regarding cases involving juveniles.

812.6 REVIEW OF CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORD
Penal Code §§ 11120 through 11127 provide the authority and procedure whereby an individual may review his/her own California Department of Justice (CII) rap sheet.

Individuals shall be allowed to review their arrest or conviction record on file with the Department after complying with all legal requirements.

812.7 PROTECTION OF CORI
CORI shall be stored in the Records Center where constant personnel coverage will be provided. CORI stored elsewhere shall be secured in locked desks, locked file cabinets, or in locked rooms.
Direct access to CORI stored in the Records Center shall be restricted to the Records Center personnel authorized to release it. Direct access to CORI stored in desks, file cabinets, and rooms outside the Records Center shall be restricted to those persons who possess both the right to know and the need to know the information.

812.7.1 COMPUTER TERMINAL SECURITY
Computer terminal equipment capable of providing access to automated criminal offender record information is located in the Records Center, the Communications Center and in the Patrol/Investigation to preclude access by unauthorized persons.

No employee shall be authorized to operate computer terminal equipment with access to CORI until the operator has completed the appropriate training.

812.7.2 DESTRUCTION OF CORI
When any document providing CORI has served the purpose for which it was obtained, it shall be destroyed by shredding.

Each employee shall be responsible for destroying the CORI documents they receive.

812.7.3 CUSTODIAN OF CRIMINAL RECORDS
The Records Supervisor, unless otherwise directed by the Operations Assistant Sheriff, shall be the Department's official Custodian of Criminal Records. The Custodian of Criminal Records shall be responsible for the security, storage, dissemination and destruction of criminal records, and will serve as a primary contact for the California Department of Justice for any related issues. The Operations Assistant Sheriff may appoint other department employees to the role of Custodian of Criminal Records, who will share the same responsibilities regarding criminal records.

The Operations Assistant Sheriff will ensure that he/she makes the appropriate applications and notifications to the California Department of Justice regarding the Department's Custodian of Criminal Record appointments, per the requirements of Penal Code § 11102.2.

This subsection is not intended to interfere with any other employee acting as a custodian of records for other statutory purposes but is narrowly tailored to address issues of criminal history records.

812.8 TRAINING PROGRAM
All personnel authorized to process or release CORI shall be required to complete a training program prescribed by the Criminal Record Security Officer. The Training Bureau shall coordinate the course to provide training in the proper use, control, and dissemination of CORI.

812.9 PENALTIES FOR MISUSE OF RECORDS
Penal Code §§11140 and 11144 make it a misdemeanor to furnish, buy, receive, or possess Department of Justice rap sheets without authorization by a court, statute, or case law.

Title11, California Administrative Code §702 provides that authorized persons or agencies violating the Regulations Regarding the Security of Criminal Offender Record Information in California may lose direct access to CORI maintained by the California Department of Justice.

Divulging the content of any criminal record to anyone other than authorized personnel is a violation of Policy Manual § 340.3.7(a).

Employees who obtain, or attempt to obtain, information from the department files other than that to which they are entitled in accordance with their official duties is a violation of Policy Manual § 340.3.7(a).

Computers and Digital Evidence

814.1 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.

814.2 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 or if a portable notebook style, 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.

(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.

814.2.1 BUSINESS OR NETWORKED 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.

814.2.2 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 a 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.

814.3 SEIZING DIGITAL STORAGE MEDIA
Digital storage media including hard drives, floppy discs, CD's, DVD's, 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 the Evidence Room 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.

(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.

814.4 SEIZING PCDS
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.

814.5 DIGITAL EVIDENCE RECORDED BY OFFICERS

Deputies handling and submitting recorded and digitally stored evidence from digital cameras and audio or video recorders will comply with these procedures to ensure the integrity and admissibility of such evidence.

814.5.1 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.

814.5.2 SUBMISSION OF DIGITAL MEDIA

The following are required procedures for the submission of digital media used by cameras or other recorders:

(a) The recording media (smart card, compact flash card or any other media) shall be brought to the Evidence Room as soon as possible for submission into evidence.

(b) Deputies are authorized to review or copy memory cards. The evidence clerk is authorized to copy and/or distribute digital media made from the memory cards.

(c) Deputies will make a copy of the memory card using appropriate storage media. Once they have verified that the images have been properly transferred to the storage media, the Deputies will erase all memory from digital cameras and hard drives from office computers. The storage media will be marked as the original.

(d) Deputies requiring a copy of the digital files must contact the evidence clerk.

814.5.3 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.

(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.

814.5.4 PRESERVATION OF DIGITAL EVIDENCE

(a) Only the evidence clerk is authorized to copy original digital media that is held as evidence. The original digital media shall remain in evidence and shall remain unaltered.

(b) 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.

(c) If any enhancement is done to the copy of the original, it shall be noted in the corresponding incident report.

Jeanne Clery Campus Security Act

822.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines to ensure this department fulfills its obligation in complying with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

822.2 POLICY
The Plumas County Sheriff's Office encourages accurate and prompt reporting of all crimes and takes all such reports seriously (20 USC § 1092 (f)(1)(C)(iii)). Reports will be accepted in any manner, including in person or in writing, at any Plumas County Sheriff's Office facility. Reports will be accepted anonymously, by phone or via e-mail or on the institution's website.

It is the policy of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office to comply with the Clery Act. Compliance with the Clery Act requires a joint effort between the Plumas County Sheriff's Office and faculty of the institution. Supervisors assigned areas of responsibility in the following policy sections are expected to be familiar with the subsections of 20 USC § 1092(f) and 34 CFR 668.46 that are relevant to their responsibilities.

822.3 POLICY, PROCEDURE AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT
The Sheriff will:

(a) Ensure that the Plumas County Sheriff's Office establishes procedures for immediate emergency response and evacuation, including the use of electronic and cellular communication and testing of these procedures (20 USC § 1092 (f)(1)(J)(i) and (iii)).

(b) Enter into agreements as appropriate with local law enforcement agencies to:

1. Identify roles in the investigation of alleged criminal offenses on campus (20 USC § 1092 (f)(1)(C)(ii)),
2. Assist in the monitoring and reporting of criminal activity at off-campus student organizations that are recognized by the institution and engaged in by students attending the institution, including student organizations with off-campus housing facilities (20 USC § 1092 (f)(1)(G)),
3. Ensure coordination of emergency response and evacuation procedures, including procedures to immediately notify the campus community upon the confirmation ofa significant emergency or dangerous situation (20 USC§ 1092 (f)(1)(J)).
4. Notify the Plumas County Sheriff's Office of criminal offenses reported to local law enforcement agencies to assist the institution in meeting its reporting requirements under the Clery Act (20 USC § 1092 (f)(1)(F)).
5. Notify the Plumas County Sheriff's Office of criminal offenses reported to local law enforcement agencies to assist in making information available to the campus community in a timely manner and to aid in the prevention of similar crimes (20 USC § 1092 (f)(3)).

(c) Appoint a designee to develop programs that are designed to inform students and employees about campus security procedures and practices, and to encourage

students and employees to be responsible for their own security and the security of others (20 USC § 1092 (f)(1)(D)).

(d) Appoint a designee to develop programs to inform students and employees about the prevention of crime (20 USC § 1092 (f)(1)(E)).

(e) Appoint a designee to develop educational programs to promote the awareness of rape, acquaintance rape and other sex offenses, and what to do if a sex offense occurs, including who should be contacted, the importance of preserving evidence and to whom the alleged offense should be reported (20 USC § 1092 (f)(8)(B)).

(f) Appoint a designee to make the appropriate notifications to institution staff regarding missing person investigations, in order to ensure that the institution complies with the requirements of 34 CFR 668.46(h).

822.4 RECORDS COLLECTION AND RETENTION

The Records Supervisor is responsible for maintaining Plumas County Sheriff's Office statistics and making reasonable good-faith efforts to obtain statistics from other law enforcement agencies as necessary to allow the institution to comply with its reporting requirements under the Clery Act (20 USC § 1092 (f)(1)(F)). The statistics shall be compiled as follows:

(a) Statistics concerning the occurrence of the following criminal offenses reported to this department or to local police agencies that occurred on campus, in or on non-campus buildings or property, and on public property including streets, sidewalks and parking facilities within the campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus (20 USC § 1092 (f)(1)(F)(i)):

1. Murder
2. Sex offenses, forcible or non-forcible
3. Robbery
4. Aggravated assault
5. Burglary
6. Motor vehicle theft
7. Manslaughter
8. Arson
9. Arrests or persons referred for campus disciplinary action for liquor law violations, drug-related violations and weapons possession

(b) Statistics concerning the crimes described in the section above, theft, simple assault, intimidation, destruction, damage or vandalism of property, and other crimes involving bodily injury to any person where the victim was intentionally selected because of his/her actual or perceived race, sex, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity or disability. These statistics should be collected and reported according to the category of prejudice (20 USC § 1092 (f)(1)(F)(ii)).

(c) The statistics shall be compiled using the definitions in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system and modifications made pursuant to the Hate Crime Statistics Act (20 USC § 1092 (f)(7) and 34 CFR 668.46 (c)(7)). The statistics will be categorized separately as offenses that occur (20 USC § 1092 (f)(12) and 34 CFR 668.46 (c)(4)):

1. On campus.
2. In or on a non-campus building or property.

3. On public property.
4. In dormitories or other on-campus, residential, student facilities.

(d) Statistics will be included by the calendar year in which the crime was reported to the Plumas County Sheriff's Office (34 CFR 668.46(c)(2)).

(e) Statistics will include the three most recent calendar years (20 USC § 1092 (f)(1)(F); 34 CFR 668.46(c)).

(f) The statistics shall not identify victims of crimes or persons accused of crimes (20 USC § 1092 (f)(7)).

822.4.1 CRIME LOG

The Records Supervisor is responsible for ensuring a daily crime log is created and maintained as follows (20 USC § 1092 (f)(4) and 34 CFR 668.46(f)):

(a) The daily crime log will record all crimes reported to the Plumas County Sheriff's Office, including the nature, date, time and general location of each crime, and the disposition, if known.

(b) All log entries shall be made within two business days of the initial report being made to the Department.

(c) If new information about an entry becomes available, then the new information shall be recorded in the log not later than two business days after the information becomes available to the police or security department.

(d) The daily crime log for the most recent 60-day period shall be open to the public for inspection at all times during normal business hours. Any portion of the log that is older than 60 days must be made available within two business days of a request for public inspection. Information in the log is not required to be disclosed when:

1. Disclosure of the information is prohibited by law.
2. Disclosure would jeopardize the confidentiality of the victim.
3. There is clear and convincing evidence that the release of such information would jeopardize an ongoing criminal investigation or the safety of an individual, that may cause a suspect to flee or evade detection, or that could result in the destruction of evidence. In any of these cases, the information may be withheld until that damage is no longer likely to occur from the release of such information.

822.5 INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

It is the responsibility of the Administration Supervisor to ensure that the required Clery Act disclosures are properly forwarded to campus administration and community members in accordance with institution procedures. This includes:

(a) Procedures for providing emergency notification of crimes or other incidents and evacuations that might represent an imminent threat to the safety of students or employees (20 USC § 1092 (f)(3) and 34 CFR 668.46(e) and (g)).

(b) Procedures for notifying the campus community about crimes considered to be a threat to other students and employees in order to aid in the prevention of similar crimes.

(c) Information necessary for the institution to prepare its annual security report (20USC § 1092 (f)(1); 34 CFR 668.46 (b)). This report will include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Crime statistics

2. Crime and emergency reporting procedures
3. Policies concerning security of and access to campus facilities
4. Crime and sexual assault prevention programs
5. Enforcement policies related to alcohol and illegal drugs
6. Locations where the campus community can obtain information about registered sex offenders
7. Emergency response and evacuation procedures
8. Missing student notification procedures

Chapter 9 -Custody

Correctional Facility

Refer to the Plumas County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division Policy Manual

Custody Searches

902.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The purpose of this policy is to establish consistent department procedures which conform to Penal Code § 4030 regarding pat-down, booking and strip searches of pre-arraignment detainees.

902.2 DEFINITIONS OF SEARCHES
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 prisoner, or other prisoners.

Booking Search -This search is used in the Correctional Facility and again involves a thorough patting down of an individual's clothing, which includes the removal of shoes, socks and jackets. All pockets, cuffs, etc., on the clothing are checked to locate all personal property, contraband, or weapons. The inmates's personal property is taken and inventoried.

Strip Search or Visual Body Cavity Search -This is a search that requires a person to remove or rearrange some or all of his/her clothing to permit a visual inspection of the underclothing, breasts, buttocks or genitalia of such person (Penal Code § 4030(d)(2)). This includes monitoring of an arrestee showering or changing clothes where the arrestee's underclothing, buttocks, genitalia or female breasts are visible to the monitoring employee.

Physical Body Cavity Search -This is a search that includes physical intrusion into a body cavity. Body cavity means the stomach or rectal cavity of a person, and the vagina of a female person (Penal Code §§ 4030(d)(1) and 4030(d)(3)).

902.3 PAT DOWN SEARCHES
When any deputy has reasonable suspicion to believe that a person being lawfully detained may possess weapons or other dangerous items, or in such circumstances the deputy reasonably believes that the individual may present a threat to officer safety, that deputy may conduct a normal pat-down search of that individual.

Prior to detaining any individual in any sheriff's vehicle, a deputy should conduct a normal pat-down search of that individual.

Whenever practical, a pat-down search of an individual should be conducted by a deputy of the same sex as the person being searched. Absent the availability of a same sex deputy, it is recommended that a witness deputy be present during any pat-down search of an individual of the opposite sex as the searching deputy.

902.4 BOOKING SEARCHES

(a) Absent emergency circumstances in which no reasonable alternative exists, no person arrested for a misdemeanor or infraction not involving weapons, controlled substance or violence may be placed in the general Correctional Facility population, unless all of the following conditions exist:

1. The person is not cited and released

2. The person is not released on his or her own recognizance
3. The person is not able to post bail within a reasonable time not less than three hours

(b) Any person taken into custody shall be subjected to pat-down searches, metal detector searches, and thorough clothing searches in order to discover and retrieve concealed weapons and contraband prior to being placed in a booking cell.

902.5 STRIP SEARCHES

No person arrested and held in custody on a misdemeanor or infraction offense, except those involving weapons, possession of controlled substances or violence, shall be subjected to a strip search or visual body cavity search prior to placement in the general population unless a officer/deputy has determined that there is reasonable suspicion based upon specific and articulable facts to believe such person is concealing a weapon or contraband which would be discovered by such a search (Penal Code § 4030(f)).

(a) Except pursuant to the provisions of Penal Code 4030(f), no person arrested and held in custody on a misdemeanor or infraction offense not involving weapons, controlled substances or violence, shall be confined in the general jail population unless all of the following are true; The person is not cited or released, the person is not released on his or her own recognizance pursuant to Article 9, (Commencing with section 1318) of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of part 2, or the person is not able to post bail within a reasonable time not less than three hours. (Penal Code 4030(g)(1).

(b) All strip and visual body cavity searches shall be conducted under sanitary conditions and in an area of privacy so that the search cannot be observed by persons not participating in the search (Penal Code § 4030(m)).

(c) Unless conducted by a physician or other licensed medical personnel, the officer/deputy(s) conducting the strip search or visual body cavity search shall be of the same gender as the person being searched (Penal Code § 4030(l)).

(d) Whenever possible, a second officer/deputy of the same gender should also be present during the search, for security and as a witness to the finding of evidence.

(e) The officer/deputy conducting a strip search or visual body cavity search shall not touch the breasts, buttocks or genitalia of the person being searched (Penal Code § 4030(j)).

(f) No employee should view an arrestee's private underclothing, buttocks, genitalia or female breasts while that person is showering or changing clothes unless the arrestee otherwise qualifies for a strip search. However, if serious hygiene or health issues make it reasonably necessary to assist the arrestee with a shower or a change of clothes, a supervisor should be contacted to ensure reasonable steps are taken to obtain the arrestee's consent and/or otherwise protect the arrestee's privacy and dignity.

Nothing in this policy section shall prohibit the otherwise lawful collection of trace evidence from an arrestee in accordance with the provisions of (c) through (f) above and based on a valid exigency, consent or a search warrant.

902.5.1 PHYSICAL BODY CAVITY SEARCH

(a) No person arrested on a misdemeanor or infraction shall be subjected to a body cavity search without a search warrant (Penal Code § 4030(h)).

(b) A copy of the search warrant and the results of any body cavity search shall be included with the related reports and made available, upon request, to the arrestee or authorized representative (Penal Code § 4030(i)).

(c) Only a physician, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, licensed vocational nurse, or Level II Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) may conduct a physical body cavity search (Penal Code § 4030(k)).

(d) Except for the above mentioned licensed medical personnel, persons present must be of the same sex as the person being searched. Privacy requirements, including restricted touching of body parts, are the same as the strip search standard.

Chapter 10 –Personnel

Recruitment and Selection

1000.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The employment policy of the Plumas County shall provide equal opportunities for applicants and its employees regardless of race, sexual orientation, age, pregnancy, religion, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental handicap, marital status, veteran status, or sex, and shall not show partiality or grant any special favors to any applicant, employee or group of employees. The rules governing employment practices for this department are maintained by the Plumas County Department of Human Resources.

1000.2 APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS
Candidates for job openings will be selected based on merit, ability, competence and experience.
All peace officer candidates must meet the minimum standards described in California Government Code § 1031 in addition to the employment standards established by this department.

1000.3 STANDARDS
Employment standards shall be established for each job classification and shall include minimally, the special training, abilities, knowledge and skills required to perform the duties of the job in a satisfactory manner. The Plumas County Department of Human Resources maintains standards for all positions.

The dilemma facing the Department is one of developing a job-valid and non-discriminatory set of policies which will allow it to lawfully exclude persons who do not meet the Plumas County or State of California hiring standards. The California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) developed a Job Dimensions list, which are used as a professional standard in background investigations.

The following standards have been adopted for public safety applicants:

1000.3.1 OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE
(a) The ability to possess a valid California driver's license

(b) The ability to drive safely

(c) The ability to control a motor vehicle at high speeds

(d) The ability to operate a motor vehicle in all types of weather conditions

(e) The following shall be disqualifying:

1. Receipt of three or more moving violations (or any single violation of a potential life threatening violation, such as reckless driving, speed contest, suspect of a pursuit, etc.) within three years prior to application. Moving violations for which there is a factual finding of innocence shall not be included.
2. Involvement as a driver in two or more chargeable (at fault) collisions within three years prior to date of application.

3. A conviction for driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs within three years prior to application or any two convictions for driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

1000.3.2 INTEGRITY

(a) Refusing to yield to the temptation of bribes, gratuities, payoffs, etc.

(b) Refusing to tolerate unethical or illegal conduct on the part of other law enforcement personnel

(c) Showing strong moral character and integrity in dealing with the public

(d) Being honest in dealing with the public

(e) The following shall be disqualifying:

1. Any material misstatement of fact or significant admission during the application or background process shall be disqualifying, including inconsistent statements made during the initial background interview (Personal History Statement or Supplemental Questionnaire) or polygraph examination or discrepancies between this background investigation and other investigations conducted by other law enforcement agencies.
2. Any forgery, alteration, or intentional omission of material facts on an official employment application document or sustained episodes of academic cheating.

1000.3.3 CREDIBILITY AS A WITNESS IN A COURT OF LAW

(a) The ability to give testimony in a court of law without being subject to impeachment due to his/her honesty or veracity (or their opposites) or due to prior felony conviction.

(b) The following shall be disqualifying:

1. Conviction of any criminal offense classified as a misdemeanor under California law within three years prior to application
2. Conviction for two or more misdemeanor offenses under California law as an adult
3. Conviction of any offense classified as a misdemeanor under California law while employed as a peace officer (including military police officers)
4. Admission(s) of having committed any act amounting to a felony (including felony-misdemeanor offenses) under California law, as an adult, within five years prior to application or while employed as a peace officer (including military police officers)
5. Admission(s) of administrative conviction of any act while employed as a peace officer (including military police officers) involving lying, falsification of any official report or document, or theft
6. Admission(s) of any act of domestic violence as defined by law, committed as an adult
7. Admission(s) of any criminal act, whether misdemeanor or felony, committed against children including but not limited to: molesting or annoying children, child abduction, child abuse, lewd and lascivious acts with a child, or indecent exposure. Acts of consensual unlawful intercourse accomplished between two minors shall not be included, unless more than four years difference in age existed at the time of the acts
8. Any history of actions resulting in civil lawsuits against the applicant or his/her employer may be disqualifying

1000.3.4 DEPENDABILITY

(a) Having a record of submitting reports on time and not malingering on calls, etc.

(b) A record of being motivated to perform well

(c) A record of dependability and follow through on assignments

(d) A history of taking the extra effort required for complete accuracy in all details of work

(e) A willingness to work the hours needed to complete a job

(f) The following shall be disqualifying:

1. Missing any scheduled appointment during the process without prior permission
2. Having been disciplined by any employer (including military) as an adult for abuse of leave, gross insubordination, dereliction of duty, or persistent failure to follow established policies and regulations
3. Having been involuntarily dismissed (for any reason other than lay-off) from two or more employers as an adult
4. Having held more than seven paid positions with different employers within the past four years, or more than 15 paid positions with different employers in the past ten years (excluding military). Students who attend school away from their permanent legal residence may be excused from this requirement
5. Having undergone personal bankruptcy more than once, having current financial obligations for which legal judgments have not been satisfied, currently having wages garnished, or any other history of financial instability
6. Resigning from any paid position without notice shall be disqualifying, except where the presence of a hostile work environment is alleged.
7. Having any outstanding warrant of arrest at time of application.

1000.3.5 LEARNING ABILITY

(a) The ability to comprehend and retain information

(b) The ability to recall information pertaining to laws, statutes, codes, etc.

(c) The ability to learn and to apply what is learned

(d) The ability to learn and apply the material, tactics and procedures that are required of a law enforcement officer

(e) The following shall be disqualifying:

1. Being under current academic dismissal from any college or university where such dismissal is still in effect and was initiated within the past two years prior to the date of application
2. Having been academically dismissed from any POST certified basic law enforcement academy wherein no demonstrated effort has been made to improve in the deficient areas, except: subsequent successful completion of another POST basic law enforcement academy shall rescind this requirement

1000.3.6 PERSONAL SENSITIVITY

(a) The ability to resolve problems in a way that shows sensitivity for the feelings of others.

(b) Empathy

(c) Discretion, not enforcing the law blindly

(d) Effectiveness in dealing with people without arousing antagonism

(e) The ability to understand the motives of people and how they will react and interact

(f) The following shall be disqualifying:

1. Having been disciplined by any employer (including the military and/or any law enforcement training facility) for acts constituting racial, ethnic or sexual harassment or discrimination
2. Uttering any epithet derogatory of another person's race, religion, gender, national origin or sexual orientation
3. Having been disciplined by any employer as an adult for fighting in the workplace

1000.3.7 JUDGMENT UNDER PRESSURE

(a) The ability to apply common sense during pressure situations

(b) The ability to make sound decisions on the spot

(c) The ability to use good judgment in dealing with potentially explosive situations

(d) The ability to make effective, logical decisions under pressure

(e) The following shall be disqualifying:

1. Admission(s) of administrative conviction or criminal convictions for any act amounting to assault under color of authority or any other violation of federal or state Civil Rights laws
2. Any admission(s) of administrative conviction or criminal conviction for failure to properly report witnessed criminal conduct committed by another law enforcement officer

1000.3.8 ILLEGAL USE OR POSSESSION OF DRUGS

(a) The following examples of illegal drug use or possession will be considered automatic disqualifiers for public safety applicants, with no exceptions:

1. Any adult use or possession of a drug classified as a hallucinogenic within seven years prior to application for employment
2. Any adult use or possession of marijuana within one year prior to application for employment
3. Any other illegal adult use or possession of a drug not mentioned above (including cocaine) within three years prior to application for employment
4. Any illegal adult use or possession of a drug while employed in any law enforcement capacity, military police, or as a student enrolled in college-accredited courses related to the criminal justice field
5. Any adult manufacture or cultivation of a drug or illegal substance
6. Failure to divulge to the Department any information about personal illegal use or possession of drugs
7. Any drug test of the applicant, during the course of the hiring process, where illegal drugs are detected

(b) The following examples of illegal drug use or possession will be considered in relationship to the overall background of that individual and may result in disqualification:

1. Any illegal use or possession of a drug as a juvenile

2. Any illegal adult use or possession of a drug that does not meet the criteria of the automatic disqualifiers specified above (e.g., marijuana use longer than one year ago or cocaine use longer than three years ago.)
3. Any illegal or unauthorized use of prescription medications

Promotional and Assignment Policy

1004.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The purpose of this policy is to establish required and desirable qualifications for promotion within the ranks of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office.

1004.1.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS
The following conditions will be used in evaluating employees for promotion and assignment:

(a) Present a professional, neat appearance.

(b) Maintain a physical condition which aids in their performance.

(c) Demonstrate the following traits:

1. Emotional stability and maturity
2. Stress tolerance
3. Sound judgment and decision-making
4. Personal integrity and ethical conduct
5. Leadership
6. Initiative
7. Adaptability and flexibility
8. Ability to conform to organizational goals and objectives in a positive manner.

1004.2 SWORN NON-SUPERVISORY SELECTION PROCESS
The following positions are considered assignments and are not considered promotions:

(a) S.W.A.T member

(b) Training Officer

(c) Court Officer

1004.2.1 DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS
The following qualifications apply to consideration for assignment:

(a) Three years experience in the desired/same field of employment

(b) Off probation

(c) Has shown an expressed interest in the position applied for

(d) Education, training and demonstrated abilities in related areas; such as, enforcement activities, investigative techniques, report writing, public relations, etc.

(e) Complete any training required by POST or law

1004.3 SELECTION PROCESS
The following criteria apply to assignments.

(a) Administrative evaluation as determined by the Sheriff. This shall include a review of supervisor recommendations. Each supervisor who has supervised or otherwise been involved with the candidate will submit these recommendations.

(b) The supervisor recommendations will be submitted to the Assistant Sheriff for whom the candidate will work. The Assistant Sheriff will schedule interviews with each candidate.

(c) Based on supervisor recommendations and those of the Assistant Sheriff after the interview, the Assistant Sheriff will submit his/her recommendation(s) to the Sheriff.

(d) Appointment by the Sheriff

The policy and procedures for all positions may be waived for temporary assignments, emergency situations or for training.

1004.4 PROMOTIONAL SPECIFICATIONS
Specifications for promotional opportunities are on file with the Plumas County Department of Human Resources.

Grievance Procedure

1006.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
It is the policy of this department that all grievances be handled quickly and fairly without discrimination against employees who file a grievance whether or not there is a basis for the grievance. Our Department's philosophy is to promote a free verbal communication between employees and supervisors.

1006.1.1 GRIEVANCE DEFINED
A grievance is any difference of opinion concerning terms or conditions of employment or the dispute involving the interpretation or application of any of the following documents by the person(s) affected:

- The employee bargaining agreement (Memorandum of Understanding)
- This Policy Manual
- County rules & regulations covering personnel practices or working conditions

Grievances may be brought by an individual affected employee or by a group representative.

Specifically outside the category of grievance are complaints related to alleged acts of sexual, racial, ethnic or other forms of unlawful harassment, as well as complaints related to allegations of discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, ethnic background and other lawfully protected status or activity are subject to the complaint options set forth in Policy Manual § 328, and personnel complaints consisting of any allegation of misconduct or improper job performance against any department employee that, if true, would constitute a violation of department policy, federal, state or local law set forth in Policy Manual §1020.

1006.2 PROCEDURE
All Grievances shall be handled in accordance with the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and the Plumas County Sheriff's Association.

1006.3 EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATION
Employees are entitled to have representation during the grievance process. The representative may be selected by the employee from the appropriate employee bargaining group.

1006.4 GRIEVANCE RECORDS
At the conclusion of the grievance process, all documents pertaining to the process shall be forwarded to Administration for inclusion into a secure file for all written grievances. A second copy of the written grievance will be maintained by the County Administrator's office to monitor the grievance process.

1006.5 GRIEVANCE AUDITS
The Administrative Sergeant shall perform an annual audit of all grievances filed the previous calendar year to evaluate whether or not any policy/procedure changes or training may be appropriate to avoid future filings of grievances. The Administrative Sergeant shall record these findings in a confidential and generic memorandum to the Sheriff without

including any identifying information from any individual grievance. If the audit identifies any recommended changes or content that may warrant a critical revision to this policy manual, the Administrative Sergeant should promptly notify the Sheriff.

Reporting of Employee Convictions

1010.1 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.

The Administrative Sergeant shall submit in a timely manner a notice to the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) of any appointment, termination, reinstatement, name change or status change regarding any peace officer, reserve peace officer, public safety dispatcher and records supervisor employed by this department (11 CCR § 9040).

The Administrative Sergeant shall submit in a timely manner a notice to POST of a felony conviction or Government Code § 1029 reason that disqualifies any current peace officer employed by this department or any former peace officer if this department was responsible for the investigation (11 CCR § 9041).

1010.2 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONVICTIONS AND RESTRAINING ORDERS
California 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; Penal Code § 29805).

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.

1010.3 OTHER CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS
Government Code § 1029 prohibits any person convicted of a felony from being a peace officer in the State of California. This prohibition applies regardless of whether the guilt was established by way of a verdict, guilty or nolo contendre 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.

1010.4 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) 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 effort to remove such disqualification or restriction shall remain entirely the responsibility of the member on his/her own time and expense.

Any member failing to provide prompt written notice pursuant to this policy shall be subject to discipline.

1010.5 PROCEDURE FOR RELIEF

Pursuant to Penal Code § 29855, a peace officer may petition the court for permission to carry a firearm following a conviction under state law. Federal law, however, does not provide for any such similar judicial relief and the granting of a state court petition under Penal Code § 29855 will not relieve one of the restrictions imposed by federal law. Therefore, relief for any employee falling under the restrictions imposed by federal law may only be obtained by expungement of the conviction. Each employee shall seek relief from firearm restrictions on their own time and through their own resources.

Pursuant to Family Code § 6389(h), an individual may petition the court for an exemption to any restraining order, which would thereafter permit the individual to carry a firearm as a part of their employment. Relief from any domestic violence or other restriction shall also be pursued through the employee's own resources and on the employee's own time.

Pending satisfactory proof of relief from any legal restriction imposed on an employee's duties, the employee may be placed on administrative leave, reassigned or disciplined. The Department may, but is not required to return an employee to any assignment, reinstate any employee or reverse any pending or imposed discipline upon presentation of satisfactory proof of relief from any legal restriction set forth in this policy.

Alcohol and Drug Use

1012.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The intent of this policy is to deter the misuse or abuse of legal or illegal substances that create a threat to the safety and health of any employee or member of the public. The Plumas County Sheriff's Office discourages alcohol and drug abuse and strives to achieve a workforce free from the influence of drugs and alcohol.

1012.2 GENERAL GUIDELINES
The consumption of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited and the consumption of alcohol by on-duty personnel is generally prohibited except as necessary and expressly authorized in the performance of an official special assignment. Personnel who are authorized to consume alcohol as part of a special assignment shall not do so to the extent of impairing on-duty performance.

Personnel who have consumed an amount of an alcoholic beverage or taken any medication that would tend to adversely affect their mental or physical abilities shall not report for duty. Personnel shall notify the Shift Sergeant or appropriate supervisor as soon as they are aware that they will not be able to report to work. If personnel are unable to make the notification, every effort should be made to have a representative contact the supervisor in a timely manner.

1012.2.1 PURCHASE OR POSSESSION OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL ON-DUTY
Department employees shall not purchase or possess alcohol or other controlled substances on County property, at work, or while on-duty except in the performance of a special assignment as described in this policy.

Department employees shall not illegally manufacture any alcohol or drugs while on-duty, on County property or at any other time.

1012.2.2 USE OF PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS
Any employee who is required to take any medication with side effects which might impair his/her ability to fully and safely perform all requirements of the position shall report the need for such medication to the immediate supervisor prior to commencing any on-duty status. The employee using such medication is responsible for knowing the effects of the medication per his/her prescribing physician, the dispensing pharmacist, product warning labels, etc. No employee shall be permitted to work or drive a department-owned or department-leased vehicle while taking such potentially impairing medication 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.

1012.3 EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
There may be available a voluntary Employee Assistance Program to assist employees who wish to seek help for alcohol and drug problems. There is also available a variety of insurance coverage which provide treatment for drug and alcohol abuse. Employees may contact the Department of Human Resources, their insurance provider, or the Employee Assistance Program for additional information.

Employees who experience drug or alcohol problems are encouraged to seek referral for rehabilitation through the Employee Assistance Programs or their insurance provider. It is the responsibility of each employee to seek assistance before alcohol or drug problems lead to performance problems.

1012.4 WORK RESTRICTIONS
If any personnel inform a supervisor that he/she has consumed any alcohol, drug or medication that could interfere with the safe and efficient performance of his/her duties, the employee may be required to obtain clearance from his/her physician before he/she continues to work.

If a supervisor reasonably believes, based upon objective facts, that any person's ability to perform his/her duties safely and efficiently may be impaired by the consumption of alcohol or other drugs, the supervisor may ask the person whether he/she has consumed any alcohol or other drugs and, if so the amount and type of alcohol or other drug consumed and the time of consumption, and the name of the person who prescribed the controlled substance.

If the supervisor reasonably believes, based on objective facts, that a person is impaired by the consumption of alcohol or other drugs, the supervisor shall prevent the person from continuing work and shall transport him/her or cause him/her to be transported safely away from the Department.

1012.5 ORDERING CHEMICAL SCREENING TESTS
The Department may order an employee to submit to a screening test if the Department:

(a) 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) Informs the employee of the specific facts supporting its belief and prepares a written record of those facts, and:

1. Informs the employee in writing whether the test will be for alcohol or drugs or both.
2. Informs the employee that the result of the test is not admissible in any criminal proceeding against him/her.
3. Informs the employee that he/she may refuse the test but that refusal may result in dismissal or other disciplinary action.

1012.5.1 ADDITIONAL CHEMICAL SCREENING TESTS FOR EMPLOYEES
The Department may order an employee to submit to a screening test if the employee:

(a) Is a law enforcement officer and, during the performance of his/her duties, discharges a firearm other than by accident.

(b) During the performance of his/her duties, drives a motor vehicle in such a manner as to cause bodily injury to him/herself or another person or substantial damage to property.

(c) If the employee drives a departmental or leased vehicle which requires a commercial operator's license. Such a testing requirement is legally mandatory.

1012.5.2 CHEMICAL SCREENING TEST REFUSAL
An employee is subject to disciplinary action if he/she:

(a) Fails or refuses to submit to a chemical screening test as ordered.

(b) After taking a screening test that indicates the presence of a controlled substance, fails to provide proof, within 72 hours after being ordered by his/her appointing authority, that he/she took the controlled substance as directed, pursuant to a current and lawful prescription issued in his/her name.

1012.6 CONFIDENTIALITY

The Department recognizes the confidentiality and privacy due employees. Disclosure of any information relating to chemical abuse treatment, except on a need-to-know basis, shall only be with the express written consent of the employee involved or pursuant to lawful process. The written results of any screening test may be provided to the employee but will remain confidential and separate from the employee's other personnel files.

Sick Leave Reporting

1014.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
Employees of this department are provided with a sick leave benefit that gives them continued compensation during times of absence due to personal or family illness. The number of hours available is detailed in the employee's respective personnel manual or applicable collective bargaining agreement. Employees may also 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) (29 CFR 825).

1014.2 EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES
Sick leave may be used for absences caused by illness, injury, 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 possible to schedule such appointments during non-working hours.

Sick leave is not considered vacation, and abuse of sick leave may result in discipline and/or denial of sick-leave benefits. Employees on sick leave shall not engage in other employment or self-employment, or participate in any sport, hobby, recreational or other activity which may impede recovery from the injury or illness.

Upon return to work, employees shall complete and submit a time sheet describing the type of leave used and the specific amount of time taken.

1014.2.1 NOTIFICATION
Employees are encouraged to notify the Patrol Sergeant or appropriate supervisor as soon as they are aware that they will not be able to report to work. At a minimum, employees shall make such notification no less than one hour before the start of their scheduled shift. If an employee is unable to contact the supervisor in the case of an emergency, every effort should be made to have a family member or Dispatcher contact the supervisor.

When the necessity for leave is foreseeable, such as an expected birth or planned medical treatment, the employee shall, whenever possible, provide the Department with no less than 30-days notice of the intent to take leave.

1014.3 EXTENDED ILLNESS
Employees on extended absences shall, if possible, contact their unit supervisor at three-day intervals to provide an update on their absence and expected date of return. Employees absent from duty due to personal illness in excess of three consecutive days may be required to furnish a statement from their health care provider supporting the use of sick leave and/or the ability to return to work.

Nothing in this section precludes a supervisor, with cause, from requiring a physician's statement if three or fewer sick days are taken.

1014.4 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY
Supervisors should monitor sick leave usage and regularly review the attendance of employees under their command to ensure that the use of sick leave is consistent with this policy. Supervisors should address sick-leave use in the employee's performance

evaluation when it has negatively affected the employee's performance or ability to complete assigned duties, and when unusual amounts of sick leave by the employee has had a negative impact on department operations. When appropriate, supervisors should counsel employees regarding the excessive use of sick leave and should consider referring the employee to the Employee Assistance Program.

Communicable Diseases

1016.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy is intended to provide guidelines for department personnel to assist in minimizing the risk of contracting and/or spreading communicable diseases and to minimize the incidence of illness and injury. The policy will offer direction in achieving the following goals:

(a) To manage the risks associated with blood borne pathogens (BBP), aerosol transmissible diseases, and other potentially infectious substances.

(b) To assist department personnel in making decisions concerning the selection, use, maintenance, limitations, storage, and disposal of personal protective equipment (PPE).

(c) To protect the privacy rights of all department personnel who may be exposed to or contract a communicable disease during the course of their duties.

(d) To provide appropriate treatment and counseling should an employee be exposed to a communicable disease.

1016.2 PROCEDURES FOR EXPOSURE TO BLOOD, BODILY FLUIDS OR AEROSOL TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASES

All department personnel who are exposed to another person's blood, bodily fluids or an aerosol transmissible disease (e.g., during an altercation or while attending to any injured person) shall follow these procedures and guidelines.

Exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials includes, but is not limited to, the contact of such substances with the eye, mouth, other mucous membranes, non-intact skin, needle sticks, human bites, cuts or abrasions or any exposure that otherwise qualifies under Health and Safety Code § 121060.1 or 8 CCR § 5193.

Exposure to an aerosol transmissible disease is any event in which all of the following have occurred (8 CCR 5199):

(a) An employee has been exposed to an individual who is a case or a suspected case of a reportable aerosol transmissible disease, or to a work area or to equipment that is reasonably expected to contain aerosol transmissible pathogens associated with a reportable aerosol transmissible disease.

(b) The exposure occurred without the benefit of applicable exposure controls required by this policy.

(c) It reasonably appears from the circumstances of the exposure that transmission of disease is sufficiently likely to require medical evaluation.

1016.2.1 EXPOSURE CONTROL OFFICER

The Sheriff will assign a person as the Department's Exposure Control Officer. The ECO shall be responsible for the following:

(a) The overall management of the bloodborne pathogen Exposure Control Plan (ECP).

(b) Establishing written procedures and a training program related to aerosol transmissible diseases, as required by 8 CCR § 5199.

(c) Working with management to develop and administer any additional related policies and practices necessary to support the effective implementation of this plan.

(d) Remaining current on all legal requirements concerning bloodborne pathogens and other communicable diseases, as required by 8 CCR § 5193.

(e) Acting as a liaison during OSHA inspections, conducting program audits to maintain an up-to-date ECP and ensuring exposure report forms are available and adequate for employees to properly report incidents of exposure.

(f) Maintaining an up-to-date list of sheriff's personnel requiring training. Developing and implementing a training program, maintaining class rosters and quizzes, and periodically reviewing and updating the training program.

(g) Reviewing and updating the ECP annually (on or before January 1 of each year).

Department supervisors are responsible for exposure control in their respective areas. They shall work directly with the ECO and any affected employees to ensure that the proper exposure control procedures are followed.

1016.2.2 UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS
All human blood and body fluids such as saliva, urine, semen, and vaginal secretions are to be treated as if they are known to be infectious. Where it is not possible to distinguish between body fluid types, all body fluids are to be assumed potentially infectious.

1016.2.3 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
Personal protective equipment is the last line of defense against communicable disease. Therefore, the following equipment is provided for all personnel to assist in the protection against such exposures:

- Not less than two pair disposable latex gloves. (Keeping a box in the car recommended.)
- Safety glasses or goggles
- Rescue mask with a one-way valve
- Alcohol (or similar substance) to flush skin at emergency site. (Keeping several alcohol hand wipes in the car recommend)

The protective equipment is to be kept in each sheriff's vehicle; inspected at the start of each shift and replaced immediately upon returning to the station if used or damaged during the shift, or as otherwise needed.

1016.2.4 IMMUNIZATIONS
All department personnel who, in the line of duty, may be exposed to or have contact with a communicable disease shall be offered appropriate treatment immunization.

1016.2.5 WORK PRACTICES
All personnel shall use the appropriate barrier precautions to prevent skin and mucous membrane exposure whenever contact with blood or body fluid is anticipated.

Disposable gloves shall be worn on all medical emergency responses. Disposable gloves shall be worn before making physical contact with any patient and/or when handling items (e.g., evidence, transportation vehicle) soiled with blood or other body fluids. Should one's disposable gloves become contaminated with blood or other body fluids, the gloves shall

Be disposed of as contaminated waste. Care should be taken to avoid touching other items (e.g., pens, books, and personal items in general) while wearing the disposable gloves in a potentially contaminated environment.

All procedures involving blood or other potentially infectious materials shall be done in a way to minimize splashing, spraying, or otherwise generating droplets of those materials.

Eating, drinking, smoking, applying lip balm, and handling contact lenses shall beprohibited in areas where a potential for an exposure exists.

1016.3 DISPOSAL AND DECONTAMINATION
The following procedures will apply to the disposal and decontamination after responding to an event that involved contact with a person's blood or body fluids:

1016.3.1 USE OF WASTE CONTAINERS
Deputies shall dispose of biohazard with the on-scene fire response vehicle, or at the attending clinic/hospital with their approval, or in an appropriately marked biohazard waste container at the station immediately upon arrival.

The biohazard waste container located at the station shall be collapsible, leakproof, red in color or appropriately labeled with a biohazard warning and routinely emptied.

1016.3.2 DECONTAMINATION OF SKIN AND MUCOUS MEMBRANES
Personnel shall wash their hands immediately (on-scene if possible), or as soon as possible following the removal of potentially contaminated gloves. Antibacterial soap and warm water or an approved disinfectant shall be used to wash one's hands, paying particular attention to the fingernails.

If an employee's intact skin contacts someone else's blood or bodily fluids or other potentially infectious materials, the employee shall immediately wash the exposed part of his/her body with soap and warm water and/or an approved disinfectant, as soon as possible. If the skin becomes grossly contaminated, body washing shall be followed by an approved hospital strength disinfectant. If large areas of the employee's skin are contaminated, the employee shall shower as soon as possible, using warm water and soap and/or an approved disinfectant. Medical treatment should be obtained.

Contaminated non-intact skin (e.g., injured skin, open wound) shall be cleaned using an approved disinfectant and then dressed or bandaged as required. Medical treatment is required.

All hand, skin, and mucous membrane washing that takes place in the station shall be done in the designated cleaning or decontamination area. Cleaning shall not be done in the kitchen, bathrooms, or other locations not designated as the cleaning or decontamination area.

1016.3.3 SHARPS AND ITEMS THAT CUT OR PUNCTURE
All personnel shall avoid using or holding sharps (needles) unless needed to do so while assisting a paramedic, or collecting them for evidence. Unless required for evidentiary reasons related to evidence preservation, employees are not to recap sharps. If recapping is necessary, a one-handed method shall be employed to avoid a finger prick. Disposal, when practicable, shall be into a puncture proof biohazard container.

All sharps and items that cut or puncture (e.g., broken glass, razors, and knives) shall be treated cautiously to avoid cutting, stabbing, or puncturing one's self or any other person. In addition, if a sharp object contains known or suspected blood or other bodily fluids, that item is to be treated as a contaminated item. If the item is not evidence, touching it with the hands shall be avoided. Rather, use a device such as tongs, or a broom and a dustpan to clean up debris. If the material must be hand held, protective gloves must be worn.

1016.3.4 DISPOSABLE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
Contaminated disposable supplies (gloves, dressings, CPR mask) shall be transported with the patient or suspect in the ambulance or sheriff's vehicle. The waste material shall then be disposed of in a biohazard waste container at the hospital or sheriff's station. Disposable gloves are to be worn while placing the waste into the waste biohazard container, placing the gloves in with the waste when through.

1016.3.5 DECONTAMINATION OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
After using any reusable personal protective equipment, it shall be washed or disinfected and stored appropriately. If the personal protective equipment is non-reusable (e.g., disposable gloves), it shall be discarded in a biohazard waste container as described in Policy Manual § 1016.3.4.

Any personal protective equipment that becomes punctured, torn, or loses its integrity, shall be removed as soon as feasible. The employee shall wash up and replace the personal protective equipment if the job has not been terminated. If this situation resulted in a contaminated non-intact skin event, Policy Manual § 1016.3.2 shall be implemented.

Contaminated reusable personal protective equipment that must be transported prior to cleaning it shall be placed into a biohazard waste bag and transported in the ambulance, paramedic truck or sheriff's vehicle. Gloves shall be worn while handling the biohazard waste bag and during placement into the biohazard waste container, and then included in with the waste.

1016.3.6 DECONTAMINATION OF NON-DISPOSABLE EQUIPMENT
Contaminated non-disposable equipment (e.g., flashlight, gun, baton, clothing, portable radio) shall be decontaminated as soon as possible. If it is to be transported, it shall be done by first placing it into a biohazard waste bag.

Grossly contaminated non-disposable equipment items shall be transported to a hospital, fire station, or sheriff's station for proper cleaning and disinfecting. Porous surfaces such as nylon bags and straps shall be brushed and scrubbed with a detergent and hot water, laundered and allowed to dry. Non-porous surfaces (e.g., plastic or metal) shall be brushed and scrubbed with detergent and hot water, sprayed with a bleach solution, rinsed, and allowed to dry. Delicate equipment (e.g., radios) should be brushed and scrubbed very carefully using a minimal amount of a type of germicide that is approved by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) .

While cleaning equipment, pay close attention to handles, controls, portable radios, and corners (tight spots). Equipment cleaning shall not be done in the kitchen, bathrooms, or other areas not designated as the cleaning/decontamination area.

Contaminated equipment should be cleaned using an approved EPA germicide or a 1:100 solution of chlorine bleach (one-quarter-cup of bleach per one gallon of water) while wearing disposable gloves and goggles. Large particles of contaminants such as, vomit, feces,

Blood clots, etc. should first be removed (using a disposable towel or other means to prevent direct contact) and properly disposed of.

1016.3.7 DECONTAMINATION OF CLOTHING
Contaminated clothing such as uniforms and undergarments shall be removed as soon as feasible and rinsed in cold water to prevent the setting of bloodstains. If the clothing may be washed in soap and hot water, do so as soon as possible. If the clothing must be dry cleaned, it shall be disposed of in the appropriate manner and replaced in accordance with the M.O.U.

Contaminated leather boots shall be brushed and scrubbed with detergent and hot water. If the contaminant soaked through the boot, the boot shall be discarded.

1016.3.8 DECONTAMINATION OF VEHICLES
Contaminated vehicles and components such as the seats, radios, and doors shall be washed with soap and warm water and disinfected with an approved germicide as soon as feasible.

1016.3.9 DECONTAMINATION OF STATION AND CLEANING AREA
The ECO shall designate a location at the station that will serve as the area for cleaning/decontamination. This area is to be used to keep equipment clean and sanitary and for the employees to wash any potential contamination from their bodies. This area is to be thoroughly cleaned after each use and to be maintained in a clean and sanitary order at all times between each use. The application of cosmetics, smoking cigarettes, consuming food and drink are prohibited in this designated area at all times.

1016.4 POST-EXPOSURE REPORTING AND FOLLOW-UP REQUIREMENTS
In actual or suspected exposure incidents, proper documentation and follow-up action must occur to limit potential liabilities and to ensure the best protection and care for the employee(s).

1016.4.1 EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT EXPOSURE
To provide appropriate and timely treatment should exposure occur, all employees shall verbally report the exposure to their immediate supervisor and complete a written exposure report as soon as possible following the exposure or suspected exposure. That report shall be submitted to the employee's immediate supervisor. Additionally, employees should document in the exposure report whether they would like the person who was the source of the exposure to be tested for communicable diseases.

1016.4.2 SUPERVISOR REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
The supervisor on-duty shall investigate every exposure that occurs as soon as possible following the incident, while gathering the following information:

(a) Name and social security number of the employee(s) exposed.

(b) Date and time of incident.

(c) Location of incident.

(d) What potentially infectious materials were involved.

(e) Source of material or person.

(f) Current location of material or person.

(g) Work being done during exposure.

(h) How the incident occurred or was caused.

(i) PPE in use at the time of the incident.

(j) Actions taken post-event (e.g., clean-up, notifications).

The supervisor shall advise the employee of the laws and regulations concerning disclosure of the identity and infectious status of a source, and Policy § 1016.5, which addresses source testing.

If the ECO is unavailable to seek testing of the person who was the source of the exposure, it is the responsibility of the exposed employee's supervisor to ensure testing is sought (Policy § 1016.5).

1016.4.3 MEDICAL CONSULTATION, EVALUATION AND TREATMENT
Any employee who was exposed or who suspects he/she was exposed to HIV or to hepatitis B or C should be seen by a physician or qualified health care provider as soon as possible. The doctor or qualified health care provider should be provided with the supervisor's report and the employee's medical records relevant to the visit and examination. The blood of the exposed employee shall be tested.

The health care professional will provide the ECO and/or the County's Risk Manager with a written opinion/evaluation of the exposed employee's medical condition. This opinion should only contain the following information:

- If a post-exposure treatment is indicated for the employee.
- If the employee received a post-exposure treatment.
- Confirmation that the employee received the evaluation results.
- Confirmation that the employee was informed of any medical condition resulting from the exposure incident and whether further treatment or evaluation will be required.
- Whethercommunicablediseasetestingfromthesourceiswarranted,andifso,which diseases should the testing include.

All other findings or diagnosis shall remain confidential and are not to be included in the written report.

1016.4.4 COUNSELING
The Department shall provide the exposed employee (and his/her family if necessary) the opportunity for counseling and consultation.

1016.4.5 CONFIDENTIALITY OF REPORTS
Most of the information involved in this process must remain confidential. The ECO shall ensure that all records and reports are kept in the strictest confidence.

The ECO shall be responsible for maintaining records containing the employee's treatment status and the results of examinations, medical testing and follow-up procedures.

The Risk Manager shall be responsible for maintaining the name and social security number of the employee and copies of any information provided to the consulting health care professional.

This information is confidential and shall not be disclosed to anyone without the employee'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.

1016.5 SOURCE TESTING

Testing for communicable diseases of a person who was the source of an exposure should be sought when it is desired by the exposed employee or when it is otherwise appropriate. There are five methods to obtain such testing. It is the responsibility of the ECO to ensure that the proper testing and reporting occur. These methods are:

(a) Obtaining voluntary consent from any person who may be the source of an exposure to cover testing for any communicable disease.

(b) Filing a report with the county health officer when an employee is exposed to the bodily fluids of an arrestee. The county health officer may pursue testing for HIV or hepatitis B or C (Penal Code § 7510 et seq.).

(c) Seeking consent for testing or applying for a court order for HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C testing (Health and Safety Code § 121060 et seq.).

(d) Seeking a court order when the person who may be the source of an exposure will not consent to testing and the exposure does not fall under the statutory schemes for testing.

This covers testing for any communicable disease as deemed appropriate by a health care professional and documented in the request for the court order.

(e) Under certain circumstances, a court may issue a search warrant for the purpose of HIV testing an adult or juvenile when an employee of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office qualifies as a crime victim (Penal Code § 1524.1).

1016.5.1 EXPOSURE FROM A NON-ARRESTEE

Upon notification of an employee's exposure to a person who was not arrested, the ECO should attempt to determine if the person who was the source of the exposure will voluntarily consent to testing. If consent is indicated, the following steps should be taken:

(a) A licensed health care provider should notify the person to be tested of the exposure and make a good faith effort to obtain voluntary informed consent from the person or his/her authorized legal representative to perform a test for HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C and other communicable diseases the health care provider deems appropriate.

(b) The voluntary informed consent obtained by the health care provider must be in writing and include consent for three specimens of blood for testing. The ECO should document the consent as a supplement to the Exposure Control Report.

(c) The results of the tests should be made available to the source and the exposed employee.

If consent is not obtained, the ECO should promptly consult with County Counsel and consider requesting that a court order be sought for appropriate testing.

1016.5.2 EXPOSURE FROM AN ARRESTEE

Upon notification of an exposure to an employee by a person who was arrested, the ECO should take the following steps:

(a) Comply with the statutory scheme of Health and Safety Code §121060. This includes seeking consent from the person who was the source of the exposure and seeking a court order if consent is not given.

(b) Take reasonable steps to immediately contact the County Health Officer and provide preliminary information regarding the circumstances of the exposure and the status of the involved individuals to determine whether the County Health Officer will order testing (Penal Code § 7510).

(c) In all cases, comply with the reporting and testing scheme of Penal Code § 7510 et seq. This includes completing a State Department of Health Services Form CDPH 8479 and submitting it to the County Health Officer with a copy of the Exposure Control Report by the end of the employee's shift. If submission by the end of the shift is not practicable, it must occur as soon as possible but no later than two days after the incident. The exposed employee's name should not appear on this form.

(d) Remain in contact with the County Health Officer to determine whether testing of the arrestee will occur and whether the testing satisfies the medical needs of the employee.

(e) The results of the tests should be made available to the donor and the exposed employee.

Since there is potential for overlap between the two statutory schemes, the ECO is responsible for coordinating the testing with the County Health Officer to prevent unnecessary or duplicate testing.

In the rare event that the exposed employee is not covered by either statutory scheme, the ECO should seek consent or a court order in the same manner as for a non-arrestee.

Smoking and Tobacco Use

1018.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy establishes limitations on the use of tobacco products by employees and others while on-duty or while in Plumas County Sheriff's Office facilities or vehicles.

1018.2 POLICY
The Plumas County Sheriff's Office recognizes that tobacco use is a health risk and can be offensive to other employees and to the public. It is the policy of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office to prohibit the use of tobacco by employees while on-duty or at any time the employee is acting in an official capacity for the Department.

1018.3 EMPLOYEE USE
Tobacco use by employees is prohibited anytime employees are in public view representing the Department.

Smoking and the use of other tobacco products is not permitted inside any County facility, office or vehicle (California Labor Code § 6404.5).

It shall be the responsibility of each employee to ensure that no person under his/her supervision smokes or uses any tobacco product inside County facilities and vehicles.

1018.4 ADDITIONAL PROHIBITIONS
No person shall use tobacco products within 20 feet of a main entrance, exit, or operable window of any public building (including any department facility), or buildings on the campuses of the University of California, California State University and California community colleges, whether present for training, enforcement, or any other purpose (Government Code § 7596 et seq.).

Personnel Complaint Procedure

1020.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The purpose of this procedure is to provide guidelines for the reporting, investigation and disposition of complaints regarding the conduct of members and employees of this department.

1020.1.1 PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS DEFINED
Personnel complaints consist of any allegation of misconduct or improper job performance against any department employee that, if true, would constitute a violation of department policy, federal, state or local law.

Inquiries about employee conduct which, even if true, would not qualify as a personnel complaint may be handled informally by a department supervisor and shall not be considered complaints.
This policy shall not apply to any interrogation, counseling, instruction, informal verbal admonishment or other routine or unplanned contact of an employee in the normal course of duty, by a supervisor or any other employee, nor shall this policy apply to an investigation concerned solely and directly with alleged criminal activities (Cal. Govt. Code 3303(i)).

Personnel Complaints shall be classified in one of the following categories:

Informal -A matter in which the complaining party is satisfied that appropriate action has been taken by a department supervisor of rank greater than the accused employee. Informal complaints need not be documented on a personnel complaint form and the responsible supervisor shall have the discretion to handle the complaint in any manner consistent with this policy.

Formal -A matter in which the complaining party requests further investigation or which a department supervisor determines that further action is warranted. Such complaints may be investigated by a department supervisor of rank greater than the accused employee or referred to an Assistant Sheriff depending on the seriousness and complexity of the investigation.

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 An Assistant Sheriff, such matters need not be documented as personnel complaints, but may be further investigated depending on the seriousness of the complaint and the availability of sufficient information.

1020.2 AVAILABILITY AND ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLAINTS

1020.2.1 AVAILABILITY OF COMPLAINT FORMS
Personnel complaint forms will be maintained in a clearly visible location in the public lobby. Forms will be available at the main office and at each area substation.

1020.2.2 SOURCE OF COMPLAINTS

(a) A department employee becoming aware of alleged misconduct shall immediately notify a supervisor.

(b) A supervisor receiving a complaint from any source alleging misconduct of an employee which, if true, could result in disciplinary action.

(c) Anonymous complaints and third party complaints should be accepted and investigated to the extent that sufficient information is provided.

1020.2.3 ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLAINTS
A complaint may be filed in person, in writing, or by telephoning the Department. Although not required, every effort should be made to have the complainant appear in person. The following should be considered before taking a complaint:

(a) Complaints shall not be prepared unless the alleged misconduct or job performance is of a nature which, if true, would normally result in disciplinary action

(b) When an uninvolved supervisor or the Shift Sergeant determines that the reporting person is satisfied that their complaint required nothing more than an explanation regarding the proper/improper implementation of department policy or procedure, a complaint need not be taken

(c) When the complainant is intoxicated to the point where his/her credibility appears to be unreliable, identifying information should be obtained and the person should be provided with a Personnel Complaint form

(d) Depending on the urgency and seriousness of the allegations involved, complaints from juveniles should generally be taken only with their parents or guardians present and after the parents or guardians have been informed of the circumstances prompting the complaint

1020.2.4 COMPLAINT DOCUMENTATION
Formal complaints of alleged misconduct shall be documented by a supervisor on a personnel complaint form. The supervisor shall ensure that the nature of the complaint is defined as clearly as possible.

A supervisor may elect to document informal complaints as a supervisor or Shift Sergeant log entry.

When a Personnel Complaint form is completed in person, the complainant should legibly write a detailed narrative of his/her complaint. If circumstances indicate that this is not feasible, the complaint may be dictated to the receiving supervisor. In an effort to ensure accuracy in any complaint, it is recommended that a recorded statement be obtained from the reporting party. A refusal by a party to be recorded shall not alone be grounds to refuse to accept a complaint. Whether handwritten or dictated, the complainant's signature should be obtained at the conclusion of the statement. The complainant should be provided with a copy of his/her own original complaint per Penal Code § 832.7.

1020.3 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY
A supervisor who becomes aware of alleged misconduct shall take reasonable steps to prevent aggravation of the situation. Moreover, supervisors shall also maintain the ability to engage in the interrogation of an employee in the normal course of duty, counseling, instruction, or informal verbal admonishment, or other routine or unplanned contact (Cal. Govt. Code 3303(i)).

In general, the primary responsibility for the investigation of a personnel complaint shall rest with the employee's immediate supervisor. The Sheriff or authorized designee may, however, direct that another supervisor investigate it. The supervisor shall be responsible for the following:

(a) A supervisor receiving a formal complaint involving allegations of a potentially serious nature shall ensure that the Shift Sergeant, appropriate Assistant Sheriff and Sheriff are notified as soon as practicable.

(b) A supervisor receiving or initiating any formal complaint shall ensure that a Personnel Complaint form has been completed as fully as possible. The original complaint form will then be directed to the Commanding Officer of the accused employee, via the chain of command, who will take appropriate action or forward the complaint to the appropriate Assistant Sheriff for further action.

    1. During the preliminary investigation of any complaint, the supervisor should make every reasonable effort to obtain names, addresses and telephone numbers of additional witnesses.

    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 employee's Undersheriff or the Sheriff who will initiate appropriate action.

(c) A supervisor dealing with an accused employee shall ensure that the procedural rights of the employee are followed pursuant to Government Code § 3303, et seq.

(d) When the nature of a personnel complaint relates to sexual, racial, ethnic, or other forms of prohibited harassment or discrimination, the supervisor receiving the complaint shall promptly contact the Department of Human Resources and the Sheriff for direction regarding their role in investigation and/or addressing the complaint.

1020.4 ASSIGNMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE

When a complaint of misconduct is of a serious nature or when circumstances practically dictate that it would impose an unreasonable risk to the Department, the employee, other employees or the public, a supervisor may assign the accused employee to inactive duty pending completion of the investigation or the filing of administrative charges.

1020.4.1 ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE

An employee placed on administrative leave may be subject to the following guidelines:

(a) Under such circumstances, an employee placed on administrative leave shall continue to receive regular pay and benefits pending the imposition of any discipline

(b) An employee placed on administrative leave may be required by a supervisor to relinquish any badge, departmental identification, assigned weapon(s) and any other departmental equipment

(c) An employee placed on administrative leave may be ordered to refrain from taking any action as a departmental employee or in an official capacity. The employee shall be required to continue to comply with all policies and lawful orders of a supervisor

(d) An employee placed on administrative leave may be temporarily reassigned to a different shift (generally normal business hours) during the pendency of the investigation and the employee may be required to remain available for contact at all times during such shift and report as ordered

(e) It shall be the responsibility of the assigning supervisor to promptly notify the employee's Assistant Sheriff and the Sheriff

(f) At such time as any employee placed on administrative leave is returned to full and regular duty, the employee shall be returned to their regularly assigned shift with all badges, identification card and other equipment returned

1020.5 ALLEGATIONS OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT

Where an employee of this department is accused of potential criminal conduct, a separate supervisor or assigned detective shall be assigned to investigate the criminal allegations apart from any administrative investigation. Any separate administrative investigation may parallel a criminal investigation.

The Sheriff shall be notified as soon as practical when an employee is formally accused of criminal conduct. In the event of serious criminal allegations, the Sheriff may request a criminal investigation by an outside law enforcement agency.

An employee accused of criminal conduct shall be provided with all rights and privileges afforded to a civilian and the employee may not be administratively ordered to provide any information to a criminal detective.

No information or evidence administratively coerced from an employee may be provided to a criminal detective.

Any law enforcement agency is authorized to release information concerning the arrest or detention of a peace officer, which has not led to a conviction, however, no disciplinary action, other than paid administrative leave shall be taken against the accused employee based solely on an arrest or crime report (Labor Code § 432.7(b)). An independent administrative investigation shall be conducted based upon the allegations in the report in accordance with department policy.

1020.6 ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINT

Whether conducted by a supervisor or an assigned member of the Assistant Sheriff, the following procedures shall be followed with regard to the accused employee(s):

(a) Interviews of accused employees shall be conducted during reasonable hours and, if the employee is off-duty, the employee shall be compensated (Government Code § 3303(a)).

(b) No more than two interviewers may ask questions of an accused employee (Government Code § 3303(b)).

(c) Prior to any interview, an employee shall be informed of the nature of the investigation (Government Code § 3303(c)).

(d) All interviews shall be for a reasonable period and the employee's personal needs shall be accommodated (Government Code § 3303(d)).

(e) No employee shall 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 or be subject to discipline for insubordination. Nothing administratively ordered may be provided to a criminal investigator (Government Code § 3303(e)).

(f) Absent circumstances preventing it, 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 shall be provided to the employee prior to any subsequent interview (Government Code § 3303(g)).

(g) If the allegations involve potential criminal conduct, the employee shall be advised of his/her Constitutional rights pursuant to Lybarger. This admonishment shall be given administratively whether or not the employee was advised of these rights during any separate criminal investigation. (Government Code § 3303(h)).

(h) All employees subjected to interviews that could result in punitive action shall have the right to have an uninvolved representative present during the interview. However, in order to maintain the integrity of each individual employee's statement, involved employees shall not consult or meet with a representative or attorney collectively or in groups prior to being interviewed (Government Code § 3303(i)).

(i) All employees shall provide complete and truthful responses to questions posed during interviews.

(j) 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 (Government Code § 3307).

1020.6.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SEARCHES

An employee of this department may be administratively ordered to submit to a blood, breath, or urine test for alcohol and drugs under any of the following circumstances:

- When the employee, whether on or off-duty, is involved in a shooting or police related death.
- When the employee is involved in an injury or fatal accident while on duty.
- When the employee is involved in an injury or fatal accident while operating any County owned vehicle whether on or off-duty.
- When the employee is found to be exhibiting objective symptoms of intoxication or drug influence while on duty.

The use of compelled testing results shall be restricted to the administrative investigation.
Any employee may be compelled to disclose personal financial information pursuant to proper legal process; if such information tends to indicate a conflict of interest with official duties, or, if the employee is assigned to or being considered for a special assignment with a potential for bribes (Government Code § 3308).

Employees shall have no expectation of privacy when using telephones, computers, radios or other communications provided by the Department.

Assigned lockers and storage spaces may only be administratively searched in the employee's presence, with the employee's consent, with a valid search warrant or where the employee has been given reasonable notice that the search will take place (Government Code § 3309).

All other departmentally assigned areas (e.g., desks, office space, assigned vehicles) may be administratively searched by a supervisor, in the presence of an uninvolved witness, for non-investigative purposes. (e.g., obtaining a needed report or radio). An investigative search of such areas shall only be conducted upon a reasonable suspicion that official misconduct is involved.

1020.6.2 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 (recordings, photos, documents, etc.) should be attached to the report.

1020.7 DISPOSITION OF PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS
Each allegation shall be classified with one of the following dispositions:

Unfounded -When the investigation discloses that the alleged act(s) did not occur or did not involve department personnel. Complaints which are determined to be frivolous will fall within the classification of unfounded (Penal Code § 832.5(c)).

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 employee.

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 which was not alleged in the original complaint, the investigator shall take appropriate action with regard to any additional allegations.

1020.8 COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATIONS
Every investigator or supervisor assigned to investigate a personnel complaint or other alleged misconduct shall proceed with due diligence in an effort to complete the investigation within one year from the date of discovery by an individual authorized to initiate an investigation. In the event that an investigation cannot be completed within one year of discovery, the assigned investigator or supervisor shall ensure that an extension or delay is warranted within the exceptions set forth in Government Code § 3304(d) or Government Code § 3508.1. If the nature of the allegations dictate that confidentiality is necessary to maintain the integrity of the investigation, the involved employee(s) need not be notified of the pending investigation unless and until the employee is interviewed or formally charged within one year of discovery.

Upon completion, the report should be forwarded through the chain of command to the commanding officer of the involved employee(s).

Once received, the Sheriff may accept or modify the classification and recommendation for disciplinary action contained in the report.

Within 30 days of the final review by the Sheriff, written notice of the findings shall be sent to the complaining party. This notice shall indicate the findings, however, will not disclose the amount of discipline, if any imposed. The complaining party should also be provided with a copy of his/her own original complaint (Penal Code § 832.7).

Any complaining party who is not satisfied with the findings of the Department concerning their complaint may contact the Sheriff to discuss the matter further.

1020.8.1 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 (Penal Code § 832.5).

All formal personnel complaints shall be maintained for a period of no less than five years. (PenalCode§832.5)Allnon-citizen(e.g.,thosethatoriginateinternally)initiatedcomplaints shall be maintained no less than two years (Government Code § 34090 et seq.).

Sustained complaints shall be maintained in the employee's personnel file. Complaints which are unfounded, exonerated or not sustained shall be maintained by the Administrative Assistant Sheriff apart from the employee's personnel file.

Seat Belts

1022.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The use of seat belts and other safety restraints significantly reduces the chance of death or injury in case of a traffic collision. This policy establishes guidelines for seat belt and child safety seat use to promote maximum operator and passenger safety, thus reducing the possibility of death or injury as the result of a motor vehicle crash. This policy will apply to all employees operating or riding in department vehicles (Vehicle Code § 27315.5).

1022.2 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.

Exceptions to the requirement to wear safety restraints may be made only in exceptional situations where, due to unusual circumstances, wearing a seat belt would endanger the member or the public. Members must be prepared to justify any deviation from this requirement.

1022.2.1 TRANSPORTING CHILDREN

Children under the age of 8 should be transported in compliance with California's restraint system requirements (Vehicle Code § 27360).

A child may be transported by sworn personnel without the use of a child passenger restraint system in an authorized emergency vehicle if a child passenger restraint system is unavailable and the child is secured by a seat belt (Vehicle Code § 27363(b) and Vehicle Code § 165).

Members should deactivate, if available, the passenger side air bag when appropriate,such as when transporting a rear-facing infant or child in the front seat.

1022.3 TRANSPORTING PRISONERS

Whenever possible, prisoners should be secured in the prisoner restraint system in the rear seat of the patrol vehicle or, when a prisoner restraint system is not available, by seatbelts. The prisoner should be in seating position for which seat belts have been provided by the vehicle manufacturer. The prisoner restraint system is not intended to be a substitute for handcuffs or other appendage restraints.

1022.4 INOPERABLE SEAT BELTS

No person shall operate a department vehicle in which the seat belt in the driver's position is inoperable. No person shall be transported in a seating position in which the seat belt is inoperable.

No person shall modify, remove, deactivate or otherwise tamper with the vehicle safety belts, except for vehicle maintenance and repair staff who shall do soonly with the express authorization of the Sheriff.

Employees 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.

Body Armor

1024.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The purpose of this policy is to provide law enforcement officers with guidelines for the proper use of body armor.

1024.2 POLICY
It is the policy of the Plumas 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.

1024.3 ISSUANCE OF BODY ARMOR
The Administration supervisor shall ensure that body armor is issued to all deputies when the deputy begins service at the Plumas County Sheriff's Office and that, when issued, the body armor meets or exceeds the standards of the National Institute of Justice.

The Administration supervisor shall establish a body armor replacement schedule 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.

1024.3.1 USE OF SOFT BODY ARMOR
Generally, the use of body armor is required subject to the following:

(a) Deputies shall only wear agency-approved 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.

1024.3.2 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 armor should be conducted by an authorized designee for fit, cleanliness, and signs of damage, abuse and wear.

1024.3.3 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.

1024.4 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.

Peace Officer Personnel Files

1026.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This section governs the maintenance, retention and access to peace officer personnel files in accordance with established law. It is the policy of this department to maintain the confidentiality of peace officer personnel records pursuant to Penal Code § 832.7.

1026.2 PERSONNEL FILES DEFINED
Pursuant to Penal Code § 832.8, peace officer personnel records shall include any file maintained under an individual deputy's name relating to:

(a) Personal data, including marital status, family members, educational and employment history, or similar information.

(b) Medical history including medical leave of absence forms, fitness for duty examinations, workers compensation records, medical releases and all other records which reveal an employee's past, current or anticipated future medical conditions.

(c) Election of employee benefits.

(d) Employee advancement, appraisal, or discipline.

(e) Complaints, or investigations of complaints, concerning an event or transaction in which the deputy participated, or which the deputy perceived, and pertaining to the manner in which the deputy performed official duties.

(f) Any other information the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

1026.3 EMPLOYEE RECORD LOCATIONS
Employee records will generally be maintained in any of the following:

Department File -That file which is maintained in the office of the Sheriff as a permanent record of a sworn deputy's employment with this department.

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.

1026.4 CONFIDENTIALITY OF ALL PERSONNEL FILES
Pursuant to Penal Code § 832.7, all of the above-defined personnel records shall be deemed confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure except pursuant to the discovery

procedures set forth in Evidence Code § 1043, et seq. or in accordance with applicable federal discovery laws. Nothing in this section is intended to preclude review of personnel files by the County Administrator, County Counsel or other attorneys or representatives of the County in connection with official business.

1026.5 REQUESTS FOR DISCLOSURE

Only written requests for the disclosure of any information contained in any peace officer personnel record will be considered. 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 Shift Sergeant, 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 (Evidence Code § 1043(a)).

The responsible person shall further ensure that an appropriate response to the request is made in a timely manner, 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.

1026.5.1 RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Except as provided by this policy or pursuant to lawful process, no information contained in any confidential peace officer personnel file shall be disclosed to any unauthorized person(s) without the expressed prior consent of the involved deputy or written authorization of the Sheriff or his or her designee.

Any person who maliciously, and with the intent to obstruct justice or the due administration of the laws, publishes, disseminates, or otherwise discloses the residence address or telephone number of any member of this department may be guilty of a misdemeanor (Penal Code § 146e).
Pursuant to Penal Code § 832.7(e), the disposition of any citizen's complaint shall be released to the complaining party within 30 days of the final disposition. This release shall be limited to the disposition and shall not include what discipline, if any was imposed.

The Department may also release any factual information concerning a disciplinary investigation if the deputy who is the subject of the investigation (or the deputy's representative) publicly makes a statement which is published in the media and which the deputy (or representative) knew to be false. The disclosure of such information, if any, shall be limited to facts that refute any such false statement (Penal Code § 832.7(d)).

1026.6 EMPLOYEE ACCESS TO OWN FILE

Any employee may request access to his/her own personnel file(s) during the normal business hours of the individual(s) responsible for maintaining such file(s). Any employee seeking the removal of any item from his/her personnel file shall file a written request to the Sheriff through the chain of command. The Department shall thereafter remove any such item if appropriate or within 30 days provide the employee with a written explanation why the contested item will not be removed (Government Code 3306.5). If the contested item is not removed from the file, the employee's request and the department's written response shall be retained with the contested item in the employee's personnel file.

Employees may be restricted from accessing files containing any of the following information:

(a) Ongoing Internal affairs investigations to the extent that it could jeopardize or compromise the investigation pending final disposition or notice to the employee of the intent to discipline.

(b) Confidential portions of Internal Affairs files which have not been sustained against the employee

1026.7 TYPES OF PERSONNEL FILES
Peace officer personnel files can be located in any of the following places:

1026.7.1 DEPARTMENT FILE
The Department file should contain, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) Performance evaluation reports regularly completed by appropriate supervisor and signed by the affected employee shall be permanently maintained.

(b) Records of all training (original or photocopies of available certificates, transcripts, diplomas and other documentation) and education shall be maintained.

1. It shall be the responsibility of the involved employee to provide the Administrative Sergeant or immediate supervisor with evidence of completed training/education in a timely manner.
2. The Administrative Sergeant or supervisor shall ensure that copies of such training records are placed in the employee's department file.

(c) Disciplinary action:

1. Disciplinary action resulting from sustained internally initiated complaints or observation of misconduct shall be maintained in the individual employee's department file at least two years (Government Code § 34090).
2. Disciplinary action resulting from a sustained citizen's complaint shall be maintained in the individual employee's department file at least five years (Penal Code § 832.5).
3. Investigations of complaints which result in a finding of not-sustained, unfounded or exonerated shall not be placed in the employee's department file, but will be separately maintained for the appropriate retention period in the internal affairs file.

(d) Adverse comments such as supervisor log entries may be retained in the department file or division file after the employee has had the opportunity to read and initial the comment and for a period up to two years Government Code § 3305).

1. Once an employee has had an opportunity to read and initial any adverse comment prior to entry into a file, the employee shall be given the opportunity to respond in writing to such adverse comment within 30 days (Government Code § 3306).
2. Any such employee response shall be attached to and retained with the original adverse comment.
3. If an employee refuses to initial or sign an adverse comment, at least one supervisor should note the date and time of such refusal on the original

comment. Such a refusal, however, shall not be deemed insubordination nor shall it prohibit the entry of the adverse comment into the employee's file.

(e) Commendations shall be retained in the employee's department file, with a copy provided to the involved employee.

(f) Personnel Action Reports reflecting assignments, promotions and other changes in the employee's employment status shall be permanently retained.

(g) A photograph of the employee shall be permanently retained.

1026.7.2 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 in accordance with Government Code §§ 3305 and 3306.
2. 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.
3. 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) All rules of confidentiality and disclosure shall apply equally to the division file.

1026.7.3 INTERNAL AFFAIRS FILE
Internal affairs files shall be maintained under the exclusive control of the Administrative Assistant Sheriff in conjunction with the office of the Sheriff. Access to these files may only be approved by the Sheriff or an Assistant Sheriff. These files shall contain:

(a) The complete investigation of all formal complaints of employee misconduct, regardless of disposition

1. Each investigation file shall be sequentially numbered within a calendar year (e.g., yy-001, yy-002).
2. Each investigation file arising out of a formal citizen's complaint or a complaint involving a discriminatory harassment or hostile work environment shall be maintained no less than five years (Penal Code § 832.5(b)). Investigation files arising out of other internally generated complaints shall be maintained no less than two years (Government Code § 34090).

(b) Investigations that result in other than a sustained finding shall be maintained for the minimum statutory period but may not be used by the Department to adversely affect an employee's career (Penal Code § 832.5 (c)).

1026.7.4 TRAINING FILES
An individual training file shall be maintained by the Administrative Sergeant for each employee. Training files will contain records of all training (original or photocopies of available certificates, transcripts, diplomas and other documentation) and education.

(a) It shall be the responsibility of the involved employee to provide the Administrative Sergeant or immediate supervisor with evidence of completed training/education in a timely manner

(b) The Administrative Sergeant or supervisor shall ensure that copies of such training records are placed in the employee's Training File

1026.7.5 MEDICAL FILE
A medical file shall be maintained separately from all other files and shall contain all documents relating to the employee's medical condition and history, including but not limited to the following:

(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.

1026.8 PURGING OF FILES
Formal citizen complaints and all related files not pending litigation or other ongoing legal proceedings may be purged no sooner than five years from the underlying complaint date (Penal Code § 832.5).

All other disciplinary files and investigations of non-citizen initiated complaints not pending litigation or other ongoing legal proceedings may be purged no sooner than two years from the underlying complaint date (Government Code §26202 and Government Code §26202).

(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 statutory 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 statutory 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 statutory retention period is no longer relevant, all records of such matter may be destroyed pursuant to resolution.

1026.9 BRADY MATERIAL IN PERSONNEL FILES
The purpose of this section is to establish a procedure for releasing potentially exculpatory information (so-called Brady material) contained within confidential peace officer personnel files.

1026.9.1 DEFINITIONS Brady Material -In the Brady v. Maryland decision (373 U.S. 83 (1963)) the United States Supreme Court held that the prosecution has an affirmative duty to disclose to the defendant evidence which is both favorable and material to the guilt and/or punishment of the defendant.

The Prosecution -Refers to the District Attorney and all investigative agencies involved in the criminal prosecution of a defendant, including this department.

Penal Code §1054.1- California law also establishes a criminal defendant's right to access potentially exculpatory evidence.

1026.9.2 RELEASE OF PERSONNEL FILES TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Pursuant to Penal Code § 832.7(a), the only time the District Attorney (Attorney General or Grand Jury) is entitled to access confidential peace officer personnel files without filing a so-called Pitchess motion (Evidence Code § 1043 et seq.) is when they are investigating the conduct of a deputy or this department. Such access shall not be considered a waiver of the confidentiality of the information contained in these files.

Absent a specific investigation of identified deputy(s) or a specific investigation of this department (or the consent of an involved deputy), no confidential information from any deputy's personnel file shall be released to the District Attorney or Grand Jury without full compliance with the Pitchess process. The prosecution of a criminal defendant is not considered an investigation of any involved deputy.

Should a deputy's credibility or other issues related to a deputy's personnel file arise in the context of a deputy acting as a witness for the prosecution, access to that deputy's personnel file by either the District Attorney or the criminal defendant shall be limited to that which is authorized by the process set forth in Evidence Code § 1043, et seq.

1026.9.3 PROCEDURE
If a deputy 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 there are Brady materials contained therein (e.g., evidence which is both favorable and material to the guilt and/or punishment of the defendant). If Brady material is located, the following procedure shall apply:

(a) In the event that a Pitchess motion has not already been filed by the criminal defendant or other party, the District Attorney shall be notified of the potential presence of Brady material in the deputy's personnel file

(b) The District Attorney should be instructed to file a Pitchess motion in order to initiate an in camera review by the court

(c) As with any Pitchess motion, and prior to any review of the files by the court, subject deputy(s) shall be notified in writing that a Pitchess motion has been filed

(d) The responsible Custodian of Records shall accompany all relevant personnel files during any in camera inspection and address any issues or questions raised by the court in determining whether or not any material contained in the file is both material and favorable to the criminal defendant

(e) If the court determines that there is relevant Brady material contained in the file(s), only that material ordered released will be copied and released to the parties filing the Pitchess 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.

Request for Change of Assignment

1028.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
It is the intent of the Department that all requests for change of assignment are considered equally. To facilitate the selection process, the following procedure is established whereby all such requests will be reviewed on an equal basis as assignments are made.

1028.2 REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT
Personnel wishing a change of assignment are to complete a Change of Assignment Request Form (memorandum). The form should then be forwarded through the chain of command to their Assistant Sheriff.

1028.2.1 PURPOSE OF FORM
The form is designed to aid employees in listing their qualifications for specific assignments. All relevant experience, education and training should be included when completing this form.

All assignments an employee is interested in should be listed on the form.

The Request for Change of Assignment form will remain in effect until the end of the calendar year in which it was submitted. Effective January 1st of each year, employees still interested in new positions will need to complete and submit a new Change of Assignment Request form.

1028.3 SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTARY
The deputy's immediate supervisor shall make appropriate comments in the space provided on the form before forwarding it to the Assistant Sheriff of the employee involved. In the case of patrol deputies, the Shift Sergeant must comment on the request with his/her recommendation before forwarding the request to the Assistant Sheriff. If the Shift Sergeant does not receive the Change of Assignment Request Form, the Assistant Sheriff will initial the form and return it to the employee without consideration.

Employee Commendations

1030.1 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.

1030.2 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.

1030.3 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

1030.3.1 COMMENDATION INCIDENT REPORT
The Commendation Incident Report shall be used to document the commendation of the employee and shall contain the following:

(a) Employee name, bureau, and assignment at the date and time of the commendation

(b) A brief account of the commendable action shall be documented on the form with report numbers, as appropriate

(c) Signature of the commending supervisor

Completed reports shall be forwarded to the appropriate Assistant Sheriff for his/her review. The Assistant Sheriff shall sign and forward the report to the Sheriff for his/her review.

The Sheriff will return the commendation to the employee for his/her signature. The report will then be returned to the Assistant Sheriff for entry into the employee's personnel file.

Fitness for Duty

1032.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

All deputies are required to be free from any physical, emotional, or mental condition which might adversely affect the exercise of peace officer powers. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all deputies of this department remain fit for duty and able to perform their job functions (Government Code § 1031).

1032.2 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 essential duties of their position.

(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 his/her 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.

1032.3 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) A supervisor observing an employee, or receiving a report of an employee who is perceived to be, unable to safely perform his/her duties due to a physical or mental condition 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.

(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 Shift Sergeant or employees available, Assistant Sheriff, a determination should be made whether or not the employee should be temporarily relieved from his/her duties. Nothing in this section shall allow a Supervisor to violate the employee's HIPA rights in an attempt to obtain information on the employee's well being or ability to perform his/her duties.

(e) The Sheriff shall be promptly notified in the event that any employee is relieved from duty.

1032.4 NON-WORK RELATED CONDITIONS

Any employee suffering from an on-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.

1032.5 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.

Upon the recommendation of the Shift Sergeant or unit supervisor and concurrence of a Assistant Sheriff, any employee whose actions or use of force in an official capacity result in death or serious injury to another may be temporarily removed from regularly assigned duties and/or placed on paid administrative leave for the wellbeing of the employee and until such time as the following may be completed:

(a) A preliminary determination that the employee's conduct appears to be incompliance with policy and, if appropriate.

(b) The employee has had the opportunity to receive necessary counseling and/or psychological clearance to return to full duty.

1032.6 PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS
(a) Whenever circumstances reasonably indicate that an employee is unfit for duty, the Sheriff may serve that employee with a written order to undergo a physical and/or psychological examination in cooperation with Department of Human Resources 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 (Civil Code § 56.10 (c)(8)(A)). If the employee places his/her condition at issue in any subsequent or related administrative action/grievance, the examining physician or therapist may be required to disclose any and all information which is relevant to such proceeding (Civil Code § 56.10(c)(8)(B)).

(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 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.

(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.

1032.7 LIMITATION ON HOURS WORKED
Absent emergency operations 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.

1032.8 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 Policy Manual § 340 (Disciplinary Policy).

Meal Periods and Breaks

1034.1 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 Administrator.

1034.1.1 MEAL PERIODS
Sworn employees, Correctional Officers and Dispatchers 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.

Uniformed patrol deputies shall advise the Communications Center prior to taking a meal period. Uniformed deputies shall take their breaks within the County limits unless on assignment outside of the County.

The time spent for the meal period shall not exceed the authorized time allowed.

1034.1.2 15 MINUTE BREAKS
Each employee is entitled to a 15 minute break, near the mid point, 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. When field deputies take their breaks away from their vehicles, they shall do so only with the knowledge and clearance of the Communications Center.

Lactation Break Policy

1035.1 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 (29 USC § 207 and Labor Code §§ 1030-1032).

1035.2 POLICY
It is the policy of this department to provide, in compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, reasonable break time and appropriate facilities to accommodate any employee desiring to express breast milk for her nursing infant child (29 USC § 207 and Labor Code § 1030).

1035.3 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. Such breaks, if feasible, should be taken at the same time as the employee's regularly scheduled rest or meal periods.

While a reasonable effort will be made to provide additional time beyond authorized breaks, any such time exceeding regularly scheduled and paid break time will be unpaid (Labor Code § 1030).

Employees desiring to take a lactation break shall notify the Communications Center or a supervisor prior to taking such a break. Such breaks may be reasonably delayed if they would seriously disrupt department operations (Labor Code § 1032).

Once a lactation break has been approved, the break should not be interrupted except for emergency or exigent circumstances.

1035.4 PRIVATE LOCATION
The Department will make reasonable efforts to accommodate 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 and Labor Code § 1031).

Employees occupying such private areas shall either secure the door or otherwise make it clear to others that the area is occupied with a need for privacy. All other employees should avoid interrupting an 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.

1035.5 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.

Time Card Procedures

1036.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
Time cards are submitted to Administration on a bi-weekly basis for the payment of wages.

1036.1.1 RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLETION OF TIME CARDS
Employees are responsible for the accurate and timely submission of time cards for the payment of wages.

1036.1.2 TIME REQUIREMENTS
All employees are paid on a bi-weekly basis usually on Wednesday with certain exceptions such as holidays. Time cards shall be completed and submitted to Administration no later than 8:00 a.m. on the designated date before the end of the pay period, unless specified otherwise.

Overtime Payment Requests

1038.1 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 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), or by the allowance of accrual of compensatory time off. In order to qualify for either, the employee must complete and submit a Timesheet indicating the overtime worked as soon as practical.

1038.1.1 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 to 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, sworn employees may not exceed 120 hours of compensatory time and non-sworn employees may not exceed 90 hours of compensatory time.

1038.2 REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF OVERTIME TIMESHEET
Employees shall submit an overtime payment timesheet for verification by their immediate supervisor and then forward them to Administration as soon as practical or at the end of the nearest pay period. Failure to submit a request for overtime timesheet in a timely manner may result in a denial of compensation.

1038.3 ACCOUNTING FOR OVERTIME WORKED
Employees are to record the actual time worked in an overtime status. In some cases, the Memorandum of Understanding provides that a minimum number of hours will be paid, (e.g., two hours for Court, four hours for outside overtime).

1038.3.1 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:

TIME WORKED	INDICATE ON CARD
1 to 15 minutes	1/4 hour
16 to 30 minutes	1/2 hour

31 to 45 minutes	3/4 hour
46 to 60 minutes	1 hour

1038.3.2 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 Shift Sergeant or other approving supervisor may require each employee to include the reason for the variation on the back of the overtime payment request.

Outside Employment

1040.1 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 work-related outside employment. Approval of work-related outside employment shall be at the discretion of the Sheriff in accordance with the provisions of this policy or as listed in section 22.04 of the personnel rules of Plumas County and sections 130.41 and 130.42 of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office Policy and Ethics manual.

1040.1.1 DEFINITIONS Outside Employment -Receiving wages, compensation or other consideration of value from another employer, organization or individual not affiliated directly with this department for services rendered. For purposes of this section, the definition of outside employment includes those employees who are self-employed and not affiliated directly with this department for services rendered.

Outside Overtime -Performing patrol services or related duties 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 the Department may be reimbursed for the cost of wages and benefits.

1040.2 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.

An employee seeking approval for outside employment shall submit a memorandum to the employee's immediate supervisor. The supervisor shall route the memorandum to the Sheriff for review by the Sheriff or the Sheriff's designee.

If the application for outside employment is approved, the employee will be provided with a copy of the approved memorandum. The approved memorandum shall constitute an "Outside Employment Permit" for the purposes of this policy.

Any employee whose request for outside employment is denied, shall be provided with a written reason for the denial of the application at the time of the denial (Penal Code § 70(e)(3)).

1040.2.1 APPEAL OF DENIAL OF OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT
If an employee's request for outside employment is denied or withdrawn by the Department, the employee may file a written notice of appeal to the Sheriff within ten (10) 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 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

1040.2.2 REVOCATION/SUSPENSION OF OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT PERMITS
Any outside employment permit 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 permit(s). That revocation will stand until the employee's performance has been reestablished at a satisfactory level and his/her supervisor recommends reinstatement of the outside employment.

(b) Suspension or revocation of a previously approved outside employment request may be included as a term or condition of sustained discipline

(c) If, at any time during the term of a valid outside employment, an employee's conduct or outside employment conflicts with the provisions of department policy, the outside employment may be suspended or revoked

(d) When an employee is unable to perform at a full 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 full time duties until the employee has returned to full duty status

1040.3 PROHIBITED OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT
Consistent with the provisions of Government Code § 1126, 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 which act may later be subject directly or indirectly to the control, inspection, review, audit or enforcement of any other employee.

(d) Involves time demands that would render performance of the employee's duties for this department less efficient

1040.3.1 OUTSIDE SECURITY AND PEACE OFFICER EMPLOYMENT
Consistent with the provisions of Penal Code § 70, and because it would further create a potential conflict of interest, 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 extra duty overtime assignments 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. Outside security services shall not be subject to the collective bargaining process.
6. No deputy may engage in outside employment as a peace officer for any other public agency without prior written authorization of the Sheriff.

1040.3.2 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 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.

1040.4 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.

1040.5 CHANGES IN OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT STATUS
If an employee terminates his or her outside employment during the period of a valid permit, the employee shall promptly submit written notification of such termination to the Sheriff through the chain of command. 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 are advised to report the change.

1040.6 OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT WHILE ON DISABILITY
Department members engaged in outside employment placed on disability leave or modified/light-duty shall inform the immediate supervisor in writing within five days whether the employee intends to continue to engage in such outside employment while on 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 the outside employment should be discontinued or the employee fails to promptly notify his/her supervisor of his/her intentions regarding the outside employment, the Sheriff or the Sheriff's designee will forward a notice of revocation of the outside employment permit to the involved employee, and attach copy thereof to the original work permit.
Criteria for revoking the outside employment permit 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 to a supervisor of his/her intentions.

When the disabled member returns to full duty with the Plumas County Sheriff's Office, a written request may be made to the Sheriff to restore the outside employment.

On Duty Injuries

1042.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The purpose of this policy is to provide for the reporting of on-duty injuries, occupational illnesses, accidents, incidents or deaths to Risk Management; to ensure documentation required by the County, State and OSHA is completed and so that the payment authority can be given in the event that medical attention is needed at the time of the injury or at a later date.

1042.2 WORKER'S COMPENSATION FUND REPORTS

1042.2.1 INJURIES REQUIRING MEDICAL CARE
All work related injuries and work related illnesses requiring medical care must be reported to the Risk Management Office within 24 hours and a claim form (DWC-1) shall be provided to the injured employee immediately upon notification.

1042.2.2 ACCIDENT DEFINED Accident -is defined as any occurrence from which bodily injury or property damage may result, regardless of whether any injury or damage actually does occur (e.g., exposure where no immediate injury is apparent) or can be determined at the time of the incident.

1042.2.3 EMPLOYEE'S RESPONSIBILITY
Any employee sustaining any work-related injury or illness, as well as any employee who is involved in any accident while on duty shall report such injury, illness or accident as soon as practical to his/her supervisor.

Employee shall complete an incident report for all injuries, illnesses, incidents, near misses or hazardous situations. The incident report should contain facts only and all of the facts; responsibility should not be determined or noted on the incident form.

Employee shall submit incident reporting form to immediate supervisor as soon as practical.

Any employee observing or learning of a potentially hazardous condition is to promptly report the condition to his/her immediate supervisor.

Any employee sustaining a work-related injury or illness that requires relief from duty is required to be examined/treated by a doctor.

Any employee sustaining a work-related injury or illness that requires relief from duty is also required to comply with departmental policies and directives relating to the duty to periodically call in during absences, as well as the duty to notify the Department of any change in condition or anticipated duration of the absence.

When appropriate, an employee being treated for an on-duty injury should inform the attending physician that a modified duty assignment may be available at the Department. Limited-service duty may be available for the employees whose injuries prevent resumption of regular duties.

An injured employee or employee who has suffered a work-related illness shall report as soon as practical to his/her immediate supervisor the medical findings concerning the injury and the extent and duration of any work restrictions if they are known. In addition, such employees are required to promptly submit all medical releases, whether partial or full releases, to their supervisor.

1042.2.4 SUPERVISOR'S RESPONSIBILITY
A supervisor learning of any work-related injury, illness or accident shall promptly prepare the appropriate forms as outlined under Policy Manual § 1042.2. Updated copies of forms with instructions for completion provided by Risk Management are kept in the Sergeant's office.

For work-related accidents, injuries or illness not requiring professional medical care, a Supervisor's Report of Injury form shall be completed in triplicate. All copies of the completed form shall be forwarded to the supervisor's Assistant-Sheriff, through the chain of command.

When an accident, injury, or illness is reported initially on the Supervisor's Report of Injury form and the employee subsequently requires professional medical care, the State of California Employer's Report of Occupational Injury or Illness form shall then be completed. The injured employee shall also sign the form in the appropriate location.

Every injured employee must be provided with an Employee's Claim for Workers' Compensation Benefits Form (DWC-1) immediately upon notification of an injury regardless of the nature of the illness or injury. These forms shall NOT be kept as self-serve, supervisors shall keep blank forms and hand them out upon notification of injury. The supervisor shall complete sections 9 through 12 and 16 through 18, keeping one copy for his records as proof that the form was provided to the employee.

Copies of any reports documenting the accident or injury should be forwarded to the Undersheriff as soon as they are completed.

1042.2.5 ASSISTANT SHERIFF'S RESPONSIBILITY
The Assistant Sheriff receiving a report of a work-related accident or injury should review the report for accuracy and determine what additional action should be taken. The report shall then be forwarded to the Sheriff.

1042.2.6 SHERIFF RESPONSIBILITY
The Sheriff shall review and forward copies of the report to the Risk Management Office; the DWC-1 shall be sent immediately, incident forms can be sent at a later time if needed. Just note that it will follow. Any copies of the report and any related documents retained by the Department shall be filed in the employee's confidential medical file and not in the employee's personnel file (see Policy Manual § 1026).

1042.3 INJURY NOT REQUIRING MEDICAL ATTENTION
Those injuries and illnesses not requiring medical attention shall be recorded on a Supervisor's Report of Injury form. This form shall be completed and signed by a supervisor.

This form shall be signed by the affected employee, indicating that he/she desired no medical attention at the time of the report. By signing this form, the employee will not preclude his/her ability to seek medical attention later.

The incident form shall still be completed and submitted to risk Management.

1042.4 SETTLEMENT OF INJURY CLAIMS
Occasionally, an employee's work-related injury results from the negligent or wrongful acts of another, for which the employee, the County, and/or other insurers are entitled to recover civilly. To ensure that the County's interests are protected and that the employee has the benefit of the County's experience in these matters, the following procedure is to be followed:

The facts of the incident shall be noted in the incident report and shall be pointed out to the Supervisor that the county may be entitled to recoupment.

When an employee sustains work-related injuries caused by another person and is then approached by such person or an agent, insurance company, or attorney and offered a settlement of claims, that employee shall take no action other than to make a written report of this contact to his/her supervisor as soon as possible.

The supervisor shall forward the report to the Assistant-Sheriff and Sheriff.

The Sheriff shall forward to Risk Management so that any claim owed to the County can be pursued; The Sheriff shall note on the incident report that the County may be entitled to recoupment so that in can be brought to the attention of our TPA & County Council.

Sheriff's Department employees shall not enter into any settlement on behalf of Plumas County.

1042.4.1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPTED IIPP ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE
Effective investigation of all incidents is an important part of the County's IIPP. The main objective in conducting an investigation is to identify the cause and make any changes necessary to prevent the incident from happening again. Incident investigation is fact-finding, ***Not Fault-Finding.*** The County's thorough incident investigation procedure includes:

(a) Collecting the facts.

(b) Determining the sequence of events that resulted in the incident.

(c) Identifying action needed to prevent recurrence.

(d) Providing follow-up to ensure that corrective action was taken.

1042.4.2 ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION
The first concern after an accident has occurred is for the comfort and treatment of any injured employee(s). After the affected employee(s) have received medical treatment, investigation of the accident can be initiated.

The department head and the Safety Officer should work together to determine the extent of investigation needed (depending on the severity of the accident), and shall conduct the investigation promptly after the accident.

Fact-finding should be thorough and objective and shall include:

(a) A complete description of the accident.

(b) A discussion with employee(s) and any witnesses to determine events leading up to accident.

(c) The reason(s) the accident occurred or the cause of the unsafe/unhealthy condition.

(d) Photographs or videotape of the location of the accident.

A summary of the accident investigation shall be prepared using the Trindel Incident / Hazard Report Form

- The summary shall document preventative measures planned or taken to prevent recurrence. This should include measures to correct unsatisfactory conditions and / or performance.
- The Trindel Incident / Hazard Report Form will be maintained in the Safety Officer's office after all corrections have been made. The Safety Officer and department head are responsible for monitoring remedial actions.

Accidents and corresponding investigations will be presented in summary at the Countywide Safety Committee meetings. All efforts should be taken to ensure confidentiality of the injured worker whenever possible.

Personal Appearance Standards

1044.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
In order to project uniformity and neutrality toward the public and other members of the department, employees shall maintain their personal hygiene and appearance to project a professional image appropriate for this department and for their assignment.

1044.2 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.

1044.2.1 HAIR
Hairstyles of all members shall be neat in appearance. For male sworn members, hair must not extend below the top edge of the uniform collar while assuming a normal stance. Hair on the top of the head shall not extend more than four (4) inches.

For female sworn members, hair must be no longer than the horizontal level of the bottom of the uniform patch when the employee is standing erect, worn up or in a tightly wrapped braid or ponytail.

Mohawks or extreme hair styles (shaving of letters or designs) are prohibited. Hair may only be dyed natural colors.

1044.2.2 MUSTACHES
A short and neatly trimmed mustache may be worn. Mustaches shall not extend below the corners of the mouth or beyond the natural hairline of the upper lip.

1044.2.3 SIDEBURNS
Sideburns shall not extend below the bottom of the outer ear opening (the top of the earlobes) and shall be trimmed and neat.

1044.2.4 FACIAL HAIR
Facial hair other than sideburns, mustaches and eyebrows shall not be worn, unless authorized by the Sheriff or his or her designee.

1044.2.5 FINGERNAILS
Fingernails extending beyond the tip of the finger can pose a safety hazard to deputies or others. For this reason, fingernails shall be trimmed so that no point of the nail extends beyond the tip of the finger.

1044.2.6 JEWELRY AND ACCESSORIES
No jewelry or personal ornaments shall be worn by deputies on any part of the uniform or equipment, except those authorized within this manual. Jewelry, if worn around the neck, shall not be visible above the shirt collar.

Earrings shall not be worn by uniformed sworn members, detectives or special assignment personnel without permission of the Sheriff or his/her designee. Only one ring may be worn on each hand of the employee while on-duty.

Dispatch/Clerical staff may not have more than two (2) earrings per ear. One (1) small department approved nose stud may be worn except in Class-A attire.

1044.3 TATTOOS
While on-duty or representing the Department in any official capacity, every reasonable effort should be made to conceal tattoos or other body art. At no time while on-duty or representing the Department in any official capacity, shall any offensive tattoo or body art be visible. Examples of offensive tattoos would include, but not be limited to, those which depict racial, sexual, discriminatory, gang related, or obscene language.

1044.4 BODY PIERCING OR ALTERATION
Body piercing or alteration to any area of the body visible in any authorized uniform or attire that is a deviation from normal anatomical features and which is not medically required is prohibited. Such body alteration includes, but is not limited to:

(a) Tongue splitting or piercing.

(b) The complete or transdermal implantation of any material other than hair replacement.

(c) Abnormal shaping of the ears, eyes, nose or teeth.

(d) Branding or scarification.

Uniform Regulations

1046.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The uniform policy of the Plumas 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 1024 -Body Armor

Section 1044 -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.

1046.2 WEARING AND CONDITION OF UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT
Sheriff's 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 peace officers 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 during Emergencies, Search and Rescue Functions, or during Transit/Transport (ie, Jail transport or at the scene of an accident while in civilian clothing).

(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.

(h) If 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.

(i) Employees are not to purchase or drink alcoholic beverages while wearing any part of the department uniform, including the uniform pants.

(j) Mirrored sunglasses will not be worn with any Department uniform.

(k) Visible jewelry, other than those items listed below, shall not be worn with the uniform unless specifically authorized by the Sheriff or his designee.

1. Wrist watch
2. Wedding ring(s), class ring, or other ring of tasteful design. A maximum of one ring/set may be worn on each hand
3. Medical alert bracelet

1046.2.1 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 Undersheriff.

1046.3 UNIFORM CLASSES
Unless authorized by a supervisor, a class A, B or C uniform will be worn while on duty or in training. While attending out of county training, appropriate civilian attire will be worn unless otherwise required. Sheriff's Administration will wear uniforms or appropriate civilian attire. This policy will be effective July 1, 2009 with a grace period to comply by July 31, 2010.

1046.3.1 CLASS A UNIFORM
All personnel shall maintain a serviceable 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 personnel except boat patrol. The Class A uniform shall be a Black poly-wool blend material and may be purchased from any uniform company such as: 5.11 tactical, Blauer or Flying Cross. Uniform shirts will be creased in front and back with outward pleated front pockets and scalloped pocket flaps. Class A hat is required for sworn personnel only. The class A hat shall be optional for all other employees.

(a) Long sleeve only with black tie and appropriate tie tac.

(b) Trousers will be without cargo pockets.

(c) Highly polished plain toe black shoes or boots.

(d) Bianchi basket weave "accumold" style duty gear. Black quick-release buckle or polished brass buckle and snaps/retainers. (No visible holster for Chaplain Personnel if authorized to carry).

(e) Black "Stratton" brand campaign style hat with hat badge and gold cord.

(f) Dispatch or Clerical will wear black poly/wool or poly/rayon skirts or slacks. Skirts must be hemmed to a level of 2 inches above or below the knee. Slacks must have 2 front pockets and plain, non-pleated fronts.

(g) Dispatch and Clerical shirts will be long sleeve class A style, white color. Shirts will be worn with black cross tie.

(h) Dispatch and Clerical will wear black leather closed front pumps or flats. Maximum heel is 2 inches.

1046.3.2 CLASS B UNIFORM
All patrol, Chaplain, Corrections and Boat Patrol personnel will possess and maintain a serviceable Class B uniform at all times. The Class B uniform will consist of the same style and equipment as the Class A uniform with the following exceptions:

(a) Poly rayon material optional.

(b) Long or short sleeve worn with collar open, no tie required.

(c) Black crew neck T-shirt (White for Chaplain Personnel).

(d) All shirt buttons must remain buttoned except for the last button at the neck.

(e) Trousers may have cargo pockets.

(f) The duty belt may be nylon or leather, basket-weave or plain cordura style with plastic quick release buckle, or polished brass buckle and snaps/retainers. (No visible holster for Chaplain Personnel if authorized to carry).

(g) Black baseball style cap with cloth or embroidered badge or embroidered "Plumas County Sheriff" with name or unit number embroidered on the back. (Embroidered "Sheriff's Chaplain" or "Chaplain" in place of dept. star for Chaplain Personnel).

(h) Black commando type sweater with sewn or metal badge and epaulettes. Slip on rank tabs to be worn on epaulettes if required.

(i) Optional black poly/cotton jumpsuit with embroidered badge and name for Corrections staff.

(j) Green slacks / shorts, tan shirt with appropriate insignia, any listed class A or B uniform for Boat patrol.

(k) Clerical daily operations / business hours class B will consist of black pants, skirts or capris (no denim or blue jeans). Any solid color long or short sleeve polo shirt with embroidered badge and name-tag. Shoes must be leather type pumps, flats, chukka type boots or appropriate sandals (flip-flops and tennis shoes not allowed).

(l) Dispatch shall wear black slacks, skirts or BDU style pants (no denim or blue jeans). The shirt shall be a solid color polostyle (long or short sleeve) with embroidered badge and name tag. Class A shirt with badge and name tag shall be optional. Black leather pumps, flats, appropriate sandals, or lace-up boots (flip-flops and tennis shoes are not authorized). Non-hooded sweatshirts, Fleece/Micro-fiber vests or pull-overs may also be worn (no jersey/sweat-pant material).

(m) Chaplain may wear white class A style long or short sleeve shirt.

1046.3.3 CLASS C UNIFORM
The Class C uniform will be worn while conducting OSV (Over Snow Vehicle), Forest Service Patrol, Boat Patrol or for department training. The Class C uniform shall not be worn for regular patrol or other duties, without approval.

(a) Black long or short sleeve polo, with gold embroidered department badge on left chest and individual name on right chest. "Sheriff" on cuff of each short sleeve.

(b) Black BDU style poly cotton ripstop trousers.

(c) Black uniform shorts for boat patrol only

(d) Duty belt same as class B.

(e) Black baseball style cap with sewn or embroidered badge (same as class-B uniform hat).

1046.3.4 SPECIALIZED UNIT UNIFORMS
The Sheriff may authorize special uniforms to be worn by deputies in specialized units such as Canine Team, SWAT, Bicycle Patrol, OHV (Off-Highway Vehicle) and other specialized assignments.

- Personnel conducting OHV (Off-Highway Vehicle) patrols may wear the authorized class C uniform with 5.11 brand TDU/OD Green Pants and 5.11 brand Silver/Tan long or Short sleeve polo shirt with **Black** embroidered insignia as described in section 1046.3.3.

1046.3.5 FOUL WEATHER GEAR
For inclimate weather or as weather conditions dictate, the following items are approved for on duty use:

(a) Ackerman's brand black Insulated jump suit with metal or cloth badge and nametape

(b) Mountain Uniform brand black Insulated Snow pants

(c) Appropriate snow boots

(d) Black Fur trooper cap or watch cap

(e) Black insulated winter jacket, plain collar with 2 front pleated pockets or 5.11 brand systems jackets

(f) Department issue rain gear, Black / Yellow reversible type

1046.4 INSIGNIA AND PATCHES
- Shoulder Patches -The authorized departmental shoulder patch 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.
- Service stripes and other indicators for length of service may be worn on long sleeved shirts and jackets. They are to be machine stitched onto the uniform. The bottom of the service stripe shall be sewn the width of one and one-half inches above the cuff seam with the rear of the service stripes sewn on the dress of the sleeve. The stripes are to be worn on the left sleeve only. The service credit is five (5) years per stripe.
- 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 first and last name. If an employee's first and last names are too long to fit on the nameplate, then the initial of the first name will accompany the last name. If the employee desires other than the legal first name, the employee must receive approval from the Sheriff. 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.
- When a jacket is worn, the name plate or an authorized sewn on cloth name plate shall be affixed to the jacket in the same manner as the uniform.
- Assignment Insignias -Assignment insignias, (SWAT, FTO, etc.) may be worn as designated by the Sheriff.
- Flag Pin -A flag pin may be worn, positioned on the inner right pocket flap.
- Badge -The department issue or department style private purchase 7 point star badge, or an authorized sewn cloth replica, must be worn and visible at all times while in uniform. All previous issue / private purchase millennium or anniversary

badges are no longer authorized for wear while in uniform. These badges may be carried while off duty or in non-uniform functions as a belt badge.

- Rank Insignia -The designated insignia indicating the employee's rank must be worn at all times while in uniform. The Sheriff may authorize exceptions. For Sworn members of the department, Rank Insignia shall be stitched on the sleeve one inch (1") below the shoulder patch (sergeants) or worn on the front lower portion of the collar (optional for acting sergeants) Patrol Commander, UnderSheriff, and Sheriff). Collar insignia for sworn personnel will be polished brass.
- Awards-For Class-A uniform, medals may be worn on the left shirt pocket or ribbon bar may be worn in place of the medal, placed above name tag or other Special-Duty pins. Ribbon bar only for Class-B Uniform.

1046.4.1 MOURNING BADGE

Uniformed employees shall wear a black mourning band across the uniform badge whenever a law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty. The band should be placed at an angle from lower right to the upper left portion of the badge. 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.

(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 (May15th)- From 0001 hours until 2359hours.

(e) As directed by the Sheriff.

1046.5 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. No clothing shall be worn that allows the lower back or midriff to be openly exposed.

(b) All male administrative, investigative and support personnel who elect to wear civilian clothing to work shall wear button style shirts or polo style shirts with 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. Flip-Flops
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 Plumas County Sheriff's Office or the morale of the employees.

1046.6 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, ENDORSEMENTS, AND ADVERTISEMENTS

Unless specifically authorized by the Sheriff, Plumas 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 Plumas County Sheriff's Office to do any of the following (Government Code §§ 3206 and 3302):

(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 non-profit publication, or any motion picture, film, video, public broadcast, or any website.

1046.7 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 (Policy Manual § 700).

1046.7.1 RETIREE BADGES

The Sheriff may issue identification in the form of a badge, insignia, emblem, device, label, certificate, card or writing that clearly states the person has honorably retired from the Plumas County Sheriff's Office. This identification is separate and distinct from the identification authorized by Penal Code § 25455 and referenced in the Retired Deputy CCW Endorsement Policy in this manual.

A badge issued to an honorably retired peace officer that is not affixed to a plaque or other memento will have the words Honorably Retired clearly visible on its face. A retiree shall be instructed that any such badge will remain the property of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office and will be revoked in the event of misuse or abuse (Penal Code § 538d).

1046.8 UNAUTHORIZED UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES
Plumas 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.

Plumas 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.

Department Badges

1052.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The Plumas County Sheriff's Office badge and uniform patch as well as the likeness of these items and the name of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office are property of the Department and their use shall be restricted as set forth in this policy.

1052.2 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.

1052.2.1 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 Plumas 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.

1052.2.2 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.

1052.2.3 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.

1052.3 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 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.

1052.4 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 Plumas 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 acronym 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.

Modified Duty Assignments

1054.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for assigning employees to modified duty. Temporary modified-duty assignments may be available to employees who have incurred a duty-related illness or injury and, due to restrictions or limitations, are unable to perform their regular assigned duties. Non-duty related illnesses or injuries may also be considered for eligibility in accordance with this policy. Eligibility for modified-duty assignment is subject to the approval of the Sheriff or his/her designee.

Modified-duty assignments are intended to provide an employee with the ability to continue working within the limits of his/her restrictions and limitations on a temporary basis while providing the Department with a productive employee during the interim period.

The Department will engage in a good faith interactive process to consider reasonable accommodations for any employee with a temporary or permanent disability.

1054.2 DEFINITIONS

Modified Duty -Means a temporary, limited-term assignment not requiring performance of the full range of duties associated with the regular job classification. Modified duty also may be termed as light-duty assignments.

1054.3 LIMITATIONS

Modified-duty assignments are a management prerogative and not an employee right. Modified-duty assignments shall be subject to continuous re-assessment dependent upon Department need and the employee's ability to perform in a modified-duty capacity.

An injured employee may be assigned to a modified-duty position outside of his/her normal assignment or duties if it becomes available. If the injury or illness is non-duty related the employee shall be given the option to either accept the position or continue to draw on applicable sick leave or other leave accounts as applicable.

(a) If an employee cannot adequately perform in a modified-duty assignment, such assignment may be modified or terminated.

(b) The lack of Department need or a change in priorities may result in the employee's removal from or modification of a modified-duty assignment.

(c) The Department may place conditions as deemed appropriate upon any modified-duty assignment.

1054.4 PROCEDURE

Employees may request assignment to modified duty by providing a signed statement from their health care provider describing their restrictions, limitations and expected duration to their Assistant Sheriff or his/her designee. The statement must also indicate if the employee requires any workplace accommodations, mobility aids or medical devices.

The Assistant Sheriff will determine what modified-duty assignments may be available based on the needs of the Department, limitations of the employee and suitability of the employee to work a particular assignment. Requests for a modified-duty assignment of 20 hours or less may be approved and facilitated by the Shift Sergeant or Assistant

Sheriff. Assignments of longer duration are subject to the approval of the Sheriff or his/her designee.

1054.4.1 MODIFIED-DUTY SCHEDULES
The schedules of employees assigned to modified duty may be adjusted to suit medical appointments or Department needs at the discretion of the Assistant Sheriff.

The employee and his/her supervisors should be informed in writing of the schedule, assignment and limitations and restrictions as determined by the employee's health care provider.

1054.4.2 ACCOUNTABILITY
The employee's supervisor shall coordinate efforts to ensure proper time accountability and shall complete and process a change of shift/assignment memo.

(a) Employees on modified duty are responsible for coordinating required doctor visits and physical therapy appointments in advance with their supervisor to appropriately account for any duty time taken. Doctor visits and appointments for treatment of injuries or illnesses that are not work related shall be arranged during off-duty time or otherwise charged to the employee's sick leave.

(b) Employees shall promptly submit a status report for each visit to their treating health care provider and shall immediately notify their supervisor of any change in restrictions or limitations as determined by their health care provider. An employee assigned to a modified-duty assignment shall provide a duty status report to their supervisor no less than once every 30 days while the employee is on modified duty.

(c) Supervisors shall keep the Assistant Sheriff apprised of the employee's status and ability to perform the modified-duty assignment. Modified-duty assignments that extend beyond 60 days will require a written status report and a request for an extension to the Assistant Sheriff with an update of the employee's current status and anticipated date of return to regular duty. Extensions require approval of the Sheriff.

(d) When it is determined that an employee on modified duty will return to regular duty, the supervisor shall notify the Assistant Sheriff and complete and process a change of shift/assignment memo. All training and certification necessary for return to duty shall be reviewed and updated as necessary.

1054.4.3 MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS
The Department reserves the right to require, prior to returning to full-duty status, a fitness-for-duty examination of any employee assigned to a modified-duty assignment or of any employee having been on such assignment. Such examinations shall be at the expense of the Department.

Prior to returning to full-duty status, employees shall be required to provide a statement signed by their health care provider indicating that they are medically cleared to perform the basic and essential job functions of their assignment without restriction or limitation.

1054.5 PREGNANCY
It is the policy of the Department to reassign employees who are pregnant upon request by the employee or when deemed necessary by the Department to temporary assignments that will not routinely expose the employee to potentially hazardous environments or activities.

1054.5.1 EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATION
An employee who learns of her pregnancy should notify her immediate supervisor or a designated acting supervisor of the pregnancy as soon as practicable. The employee must inform the Department of her intent regarding reassignment, job accommodations and anticipated leave for the pregnancy or prenatal care. The employee shall also submit a statement from her health care provider of any job restrictions or limitations she may have.

1054.5.2 SUPERVISOR'S RESPONSIBILITY
Upon receiving the medical verification of the pregnancy and a request for job accommodation, reassignment or leave, the supervisor shall notify the Assistant Sheriff, who will consider assigning the employee to an available temporary modified-duty assignment if it is deemed appropriate by the Department or medically necessary by the employee's health care provider.

If at any point during the pregnancy it becomes necessary for the employee to take a leave of absence, such leave shall be granted consistent with the County's Personnel Rules and Regulations regarding family and medical care leave.

1054.6 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 the employee's assignment to modified duty.

1054.7 MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING
Employees assigned to modified duty shall maintain all certification, training and qualifications appropriate to both their regular and temporary duties, provided the certification, training or qualifications are not in conflict with any limitations or restrictions. Employees who are assigned to modified duty shall inform their supervisor of any inability to maintain any certification, training or qualifications.

Employee Speech, Expression and Social Networking

1058.1 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, about matters of public concern, such as misconduct or corruption. In applying this policy, the department reserves the right to regulate such speech by balancing the interests of both the department and the employee. The department policy will be based on applicable statutory and case law on this matter when considering the nature and level of the restriction.

Employees are encouraged to consult with their supervisor regarding any questions arising from the application or potential application of this policy.

1058.1.1 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.

1058.2 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 Plumas 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.

1058.3 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 Plumas 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 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.

- Otherwise disclosing where another deputy can be located off-duty.

1058.4 PROHIBITED SPEECH, EXPRESSION AND CONDUCT

To meet the Department's safety, performance and public-trust needs, the following is 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, 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 Plumas 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 Plumas County Sheriff's Office and tends to compromise or damage the mission, function, reputation or professionalism of the Plumas County Sheriff's Office or its employees.

(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 Law Enforcement Code of Ethics as adopted by the Plumas 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.

(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 Plumas 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 communication 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).

1058.4.1 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, employees may not represent the Plumas County Sheriff's Office or identify themselves in any way that could be reasonably perceived as representing the Plumas County Sheriff's Office in order to do any of the following, unless specifically authorized by the Sheriff (Government Code § 3206; Government Code § 3302):

(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 Plumas County Sheriff's Office.

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, on political subjects and candidates at all times while off-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).

1058.5 PRIVACY EXPECTATION
Employees forfeit any expectation of privacy with regard to anything published or maintained through file-sharing software or any Internet site open to public view (e.g., Facebook, MySpace).

The Department also reserves the right to access, audit and disclose for whatever reason all messages, including attachments, and any information transmitted 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.

All messages, pictures and attachments transmitted, accessed or received over department networks are considered department records and, therefore, are the property of the Department. The Department reserves the right to access, audit and disclose for whatever reason all messages, including attachments, that have been transmitted, accessed or received through any department system or device, or any such information placed into any department storage area 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 a department computer or network.

1058.6 TRAINING

Subject to available resources, the Department should provide training regarding employee speech and the use of social networking to deputies and supervisors.

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