



*Kern County Sheriff's Office*

**Policies and Procedures**

TITLE: <b>SMOKING POLICY</b>		NO: J-1300	
APPROVED: <b>Donny Youngblood, Sheriff-Coroner</b>			
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**POLICY**

The Kern County Sheriff's Office, in compliance with Kern County Board Resolution No. 91-062, recognizes the following:

- The Surgeon General of the United States has concluded that exposure to "second-hand" smoke by nonsmokers creates a health risk to nonsmokers.
- County employees are entitled to work in an environment that does not subject them to the health risks associated with second-hand smoke.
- Individuals who choose not to smoke should be able to enter County Buildings and conduct their business without exposing themselves to the health risks associated with second-hand smoke.
- County employees are entitled to work in an environment that does not expose them to tobacco spittle caused from the use of snuff or chewing tobacco.

**Buildings:** Smoking or the use of snuff or chewing tobacco is prohibited in all County Buildings.

**Vehicles:** Smoking or the use of snuff or chewing tobacco is prohibited in all County Vehicles.

**In Public:** Members of the Sheriff's Office will refrain from using tobacco products while contacting citizens, suspects, or inmates, in the course of their duties.