

KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
COUNTYWIDE SERVICES SECTION
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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POLICY

The Kern County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing the highest possible level of service to the community. The Sheriff's Office recognizes the need to find alternative ways of providing some services which have traditionally been provided by deputies to meet the community's needs and to assist the department in fulfilling its mission.

Commensurate with this philosophy, the Kern County Sheriff's Office supports the progressive concept of utilizing volunteers to perform some of those services. The Sheriff's Office recognizes that it cannot provide the level of service the community has come to expect without the use of volunteers. Volunteers have become a vital link in the delivery of services to the community by the Kern County Sheriff's Office and are essential in raising the level of service the Sheriff's Office can provide.

To facilitate the efficient and orderly performance of volunteer groups, the Sheriff's Office has created a Countywide Services Section to coordinate and direct all volunteer programs and activities. All volunteer programs shall be approved by the Sheriff and administered by the Countywide Services Section Lieutenant. The Countywide Services Section Lieutenant shall be responsible for the overall coordination, administration, and direction of all volunteer programs. The Sheriff has final authority in the selection of department volunteers and unconditional authority over all Sheriff's Office volunteer members.

Although it is mutually agreed that members are strictly volunteers desiring to serve their community, they will be required to conform to all laws of the United States and the State of California, the provisions of the County Code, orders of the court, Kern County Sheriff's Office policies and procedures, and the lawful orders of authorized members of the Kern County Sheriff's Office; and no group shall enact any rules, regulations, or guidelines that conflict with any of the above.