



Kern County Sheriff's Office

Policies and Procedures

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POLICY

The Kern County Sheriff's Office recognizes that Detentions Deputies have responsibilities and limitations imposed by law that do not apply to other employees. It is therefore necessary to list duties for Detentions Deputies in addition to those that apply to all members as detailed in Section B-100 of this manual.

Sheriff's Detentions Deputy are peace officers, as defined in Penal Code § 830.1(c), whose authority extends to any place in the state only while engaged in the performance of assigned duties in order to carry out the primary function of employment relating to his or her custodial assignment, or while performing other law enforcement duties directed by the Sheriff-Coroner during a local state of emergency.

DIRECTIVE A

Failure to comply with the duties as listed in this section may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

All Detentions Deputies will:

- Maintain the operation of county custodial facilities, including the custody, care, supervision, security, movement, and transportation of inmates;
- Protect life and property, maintain order, prevent and investigate crimes related to custodial assignments;
- Make legal searches, seizures, and arrests related to custodial assignments (on jail grounds or during inmate transportation);
- Give first aid treatment to the sick, injured, and mentally ill when safe to do so;
- Furnish name and badge number (or Sheriff's Office identification number) upon request of any person;
- Not intervene in situations that require a law enforcement response, when the response is unrelated to the Detentions Deputy's custodial duties. In situations where officers witness an unrelated crime in progress or are contacted by a citizen

regarding such an incident, the Detentions Deputy will contact dispatch to have the appropriate law enforcement personnel dispatched.

Except as otherwise permitted by law, detentions deputies are prohibited from affiliating with any organization that would prevent them from the proper performance of their lawful duties.

DIRECTIVE B

Duty Status:

A Detentions Deputy is considered “on duty” during the scheduled hours of his/her scheduled work shift(s), including scheduled overtime and when in response to a subpoena. During unscheduled hours or days, a Detentions Deputy is considered “off duty.”

The authorization of a command/ranking officer or his/her designee is required for a Detentions Deputy to be “on duty” at a time other than his/her scheduled hours. However, this authorization is not required if, at the end of a scheduled shift, the Detentions Deputy is engaged in an authorized activity that cannot reasonably be interrupted. In such situations, the authorization to extend “on duty” hours are implied and it is not necessary to seek authorization. However, the Detentions Deputy must inform his/her supervisor of such instances as soon as practicable.

During “off duty” hours, a Detentions Deputy does not have peace officer authority.

DIRECTIVE C

Adequate numbers of armed staff are critical to ensuring safe and effective operations within the Detentions Bureau. Since performing duties in an armed capacity is a critical function of the Detentions Deputy series, the following personnel are required to achieve and maintain armed status:

- Personnel hired as a Detentions Deputy
- Personnel promoting to the rank of Detentions Senior Deputy, Detentions Sergeant, or Detentions Lieutenant.

Personnel hired as a Detentions Deputy must successfully complete Force Options for Detentions training. Whenever possible, this training shall be completed prior to the end of the probationary period. Failure to successfully complete the training will result in the failure of the probationary period. Additionally, such personnel must complete ongoing firearms training, qualifications, and maintain armed status.

Personnel who were “transitioned” from the Detentions Officer series to the “Detentions Deputy” series are exempt from this requirement until such time that they promote to a higher rank. Upon promotion to a higher rank, such staff will be required to become armed and maintain

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armed status.

To be eligible to promote into the rank of Detentions Senior Deputy, Detentions Sergeant, or Detentions Lieutenant, candidates must be armed or have completed the 24-hour Introductory Firearms Course pursuant to Section 832 of the Penal Code.

Any personnel that do not hold armed status, at the time of their promotion, must successfully complete Force Options for Detentions training. Whenever possible, this training shall be completed prior to the end of the probationary period. Failure to successfully complete the training will result in the failure of the probationary period and a return to the previous rank. Additionally, such personnel must complete ongoing firearms training, qualifications, and maintain armed status.

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