

Rules of Conduct - Commissioned Personnel

1019.1 USE OF THE BADGE, I. D. CARD AND UNIFORM

The badge, I.D. card, or uniform items shall not be used for any purpose other than official Department business.

1019.2 LOITERING

Sworn Members on duty shall not loiter in any public place except in the line of duty.

1019.3 PHYSICAL FITNESS

Sworn Members shall maintain such physical condition as to enable them to properly perform assigned duties.

1019.4 ARREST RESPONSIBILITY

Arresting deputies, or special officers having custody, shall be responsible for the safety, control, and protection of the person and property of arrested persons until such time as the person and property are properly relinquished to another.

1019.5 PHYSICAL RESTRAINT

1. Only those physical restraints that are justified by each particular instance, shall be used on any person in custody.
2. The factors to be considered are: age, sex, physical condition and mental state of the prisoner; known or suspected history of escape or violence; reputation in the community; the nature of the charge and the circumstances under which custody is to be maintained.

1019.6 RECOMMENDING ATTORNEYS AND BAIL BONDSMEN

Members shall not recommend, suggest, advise or otherwise counsel the retention of any specific attorney or bail bondsman to any person coming to their attention in an official capacity.

1019.7 PUBLICITY

Deputies shall not seek unauthorized personal publicity in their official capacity.

1019.8 COWARDICE

Deputies shall not display cowardice or fail to render assistance to other officers in the performance of his/her duties and responsibilities.

1019.9 SEARCH OF PRISONERS

Deputies shall insure that there are no weapons in the possession of any prisoner in their custody.

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1019.10 TRANSPORTING MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX

Deputies who transport prisoners of the opposite sex when no other passenger of the same sex as the prisoner is present in the same vehicle, must communicate the location, time, and mileage to the Sheriff's Radio Dispatcher. Deputies transporting out of county or to/from local courts and medical facilities may elect to report this information to the Transportation Desk Clerk for documentation.

1019.11 TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE

Members shall not fabricate, withhold, alter, or destroy evidence of any kind.

1019.12 MEAL AND BREAK PERIODS

1. Members shall be restricted from congregating in excess of two (2) uniformed Sheriff's personnel at any location. This policy applies to all uniformed Sheriff's personnel taking their meal or break periods in any place viewable by the public.
2. Exceptions to this policy would be with the expressed permission of the Member's supervisor.
3. For purposes of this policy, a supervisor meeting with his/her subordinates does not count towards the two person restriction.