



CLACKAMAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Policy # 4

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References: [Oregon Constitution, Article VII, Section 16](#) and [Oregon Revised Statutes \(ORS\), Chapter 206](#)

AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

- Sheriff.** The Sheriff is an elected official and as such is the chief executive officer and conservator of the peace of the county. The office and duties of the Sheriff are established by the Oregon Constitution and the laws of the State of Oregon. The Sheriff's general duties are set forth in [ORS 206.010](#) (*General Duties of Sheriff*). In execution of office, the Sheriff has statutory authority to administer and organize the Sheriff's Office, to appoint all employees and direct the work of those employees.
- Employees.** The authority of sworn employees is derived from appointment and commission by the Sheriff and the laws of the State of Oregon. Except when impractical or unfeasible, or where their identity is obvious, employees shall identify themselves by displaying their badge or identification card before taking any enforcement action. Employees shall furnish their name and DPSST number to any person requesting such information, while on duty or acting in an official capacity, except when the withholding of such information is necessary for the performance of duty, or is authorized by proper authority.
- Jurisdiction.** All areas within the boundaries of Clackamas County are within the territorial jurisdiction of the Sheriff. Additionally, sworn employees may operate outside of the boundaries of the county to the fullest extent permitted by law and in accordance with Sheriff's Office Policy.