



Colorado Springs Police Department Standard Operating Procedure

DL-1200-05 Checkpoint Procedures

Section 1200 – Critical Incidents

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.01 Purpose

The purpose of the directive is to set forth procedures to be used at checkpoints established to control access to areas protected by police lines.

.02 Cross Reference

[GO 101 First Amendment Rights](#)

[GO 240 Special Events](#)

[GO 1210 Assemblies and Mass Events](#)

[DL-1200-06 VIP Security](#)

[DL-1210-02 Public Order Response Team](#)

.03 Definitions

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.04 Procedure

CSPD personnel will follow the procedures set forth in this directive, to ensure the preservation of individual rights, when operating checkpoints in the interest of public safety. In some instances, checkpoints may be set up to control movement across police lines and to prevent the presence of weapons inside secured areas. Additionally, it may be necessary to establish police lines at certain high-risk public events or demonstrations to separate demonstrators from observers, counter-demonstrators, etc.

Advisement and Consent to Security Procedures

Individuals entering a security checkpoint will be advised of the procedures they must go through in order to cross police lines. The advisement will include informing the individual of their option

to decline to cross police lines and to view the event from a general viewing area. Advisements may be in the form of clear, visible signs and/or verbal advisements.

Weapons Search Procedures

Weapons searches will be conducted by the use of a magnetometer or similar weapons detection device. Prior to the weapons search, individuals will be given an opportunity to remove any metal objects from their clothing. If the magnetometer indicates the possible presence of a weapon, a pat-down weapons search may then be conducted, as long as the advisement requirements have been satisfied (as previously outlined). Officers, at all times, retain the ability to conduct searches based on all proper legal grounds.

Information Gathering

Individual citizens have the right to attend events anonymously. Accordingly, officers will not request identification information from anyone passing through a security checkpoint unless there is independent legal justification to support such a request. Officers will not condition entry through a checkpoint by requiring the individual to submit to a photograph. Otherwise, lawful photographic and video/audio surveillance of public events is proper.

Variances from These Procedures

Reasonable and appropriate variations from these procedures may be made for individual public demonstrations, depending upon the circumstances involved. Any substantive variation in procedure must be approved by a *staff officer*, **and** a report, setting forth the reasons such altered procedures were used, must be prepared, and supplemented to the tactical plan.