



# Colorado Springs Police Department

## General Order

### 1042 Request for Assistance by Bail Bondsman

#### Section 1000 – Patrol Functions

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## **.01 Purpose**

The purpose of this directive is to establish a standardized response to requests for assistance by bail bondsmen.

## **.02 Cross Reference**

[GO 107 Physical Arrest](#)

[DL-1006-10 Pick-Up Procedures](#)

## **.03 Discussion**

At times, the Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) is called upon to assist bondsmen in what they may consider their civil authority to enter into a private residence and seize a wanted person. A police presence, whether to keep the peace or serve as an active participant, can place the department in situations of potential liability.

The legal requirements often associated with these situations are detailed in C.R.S. § 10-23-101 Bail Bonding Agent and C.R.S. § 16-3-201 Arrest by a Private Person

## **.04 Policy**

### **Responsibilities of Public Safety Communications Center (PSCC) Personnel**

Call takers who receive non-emergency calls from bondsmen, wanting to affect the arrest of a wanted person, shall ask the reporting person to verify that there is an active court ordered arrest warrant for the person they are looking for. If there is no court ordered arrest warrant, the CSPD will not respond.

The CSPD will only respond when the bondsmen can present a stamped, verified copy of the warrant to the officers upon their arrival.

## **Responsibilities of Sworn Officers**

Officers who respond to calls where a bondsman wants to contact and arrest someone are to first view the verified copy of the warrant and then confirm, through normal procedures, that there is an active court ordered warrant for the person being.

When an active warrant exists, officers should ask the bondsman to remain away from the contact site. Once a police presence has been made, only officers are to approach the site, or attempt to contact the wanted person. The bondsman may remain on public property near the contact location. Once officers have arrested the wanted person, officers will transport the prisoner to the Criminal Justice Center (CJC) for processing.

Officers need a search warrant to enter into a third-party residence, if a person living at that residence does not invite the officers in.

## **.05 Definitions**

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