

# **Colorado Springs Police Department** General Order

**1130 Registered Sex Offender Contacts** 

Section 1100 – Investigative Functions

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### .01 Purpose

The purpose of this directive is to establish guidelines specifying procedures and department responsibilities concerning contacts with registered sex offenders.

## .02 Cross Reference

DL-1130-01 Public Notification of Sexually Violent Predators RID-80 Registration of Sex Offenders

## .03 Discussion

Federal and state requirements for person(s) convicted of sex offenses, to register their home/living address, place of employment, and other identifying information, may serve to protect the community by deterring offenders from engaging in future criminal behavior and by making information available to the public, which may serve to allow citizens to better protect the community.

## .04 Policy

In compliance with Colorado state laws the Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) is responsible to complete legally mandated initial and annual verification requirements of Registered Sex Offenders (RSO).

If the RSO is a sexually violent predator the CSPD will verify the RSOs residential address quarterly.

Only detectives assigned to the Registered Sex Offender (RSO) Unit now complete all RSO verifications.

### .05 Definitions

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### .10 Registered Sex Offender – Registration Criteria

Per Colorado Revised Statute (CRS) § 16-22-103, the following people are required to register as a sex offender:

- Any person who was convicted on or after July 1, 1991, in the state of Colorado, of an unlawful sexual offense, as defined in CRS § 18-3-411 (1) or enticement of a child, as described in CRS § 18-3-305.
- Any person who was convicted on or after July 1, 1991, in another state or jurisdiction, including but not limited to a military or federal jurisdiction, of an offense that, if committed in Colorado, would constitute an unlawful sexual offense, as defined in section CRS § 18-3-411 (1) or enticement of a child, as described in section CRS § 18-3-305.
- Any person who was released on or after July 1, 1991, from the custody of the department of corrections of this state or any other state, having served a sentence for an unlawful sexual offense, as defined in CRS § 18-3-411 (1) or enticement of a child, as described in CRS § 18-3-305 (a).
- On and after July 1, 1994, any person who is convicted in the state of Colorado of unlawful sexual behavior or of another offense, the underlying factual basis of which involves unlawful sexual behavior, or any person who is released from the custody of the department of corrections having completed serving a sentence for unlawful sexual behavior or for another offense, the underlying factual basis of which involved unlawful sexual behavior, shall be required to register in the manner prescribed in section CRS § 16-22-104, § 16-22-106 or § 6-22-107, whichever is applicable, and CRS § 16-22-108.

#### .20 Verification Requirements of the CSPD

The department is mandated by CRS § 16-22-109 (3.5) to verify the home address of RSOs upon their entrance into jurisdiction and at least annually thereafter. The Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) also verifies residency upon any change of address. If a sex offender is classified as a sexually violent predator, home visits are required quarterly.

CSPD no longer utilizes patrol officers for conducting RSO verifications.

Only detectives assigned to the RSO Unit now have the responsibility to complete all RSO verifications.