



# Colorado Springs Police Department General Order

## 1130 Registered Sex Offender Contacts

### Section 1100 – Investigative Functions

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#### **.01 Purpose**

This directive establishes 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 statutes require persons convicted of sex offenses to register their home/living address, place of employment, and other identifying information with law enforcement for the purpose of protecting the community by deterring offenders from engaging in future criminal behavior and by making information available to the public, thus allowing citizens to be informed and to better protect the community.

#### **.04 Policy**

In compliance with Colorado state laws, the department is responsible for completing legally mandated initial and ongoing verification requirements of Registered Sex Offenders (RSO).

If the RSO is classified as a sexually violent predator (SVP), the department will verify the RSO's residential address quarterly.

Detectives assigned to the Registered Sex Offender Unit, or in certain circumstances, detectives assigned to the Special Victims Section (SVS), will complete all RSO verifications.

## **.05 Definitions**

*Community Residential Home:* A group living situation accommodating at least four but no more than eight persons, which is licensed by the state and in which services and supports are provided to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

*Permanent Residence:* A place where a person abides, lodges, or resides for five (5) or more consecutive days.

*Sexually Violent Predator:* A person who has been found to be a sexually violent predator pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.) § 18-3-414.5, and where the person was convicted of Sexual Assault on a Child pursuant to C.R.S. § 18-3-405, the attempt thereof, or any other equivalent state statute.

*Temporary Residence:* A place where a person abides, lodges, or resides for a period of less than five (5) days.

## **.10 Registered Sex Offender – Registration Criteria**

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 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 C.R.S. § 18-3-411 (1), or enticement of a child, as described in C.R.S. § 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 C.R.S. § 18-3-411 (1) or enticement of a child, as described in section C.R.S. § 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 C.R.S. § 18-3-411 (1), or enticement of a child, as described in C.R.S. § 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 C.R.S. § 16-22-104, § 16-22-106 or § 6-22-107, whichever is applicable, and C.R.S. § 16-22-108.

## **.20 Verification Requirements of the CSPD**

The department is mandated by C.R.S. § 16-22-109(3.5) to verify the home address of RSOs upon entry into the department's jurisdiction and at least annually thereafter. The department will also verify residency upon any change of address. If a sex offender is classified as a sexually violent predator, home visits will be conducted quarterly.

## **.30 Residency Restrictions for Sexually Violent Predators (SVP)**

City Code 9.2.113, adopted in 2026, outlines residency restrictions for Sexually Violent Predators. The ordinance bars SVPs from establishing permanent or temporary residences around locations where children regularly congregate in concentrated numbers.

All sworn members of the department will document any known or suspected violation of City Code 9.2.113 in a case report.

Any non-sworn member of the department who is aware of a potential violation of City Code 9.2.113 (e.g. – a member of the Records Section who processes an SVP registration, etc.) will notify their supervisor immediately, and will e-mail a Special Victims Section sergeant before going off duty that day.

Only detectives assigned to the RSO Unit, or in certain circumstances, detectives assigned to the Special Victims Section (SVS), are authorized to enforce this City Code due to the significant restrictions in the ordinance.

If an employee initiates a report for violation of this ordinance, they will notify a Special Victims Sections sergeant via e-mail. The sergeant is responsible for assigning the investigation for additional action.