

DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		Policy and Procedures
Specific Policies		P&P-B-145
Justice Center Perimeter Security & Access		
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I. PURPOSE

To define perimeter security and access procedures for the Justice Center to ensure the safety of all occupants.

The authority given to the Sheriff to control the security of the Justice Center is defined in C.R.S. 30-10-503 *Sheriff assumes duties - when*.

Also see C.R.S. 30-10-511 *Sheriff custodian of jail*.

On November 1, 2007, Chief Judge William B. Sylvester, issued an order that in part reads:

WHEREAS certain recent events on the national, state and local level have emphasized the need for enhanced security and the Sheriffs of each county are responsible for the security in their respective courts. It is prudent to not impede the Sheriffs and to allow them to utilize their extensive expertise, experience and discretion to properly ensure the safety of all who enter the court and probation facilities.

II. POLICY

A secure perimeter will be established through the use of gates, intercom announcements and proximity card access.

III. OUTSIDE PERIMETER SECURITY

Divisional procedures are in place and outlined in their respective SOP's for the control of access to the restricted areas of the Justice Center. All parking areas located inside the gated areas are restricted to employees or vehicles making deliveries. For the control of the outside perimeter of the Justice Center, please refer to [DET-B-301 Perimeter Security](#) and [DET-R-300 Justice Center Security](#).

IV. INSIDE SECURITY

It is the responsibility of every employee in the Justice Center to maintain a secure environment. If a Justice Center employee allows a visitor into the secured areas of the building, they must remain with that visitor and escort them out of the building at the conclusion of the visit. In addition, if an employee does not recognize an individual in a secured area, they should ask to see their ID or call Court Security to respond to their location.

Policy and procedures as well as divisional procedures are in place for the issuance of proximity cards for access into the secured areas of the Justice Center. Please refer to [P&P-D-118 *Facility Access, Identification and Issuance of Proximity Cards*](#) for questions regarding these procedures.

For proximity card access to locations within the Sheriff's Office, contact the personnel coordinator or Professional Standards Division Chief. For proximity card access by a county employee to other areas of the Justice Center, contact Douglas County Facilities. For access to areas with the Justice Center for a non-county entity or vendor, contact the Division Chief of the Detentions Division.

By Order of the Sheriff