

DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		Policy and Procedure
Specific Policies		P&P-B-154
Hard Drive Erase Procedures		
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I. POLICY

To satisfy CJIS requirements: Any device with storage ability that is donated, sold or recycled must be wiped using a D.O.D. wipe process. This also applies to any storage device that is “parted out” as well as external hard drives that will be donated, sold, etc.

Following is the specific CJIS standard:

“The agency shall sanitize, that is, overwrite at least three times or degauss or otherwise sanitize electronic media prior to disposal or release for reuse by unauthorized individuals. Inoperable electronic media or media that cannot be sanitized (I.E. Solid State drives, USB thumb drives, etc.) shall be destroyed (cut up, shredded, etc.). The agency shall maintain written documentation of the steps taken to sanitize or destroy electronic media. Agencies shall ensure the sanitization or destruction is witnessed or carried out by authorized personnel.”

II. PROCEDURE

- Sheriff’s Office Tech Services will create and maintain a spreadsheet for tracking purposes.
- Tech Services will then run the drive through a “D.O.D. wipe”. The wipe process needs to run at least 3 passes, (a write of all 0s, a write of all 1s and a random pattern write).
- The hard drive should be labeled that a D.O.D. wipe was completed, with the date completed, and the Altiris ticket number.
- The spreadsheet should be updated with the serial number of the hard drive, and the computer asset number (if the drive stays with the computer).
- If the hard drive cannot be sanitized electronically, (inoperable hard drives, or any SolidState or memory based drive) then the drive needs to be physically destroyed.
- Solid State drives can be re-used within the agency. These drives shall not be installed in any computer that will be sold, or donated. Solid State Drives that cannot be re-used for the agency shall be set aside for physical destruction per the CJIS policy.

III. APPROVED PRODUCTS

We are currently licensed to use the Altiris Drive wipe process. This can be done via booting from CD or running a job from Altiris deployment console. The wipe jobs described will run a total of 6 passes.

By Order of the Sheriff