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# Cash Handling, Security and Management

## **707.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

This policy provides guidelines to ensure department members handle cash appropriately in the performance of their duties.

This policy does not address cash-handling issues specific to the Property and Evidence and Informants policies.

## **707.2 POLICY**

It is the policy of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office to properly handle and document cash transactions and to maintain accurate records of cash transactions in order to protect the integrity of department operations and ensure the public trust.

## **707.3 PETTY CASH AND INVESTIGATIVE FUNDS**

The Sheriff shall designate a person as the fund manager responsible for maintaining and managing each petty cash and investigative fund.

Each petty cash fund requires the creation and maintenance of an accurate and current transaction ledger and the filing of invoices, receipts, cash transfer forms and expense reports in a timely manner by the fund manager.

## **707.4 PETTY CASH TRANSACTIONS**

The fund manager shall document all transactions on the ledger and any other appropriate forms. Each person participating in the transaction shall sign or otherwise validate the ledger, attesting to the accuracy of the entry. Transactions should include the filing of an appropriate receipt, invoice or cash transfer form. Transactions that are not documented by a receipt, invoice or cash transfer form require an expense report.

## **707.5 PETTY CASH AND INVESTIGATIVE FUNDS AUDITS**

The fund manager or the Office of Professional Standards (OPS) shall perform an audit annually. This audit requires that the fund manager or Office of Professional Standards personnel review the transaction ledger and verify the accuracy of the accounting. The fund manager or OPS personnel and the participating member shall sign or otherwise validate the ledger attesting to the accuracy of all documentation and fund accounting. A discrepancy in the audit requires documentation by those performing the audit and an immediate reporting of the discrepancy to the Sheriff.

Transference of fund management to another member shall require a separate petty cash or investigative funds audit and involve a member of the Office of Professional Standards.

A separate audit of each petty cash or investigative fund may be completed on a random date, approximately once each year by the County.

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### **707.6 ROUTINE CASH HANDLING**

Those who handle cash as part of their property or Detective Division supervisor duties shall discharge those duties in accordance with the Property and Evidence and Informants policies.

Members who routinely accept payment for department services shall discharge those duties in accordance with the procedures established for those tasks.

### **707.7 OTHER CASH HANDLING**

Members of the Department who, within the course of their duties, are in possession of cash that is not their property or that is outside their defined cash-handling responsibilities shall, as soon as practicable, verify the amount, summon another member to verify their accounting, and process the cash for safekeeping or as evidence or found property, in accordance with the Property and Evidence Policy.

Cash in excess of \$1,000 requires immediate notification of a supervisor, special handling, verification and accounting by the supervisor. Each member involved in this process shall complete an appropriate report or record entry.