

SEX OFFENDER COMPLIANCE CHECKS

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Omaha Police Department (OPD) to support the efforts of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) on compliance checks of Sex Offenders. The DCSO has primary responsibility to conduct sex offender compliance checks for residency in Douglas County.

PROCEDURE:

I. Omaha Police Department Liaison

- A. The Northwest Precinct "B"-Shift Lieutenant is the designated compliance check liaison with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.
- B. Each month, the Northwest Precinct "B"-Shift Lieutenant will receive sex offender packets from the DCSO. The packets will be disseminated to each of the five precincts for compliance checks based on residence location. Compliance check packets will be tracked and returned to the DCSO at the end of each month.

II. Sex Offender Compliance Packets

- A. Packets will include all the information needed to conduct compliance checks on Sex Offenders. Each packet will have a Data Sheet, Compliance Check Log, and a Sex Offender Compliance Guide.
- B. The DCSO will maintain files of returned packets and report statistics to the OPD on a quarterly basis.

III. Sex Offender Compliance Check Protocol

- A. Upon receiving the compliance check packet, the officer will attempt to make contact with the offender only between the hours of 0700 to 2000 with the purpose of verifying the offender resides at the listed address.
- B. The compliance checks will be done on an In-Service (10-10) basis.
- C. The officer will note on the packet if a sex offender is compliant or noncompliant with the listed residence. Noncompliant packets will be forwarded to the OPD Liaison at the end of the officer's shift for follow-up by the DCSO. Compliant packets shall be forwarded to the OPD Liaison by the end of every month.
- D. A minimum of two attempts for each packet will be made by OPD officers if the offender is not located.
- E. Officers are not required to do any further investigation outside of the compliance check unless information comes to the officer's attention that warrants an investigation or arrest on a separate offense.
 - 1. Omaha City Ordinance Section [20-120.2](#) prohibits a registered sex offender from living within 500 feet of an elementary, secondary school, or child care facility. If during compliance check, a violation of this ordinance is suspected, an Information Report will be completed and forwarded to the Special Investigations Section for follow-up.
- F. The DCSO will contact the OPD via normal channels in the event an emergency compliance check needs to be done.

IV. Sex Offender Information Release

- A. Information that can be given to the public on Sex Offenders is limited to the information contained on the Nebraska State Patrol Public Website (www.nsp.state.ne.us).
 - 1. This information includes offender's name, date of birth, physical description, address, and sex crime conviction.
 - 2. Officers cannot release the offender's employment information, vehicle information, or the age of the victim of the sexual assault.
- B. All media inquiries on sex offenders and/or compliance checks will be referred to the Public Information Office or the Chief's designee for handling.
- C. The Sex Offender Registration Act is covered by State Statutes 29-4001 through 29-4014.

REFERENCES:

I. Laws

- A. City of Omaha Municipal Code [20-120.2](#).

II. Previous OPD Orders

- A. Previous General Orders: #3-09, 19-10, 31-24.

III. Other

- A. PPM Updates include: #02-2017 and 08-2018.
- B. Training Bulletin #[36-24](#).