

POLICY FORTY-NINE

Sheriff's Office Volunteers

POL-49-1 Purpose

To establish guidelines for the use of volunteers in the Sheriff's Office, ensuring safe, effective, and supervised contributions to community service while maintaining public safety and legal compliance.

POL-49-2 Scope

This policy applies to all non-commissioned volunteers assisting the Sheriff's Office in various capacities.

POL 49-3

Volunteer Roles and Restrictions

Non-commissioned volunteers shall:

- Assist with special event parking as directed.
- Not enforce criminal laws, except as related to special event parking duties.
- Not engage in pursuit driving, detention, arrests, use of force, or use of deadly force.
- Not carry firearms or other weapons.
- Use of animals by volunteers is solely for tracking individuals during search and rescue operations, under the direction of authorized personnel.

Supervision

- All non-commissioned volunteers must be supervised by a sworn member of the Sheriff's Office or a designee from a volunteer organization operating under the direct supervision or command of a Sheriff's Office member.
- Supervisors are responsible for ensuring volunteers adhere to this policy and perform duties within their assigned scope.
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POL- 49-4 Compliance

- Those who operate as a volunteer must be distinguishable from regular peace officers and any insignia must only be used when on duty.
- Volunteers must comply with all Sheriff's Office policies, procedures, and applicable laws. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in termination of volunteer status.