

Registered Sex Offender Information

327.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes guidelines by which the Reno Police Department will address issues associated with certain offenders who are residing in the jurisdiction and how the Department will disseminate information and respond to public inquiries for information about registered sex offenders.

327.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Reno Police Department to identify and monitor registered offenders living within this jurisdiction and to take reasonable steps to address the risks those persons may pose.

327.3 REGISTRATION

The Department shall establish a process to reasonably accommodate registration of certain offenders. The process should rebut any allegation on the part of the offender that the registration process was too confusing, burdensome or difficult for compliance. If it is reasonable to do so, an investigator assigned to related investigations should conduct the registration in order to best evaluate any threat the person may pose to the community. Employees assigned to register offenders should receive appropriate training regarding the registration process.

Upon conclusion of the registration process, the investigator shall ensure that the registration information is provided to the Nevada Central Repository.

The refusal of a registrant to provide any of the required information or complete the process should initiate a criminal investigation for failure to register.

327.4 MONITORING OF REGISTERED OFFENDERS

The Department should establish a system to periodically, and at least once annually, verify that a registrant remains in compliance with his/her registration requirements after the initial registration. This verification should include:

- (a) Efforts to confirm residence using an unobtrusive method, such as an Internet search or drive-by of the declared residence.
- (b) Review of information on the Nevada Sex Offender Registry.
- (c) Contact with a registrant's parole or probation officer.

Any discrepancies should be reported to the Nevada Department of Public Safety.

The Department should also establish a procedure to routinely disseminate information regarding registered offenders to Reno Police Department personnel, including timely updates regarding new or relocated registrants.

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327.5 DISSEMINATION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

Employees will not unilaterally make a public notification advising the community of a particular registrant's presence in the community. Employees who identify a significant risk or other public safety issue associated with a registrant should promptly advise their supervisor. The supervisor should evaluate the request and forward the information to the Chief of Police if warranted. A determination will be made by the Chief of Police, with the assistance of legal counsel as necessary, whether such a public alert should be made.

Members of the public requesting information on registrants should be provided the Nevada Department of Public Safety Sex Offender Registry website or the Reno Police Department's website.

The Records Manager shall release local registered offender information to residents in accordance with NRS 239.010 et seq. and in compliance with the Nevada Public Records Act request.

327.5.1 RELEASE NOTIFICATIONS

Registrant information that is released should include notification that:

- (a) The offender registry includes only those persons who have been required by law to register and who are in compliance with the offender registration laws.
- (b) The information is provided as a public service and may not be current or accurate.
- (c) Persons should not rely solely on the offender registry as a safeguard against offenses in their communities.
- (d) The crime for which a person is convicted may not accurately reflect the level of risk.
- (e) Anyone who uses information contained in the registry to harass registrants or commit any crime may be subject to criminal prosecution.

327.5.2 MANDATORY DISSEMINATION

The Department shall provide community notification regarding sex offenders in accordance with the offender's designated tier level and the guidelines established by the Attorney General.

The Department shall notify the Central Repository and the appropriate campus police department of an institution of higher learning whenever the Department learns that a sex offender is, or expects to be, a worker or enrolled as a student.

327.6 UPDATING REGISTRATION

Upon receiving a change of address from an offender, the department member receiving such information shall ensure the new address and any updated information is forwarded to the Nevada Central Repository immediately.