



Colorado Springs Police Department



The CSPD is made up of many different units and divisions that work together to meet the unique needs of both policing and the community. To make sure we are using our resources efficiently, each unit and division is assigned to one of two bureaus; Patrol Bureau or Operations Support Bureau. Each of these bureaus then reports to the Office of the Chief of Police.

The Patrol Bureau is comprised of four Area Commands. These four area commands provide police services to specific areas of town; The Falcon Area Command provides police services to the north western part of Colorado Springs. The Gold Hill Area Command provides police services to the central and south western portion of Colorado Springs. The Sand Creek Area Command provides police services to the south eastern portion of the city. The Stetson Hills Area Command provides police services to the north eastern portion of Colorado Springs. Patrol Bureau personnel provide the initial response to all calls for service.

The Operations Support Bureau is broken down into four Divisions; Investigations Division, Specialized Enforcement Division, the Metro Vice, Narcotics and Intelligence Division and Management Services Division.

The Crimes Against Elders Unit (CAE) is assigned to the Special Victims Section of the Investigations Division. The two detectives assigned to CAE investigate; criminal attempt murder, assaults (first, second and third degree), sexual assaults, and criminal negligence resulting in serious bodily injury when the victim is 70 years older or older or 60-69 years old with a qualifying disability. The unit also investigates all assaults against at-risk adults. The on-call supervisor determines if detectives will respond after-hours to a call.

Police officers must gather evidence that prove all the elements of a crime before they can make an arrest. There are very strict judicial timelines designed to protect the rights of an accused person which must be met once a person is arrested. Failure to meet these timelines can result in the charges being dismissed and this is why we may delay arresting a suspect until we have all the information we need to present to the District Attorney's Office.

Police officers are not authorized to take custody of adults like they can with children. Adults are free to make choices, even if they may endanger their health or well being.

Mental illness is not a crime and does not, in itself, justify or require police intervention. Many mentally ill persons are capable of functioning on their own without danger to themselves or others; such persons cannot legally be taken into police custody merely because of the mental illness. Police intervention is justified only when their behavior or actions demonstrate actual danger to themselves or others, or a reasonable probability of such danger.

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CAE detectives conduct joint investigations with Adult Protective Services (APS) caseworkers. The detectives investigate the criminal aspects of a compliant. There are restrictions on what type of criminal information we can share with community partners and the lead investigator determines what information may be released during an open investigation.

The Code Enforcement Unit is part of the Specialized Enforcement Division and is responsible for the inspection of publicly and privately owned residential buildings to assure that they meet the Minimum Housing Standards for the City of Colorado Springs and to ensure safe and sanitary living conditions for all residents **within the city limits.**

Code Enforcement also ensures compliance of fourteen (14) additional codes:
Public Health and Sanitation - Noise Enforcement - Unlicensed/Inoperable Vehicles - Oversize vehicle parking and storage in residential zones - Recreational vehicle parking and storage in residential zones - Junk - Light Intrusion - Weeds - Litter - Graffiti - Maintenance of adjacent rights of way - Temporary Signs - Signs on public property or right of ways - Inspection and licensing of garbage/trash removal trucks.

The City of Colorado Springs encourages neighbors to become community-minded and to join together in providing safe, attractive neighborhoods and sanitary living conditions for all citizens. Walk your neighborhood and meet your neighbors! Working together is the most effective program. The City invites residents to cooperate with one another in a "neighbor to neighbor" manner to resolve minor problems before contacting the Code Enforcement Unit (444-7891) for assistance.

Code Enforcement has to allow due process to occur when requiring abatement of violations. Upon verification that a violation exists, an officer may give a verbal warning to the occupant; issue a written notice and hang it on the door; or, send a letter of notification; all with a specific compliance date. Upon re-inspection, if the violation still exists, a notice and order is sent to the last known property owner; in addition, you may see a notice posted on the property, and again a compliance date is given. Continued non-compliance may result in judicial remedies, contractor abatement and/or repeat offender fees.

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