

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COURT SERVICES BUREAU
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL**

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Purpose:

To delineate the legal justification and authority under which the Court Services Bureau (CSB) operates.

Policy:

The Sheriff's Court Services Bureau operates under authority of state law as listed below.

Government Code 26603 – Except as otherwise provided by law, whenever required, the sheriff shall attend all superior courts held within his county provided, however, that a sheriff shall attend a civil action only if the presiding judge or his designee makes a determination that the attendance of the sheriff at such action is necessary for reasons of public safety. The sheriff shall obey all lawful orders and directions of the court held within his county.

Government Code 26611 – The sheriff in attendance upon court shall act as the crier thereof. He shall call the parties and witnesses and all other persons bound to appear at court and make proclamation of the opening and adjournment of the court and of any other matter under its direction.

Government Code 26608 – The sheriff shall serve all process and notices in the manner prescribed by law.

Code of Civil Procedure - 680.260. "Levying officer" means the sheriff..."

Government Code 72114.2. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or after January 1, 2000, the San Diego County Marshal's Office shall be abolished, and there shall be a bureau in the San Diego County Sheriff's Department under which court security services and the service of civil and criminal process are consolidated.

This bureau's primary function shall be to provide the management with direction, supervision, and personnel for court-related services which include court security, the service of civil and criminal process, public safety protection, judicial protection, standards of performance, and other matters incidental to the performance of those services.

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The sheriff shall be appointing authority for all bureau personnel. The person selected by the sheriff to oversee the operation of court-related services, as described in this section, shall report directly to the sheriff.

Purpose:

Policy section only.