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## TRAINING BULLETIN

### Professional Contact Visits

The purpose of this training bulletin is to familiarize sworn staff of the common practices when managing a professional contact visit at their facility. To prevent contraband from entering our detention facilities, a deputy's priority is to ensure a proper search of the professional visitor's belongings is conducted. A proper custodial search of the Incarcerated Person (IP) shall also be completed prior to the start of a professional visit and upon completion of a professional visit. These consistent practices will deter and prevent potential contraband from entering our detention facilities.

To remain consistent with the professional contact visit procedures and to prevent contraband from entering our facilities, please adhere to the following practices:

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The professional visitor will remain in the professional visit area until the deputy clears the IP of any contraband. Once the IP has been cleared to return and no contraband was found, the professional visitor will be allowed to leave the professional visit area.

At any point in time if the deputy has reasonable suspicion of contraband being passed during the professional visit, they can request K-9 to stand by while they conduct their search. Deputies should continue being methodical in their efforts to prevent contraband from entering detention facilities.

**For more information, please refer to Sheriff's Department Detention Service Bureau Policy and Procedure [P.15 – Professional Contact Visits](#).**