

## POLICY 1. USE OF DISCRETION

- A. When deputies are faced with a situation where discretion can be exercised, they must evaluate the circumstances, consider the available resources, and rely on their training, Sheriff's Department policies and procedures, statutory law, information-led policing, and supervision in making the appropriate decision.
- B. In addition, within each situation, the appropriate decision should ensure the following:
  - 1. Accomplishes the intent of the law
  - 2. Complies with the Sheriff's Department policy
  - 3. Does not compromise deputies' safety
- C. The limits of discretion for deputies is defined by:
  - 1. Various federal and state statutes
  - 2. Case law
  - 3. Department policy
  - 4. The rank and responsibility held by the deputy