

<b>DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b>		<b>Policy and Procedure</b>
<b>Conduct</b>		<b>P&amp;P-C-106</b>
<b>Inter-Office Dispute Mediation</b>		
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**I. RELEVANT STATUTE**

13-22-307 C.R.S. *Confidentiality.*

**II. PURPOSE**

The Sheriff's Office is dedicated to providing a comfortable and respectful work environment, and actively seeks to promote teamwork and cooperation amongst all employees. However, it is inevitable that on occasion disputes amongst Office members will arise. The intended purpose of this program as it relates to inter-office disputes is to provide supervisors and Office members with a tool to effectively and amicably resolve conflicts between members.

**III. INTER-OFFICE DISPUTE MEDIATION**

In addition to the Citizen-to-Citizen and Citizen / Police mediation programs, Community Mediation Concepts also provides their services to Sheriff's Office supervisors who believe that the program may assist them in situations where they are seeking assistance in the resolution of inter-office conflicts. To refer members to the mediation program, the supervisor will forward a memorandum to Professional Standards detailing the specific circumstances of the dispute. If deemed appropriate for mediation by the Professional Standards commander, a PCR will be generated. Professional Standards will then contact the affected employees, advised them of the mediation recommendation and, after informing them that participation is totally voluntary, ask if they wish to participate. If both members consent, Professional Standards will make the notification to CMC, who will then contact the members and make all further arrangements. In accordance with the mediation confidentiality requirements, no information concerning the outcome / results of the mediation will be provided to the Sheriff's Office by CMC. Professional Standards may notify the submitting supervisor whether or not both employees agreed to participate in the mediation program, but no further information may be provided.

By Order of the Sheriff