

COOLIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT		
	<p style="text-align: center;">CHAPTER 19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CIVIL STANDBY</p> <p>CALEA Standard(s):</p>	<p>General Orders</p>
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CIVIL STANDBYS:

Do not act in a manner benefitting any of the parties involved in civil incidents

1. **CRITERIA:** All civil standbys will be evaluated and approved by a sworn supervisor on duty
 - a. Civil standbys will only be done in accordance with a court order
 - b. In the absence of a court order, civil standbys will only be approved in extenuating circumstances involving risk of violence
2. **VALIDATION:** Supervisors may approve standbys for child custody situations only when the requesting party can document the validity of the request (i.e., court order)
3. **HOURS:** Approved standbys will only be conducted between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., unless there is supervisor approval
4. **UNDERSTAND INTENTIONS OF THE REQUESTER:** The officer will talk with the requesting person, at a location specified by the officer, prior to going to the premises to reach an understanding with the person regarding their intentions
5. **EXPLAIN ROLE:** Officers are there to keep the peace and any violation of such in the officer's presence could result in the arrest of either of the people involved
6. **FOLLOW COURT ORDERS** when the requesting party is prohibited by court order from contacting the other party. Do not perform a civil standby unless specific written permission is received by the judge issuing the order or from a judge of a higher court allowing the requesting party to violate the terms of the order for a specific reason.
7. **WHEN A MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST** requests a standby with a patient, the officer will stand by until the mental health specialist leaves or feels that the officer's presence is no longer needed. If the mental health specialist has a court-ordered petition against a patient, follow the guidelines of the petition.