



SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDERS



525.06 MOBILE IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY AND DEVICES 08-21-13

PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is to establish procedures for the use of mobile identification devices by Department personnel.

POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Sacramento Police Department to properly utilize mobile identification technology to assist in identifying individuals involved in law enforcement investigations.

PROCEDURE

A. GENERAL

1. The term "mobile identification technology" refers to a computerized system that uses hand-held biometric equipment to capture fingerprints in the field. Those fingerprints are transferred electronically and search against a regional criminal offender database. The results of that search can allow officers in the field to quickly confirm the subject's identification, thereby enhancing field investigation and officer safety.
2. The fingerprints obtained on mobile identification devices are not permanently stored on the mobile device or any related database.
3. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Department Cal-ID program maintains the fingerprint database accessed by mobile identification devices.

B. USE OF THE HAND HELD MOBILE IDENTIFICATION DEVICES

1. The mobile identification devices shall only be used by personnel who have successfully completed the approved training.
2. The mobile identification devices may only be used
 - a. When the subject is under arrest.
 - b. If the subject gives consent.
 - c. When there is enough probable cause to search the person for identification.
 - d. To identify a deceased subject after permission has been obtained from the coroner's office.
3. General Order 380.01 covers the requirement for fingerprinting non-arrested subjects. Officer using the hand-held bio metrics device in the field may record the subject's verbal consent on the ICC system in lieu of using the SPD 839.
4. If an arrested subject actively resists efforts to obtain their fingerprints on the device, he or she shall be taken to jail or Juvenile Hall.
5. Physical force shall not be used to obtain a fingerprint on a mobile identification device.
6. Mobile identification technology shall not be used as the sole criteria to determine a person's identity. The identification information provided by the use of mobile identification technology is considered to be supplemental information. This information shall be used to evaluate and/or corroborate information obtained through other investigative methods (photographs, tattoos, government issued identifications, etc).

C. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Public Safety Information Technology (PSIT) Section shall maintain liaison with the mobile identification device manufacturer concerning the maintenance, repair, or replacement of equipment.
2. If a mobile identification device becomes damaged, inoperable, or needs repair, officers shall place the vehicle out of service with the device inside. The officer shall complete and submit the appropriate MDC repair form.