

	LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICY	Number: G.O. 7.24
		Issue Date: March 21, 2005
		Revision Date:
CHAPTER: Patrol		Related Policy: G.O. 1.11 (Use of Discretion), G.O. 4.02 (Code of Conduct)
SUBJECT: Liquor Violations and Bar Checks		Related Laws: ORS Chapter 471

POLICY: The Patrol Section is charged with the responsibility of the protection of life and property, the prevention of crime, and the promotion of public peace and dignity.

RULE: None

PROCEDURE:

I. Guidelines

- A. In addition to enforcing liquor violations, Deputies should attempt to establish a rapport between the Sheriff's Office and the business owners and employees, advising them of potential liquor law violations, and explaining the purpose of bar checks by uniformed personnel.
- B. Field supervisors shall monitor the frequency of bar checks at any specific location, with particular attention to number or duration of checks, if such appears to be excessive.

II. Bar Checks

- A. Upon entering an establishment, Deputies should contact employees in charge.
- B. Deputies shall avoid presenting a threatening or intimidating appearance to employees or customers.
- C. Deputies shall not search the premises, other than places open to the public, unless they have reason to believe a crime is being committed.
- D. Deputies making bar checks should be mindful of criminal mischief to patrol vehicles when left unattended for any length of time. If the bar check is being conducted by a two-man unit, it would be suitable for one Deputy to remain near the entrance or at a point where the patrol vehicles could be observed.