

WEBER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		POLICY AND PROCEDURES	
SUBJECT: Undercover Operations		CHAPTER/SECTION NO.: 30.9, 30.10	
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30.9 Policy

- 30.9.1 Undercover operations are an acceptable alternative means used during investigations of vice and organized crime. The decision to use undercover operations, as for any other method, is to be based on the factors and circumstances relating to a particular investigation. The benefits of the operation will be measured against the safety of those involved and other risks against others and the Weber County Sheriff's Office. The safety of those involved will be a specific and constant factor for consideration in any undercover operation.

30.10 Procedure

- 30.10.1 Undercover operations require approval of the Sheriff or his/her designee. The supervisor of the unit proposing undercover operations must be able to show that planning has been conducted that addresses:
- A. Identification and examination of the activities of known or possible suspects.
 - B. Method to be used in contacting suspects.
 - C. Analysis of target area where operations will be conducted.
 - D. The requirement for undercover operations in conducting the investigation.

- E. Method to be used in maintaining confidentiality of undercover officer's false identity.
- 30.10.2 After an undercover operation is approved, the supervisor of the unit conducting the operation will be responsible for arranging the undercover officer's necessary:
- A. Credentials and false identity.
 - B. Expense funds.
 - C. Equipment - All special operations equipment will be maintained as directed in section 30.4.
 - 1. The supervisor of the unit conducting the operation will be responsible for coordinating with the investigations section supervisor for legal and operational use, maintenance and return of the equipment. This will ensure a central point for coordination of the use of the equipment so that it can be made available during the planning stages of the operation and not conflict with other operations where the equipment is required.
- 30.10.3 Special attention will be given to ensuring that all officers involved are thoroughly briefed on:
- A. The means established for routine and emergency communications (include duress signals).
 - B. Procedures for security of the undercover officers.
 - C. When and how any arrests will be affected and by whom.
- 30.10.4 In view of the technicalities and complexities of law enforcement undercover operations, legal assistance and advice from the office of the Weber County Attorney

should be an integral part of any undercover operation where circumstances outside the norm are encountered.

- 30.10.5 Supervisors are charged with maintaining close supervision of undercover operations.