

WEBER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		POLICY AND PROCEDURES	
SUBJECT: Deputy Conduct with Violators		CHAPTER/SECTION NO.: 45.14, 45.15	
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45.14 Purpose

- 45.14.1 Deputies shall be aware that citizens are the Sheriff's Office customers, and that the deputies are there to provide a service.

45.15 Policy

- 45.15.1 Violators will be treated with respect and courtesy. Even when enforcement action is taken, it will be done in a professional manner. Deputies will not act officiously or demeaning toward violators.

- 45.15.2 Upon initially contacting the violator the deputy shall, unless safety or other circumstances do not permit, greet the violator and introduce himself/herself. Whether in uniform or not, every Sheriff's Office employee is issued an official identification card with photo, employee number, issue date and expiration date. This ID card shall be carried with each deputy and may be shown to the violator when circumstances so dictate.

Inform the violator what he/she was stopped for, ask for and obtain drivers license, registration and insurance information.

1. Asking the violator if he/she is aware of the reason for the stop, prior to informing him/her of the reason for the stop may gain an admission of culpability but is generally not an

acceptable practice and should not be utilized by deputies.

45.15.3 The deputy shall explain the violation committed and, if appropriate, explain the dangers associated with the violation. The violator should be encouraged to obey the traffic laws in the future.

45.15.4 When stopping a vehicle, the decision to issue a citation should be based on the violation, not the attitude of the violator.

1. In case of multiple violations determination of primary violations and verbal or written warnings for secondary violations should be determined by educational need and not by punitive measures based on attitude of the violator.
2. When issuing citations deputies must always be aware that receiving a citation is a stressful event for the violator. As in all stressful contacts or confrontations deputies are expected to maintain composure and professionalism and use all means necessary to reduce tension rather than escalate the confrontation.
3. The deputy in most cases should allow the driver to give an explanation of his/her behavior/violation if the driver wishes to. The deputy may also ask the driver to explain his/her rationale for the behavior/violation if such explanation is necessary to clarify circumstances of the incident.