

# OGDEN CITY POLICE

## Office of the Chief

### Policy No: 27

Subject K-9 Unit Drug Policy	Effective Date August 2020
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Authorized Signature 	

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#### I. PURPOSE

This policy establishes controls for the issuance and return of illicit drugs from the OPD Evidence Room used for training of the Department's K-9 dogs in the detection of illegal narcotics. It is in the best interest of the Officers, dogs, and the Department that strict controls be in place to limit exposure and reduce risk to all involved in the training of the Department's K-9 Corps.

#### II. POLICY

It is the policy of the Ogden Police Department that a release from the County Attorney's Office will be obtained, allowing the Ogden Police Department to retain and store limited amounts of drugs that have been cleared through the courts for the purpose of training K-9 units in drug detection.

The Ogden Police Department Lieutenant responsible for the management of the K-9 Corps will exercise complete oversight and control of the drugs used for training. The Lieutenant is responsible for overseeing the officers who will obtain the release, and sign for the drugs from the Evidence Custodian. The Lieutenant will, biannually, inspect the security and amounts of drugs to ensure tampering has not occurred. He will ensure they are returned, including signing the drugs back into the Evidence Room, once they are no longer needed, for storage and/or disposal.

Refer to the Ogden Police Department Procedure Manual for details on the management of the training and specific controls on how the drugs are used.