

JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM

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PURPOSE: To establish guidelines for the Department regarding the use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) for all certified law enforcement officers and for those who have been certified through specialized training as certified law enforcement drug diversion investigators and approved by the Chief of Police.

POLICY: It is the policy of this Department to adhere to all conditions and regulations in regards to the access and use of the PDMP as set forth by the Arkansas Prescription Drug Advisory Board and A.C.A. §20-7-601 et. seq.

DEFINITIONS:

- I. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE: A drug, substance, or immediate precursor in Schedule II-V.
- II. CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESCRIPTION DRUG DIVERSION INVESTIGATOR: A certified law enforcement officer assigned by his law enforcement agency to investigate prescription drug diversion and who has completed a certification course in prescription drug diversion approved by the Arkansas Prescription Drug Advisory Board and certified by the Arkansas CLEST.
- III. QUALIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY: A law enforcement agency that has a certified law enforcement prescription drug diversion investigator and a Chief, Sheriff, or law enforcement Chief Executive Officer who has successfully completed a certification course in prescription drug diversion approved by the commission.

PROCEDURES:

- I. ACCESS TO THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM DATABASE
The information in the controlled substances database may only be accessed by:
 - A. A certified law enforcement officer pursuant to a criminal investigation, but only after:
 1. a search warrant, signed by a judge, that demonstrates probable cause to believe that a violation of federal or state criminal law has occurred,
 2. that specific information contained in the database would assist in the investigation of the crime, and
 3. the specified information should be released to the certified law enforcement officer.
 - B. A law enforcement officer that has attended specialized training on the PDMP and the laws governing access to the PDMP by certified law enforcement prescription drug diversion investigators and have been appointed by the Chief of Police to conduct these types of investigations.
 - C. This information can only be viewed or shared with those involved in the investigation.
 - D. Once specific information is obtained from the PDMP, it will be used to further the investigation and for obtaining warrants for the arrest of the person(s) violating the law in the investigation.