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# Eugene Police Department



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## Civil Disputes

### 109.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Civil incidents come to our attention through many channels. This policy provides guidance on how to handle incidents involving civil law.

### 109.2 LIMITATIONS

We only become involved in civil disputes to keep the peace and to prevent crime.

### 109.3 PROCEDURES

- a. Stabilize and calm the situation, and find out if a crime has occurred.
- b. If a crime has occurred, respond accordingly.
- c. If a crime has not occurred, counsel the persons about the correct course of action and deter them from committing a crime.
- d. Officers may not give legal advice, or recommend the services of any specific private individual or company.
- e. Officers may recommend Community Mediation Services if applicable.

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