

Overtime Compensation

1019.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes guidelines and procedures regarding overtime for employees, in conformance with the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) (29 USC § 201 et seq.).

1019.2 POLICY

The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office will compensate nonexempt employees who work authorized overtime either by payment of wages or by the accrual of compensatory time (29 CFR 553.22). Employees who are salary exempt from FLSA are not compensated for overtime worked.

1019.3 COMPENSATION

Payment of wages to nonexempt employees for overtime, or accrual of compensatory time in lieu of compensation for overtime worked, shall be at the rate of not less than one and one-half hours for each hour of employment for which overtime compensation is required (29 USC § 207(k)(2); 29 USC § 207(o)(1)).

Short periods of overtime worked at the end of the normal duty day (e.g., less than one hour in duration) may be handled informally by an agreement between the supervisor and the employee. In such cases, the supervisor shall document the overtime worked and schedule a subsequent shift adjustment within the same work period that the overtime was worked, rather than submit a request for overtime payment (29 USC § 207(k)).

Salary exempt employees may be eligible for administrative leave, which may be granted at the discretion of the exempt employee's immediate supervisor.

For procedures related to Compensation, see the Saint Mary's County Sheriff's Office LE Procedures Manual: [Rate of Pay](#).

1019.4 REQUESTS FOR OVERTIME COMPENSATION

For procedures related to Requests for Overtime Compensation, see the Saint Mary's County Sheriff's Office LE Procedures Manual: [Prior Approval](#) and [Advanced Notice](#).

1019.4.1 EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Generally, no employee is authorized to work overtime without the prior approval of a supervisor. If circumstances do not permit prior approval, approval shall be sought as soon as practicable during the overtime shift and in no case later than the end of the shift in which the overtime is worked.

Nonexempt employees shall:

- (a) Obtain supervisory approval, verbal or written.
- (b) Not work in excess of 16 hours, including regularly scheduled work time, overtime and extra-duty time, in any consecutive 24-hour time period without supervisory approval.

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- (c) Record the actual time worked in an overtime status using the office-approved form or method. Informal notations on reports, logs or other forms not approved for overtime recording are not acceptable.
- (d) Submit the request for overtime compensation to their supervisors according to the payroll schedule.

For procedures related to Employee Responsibilities, see the Saint Mary's County Sheriff's Office LE Procedures Manual: [Overtime Authorization Form](#) and [Call Out and On-Call Pay](#).

1019.4.2 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Supervisors shall:

- (a) Prior to authorizing an employee to work overtime, evaluate the need for the overtime.
 - 1. Supervisors should not authorize any request to work overtime if the overtime would not be an appropriate use of office resources.
- (b) Upon receipt of a request for overtime compensation, confirm that the overtime was authorized and then verify the actual time worked.
 - 1. Supervisors identifying any unauthorized overtime or discrepancy shall initiate an investigation consistent with the Personnel Complaints Policy.
- (c) After verifying and approving the overtime amount, promptly forward the request for compensation to their supervisor for final approval.
 - 1. After the supervisor has authorized compensation, the request shall be submitted to the Fiscal Section as soon as practicable. After processing, the request for overtime will be maintained by the Fiscal Section.

Supervisors may not authorize or approve their own overtime.

For procedures related to Supervisor Responsibilities, see the Saint Mary's County Sheriff's Office LE Procedures Manual: [Commander Responsibilities](#)

1019.5 ACCOUNTING FOR PORTIONS OF AN HOUR

Authorized overtime work shall be accounted in the increments as listed:

<u>TIME WORKED</u>	<u>INDICATE ON CARD</u>	
10 to 15 minutes	.25 hour	
16 to 30 minutes	.50 hour	
31 to 45 minutes	.75 hour	
46 to 60 minutes	1 hour	

1019.6 REQUESTING USE OF COMPENSATORY TIME

Employees who have accrued compensatory time shall be allowed to use that time for time off within a reasonable period after making a request, if the request does not unduly disrupt office

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operations. Requests to use compensatory time will be submitted to the employee's supervisor at least 24 hours in advance of its intended use. Supervisors may make exceptions in unusual or extraordinary circumstances.

Compensatory time may not be used for time off for a date and time when the employee is required to appear in court on office-related matters. Supervisors shall not unreasonably deny employee requests to use compensatory time (29 CFR 553.25).