

La Plata Police Department – General Order

	Title: Use of Tobacco		Order #: 313	
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01 PURPOSE: To clarify the locations of smoking areas in and around Headquarters and other Town owned buildings and to regulate the use of chewing tobacco.

02 POLICY: The Department encourages employees to participate in a cessation of smoking program. Chewing tobacco and smoking causes adverse health effects to the smoker/chewer and those who are forced to inhale second hand smoke. The Department wishes to provide reasonably healthy air inside its buildings without excessively penalizing those who smoke.

03 SMOKING:

- A. Prohibited Areas: Smoking is prohibited by employees and visitors in all Town owned buildings and vehicles.
- B. Employees may smoke outside Headquarters to the rear of the building.
- C. Prisoners, who aren't deemed an escape risk, may be allowed to smoke, at Headquarters, at the discretion of the arresting officer, in the rear of the building.
- D. Officers will use discretion when smoking in public view. Officers will not smoke while directing traffic, actively interviewing witnesses, victims or suspects. Officers will refrain from smoking when doing so would likely bring the Department under criticism.

04 CHEWING TOBACCO:

- A. Officers will use discretion when using chewing tobacco in public view. Officers will not chew tobacco while actively interviewing witnesses, victims, or suspects. Officers will refrain from chewing tobacco when doing so will bring the Department under criticism.
- B. Employees who chew tobacco will throw spit cups out immediately after its use.