

Cobb County Police Department

Policy 3.10

Rapid ID

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The words "he, his, him," which may appear in this policy, are used generically for clarity and ease of reading. These terms are not meant to imply gender and relate to all employees of the Department.	

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the issuance, training, and use of the Mobile Biometric Fingerprint Identification (Rapid ID) device.

I. POLICY

- A.** A Rapid ID device will be issued only to officers that have had training on the operation of the unit.
- B.** The Rapid ID device will only be used for law enforcement purposes in the performance of official duties, and in accordance with state and federal statutory and case law.
- C.** Information obtained through the device will be treated as any Criminal History information.

II. ACCESS

All officers utilizing the Rapid ID system will be issued their own unique username and password. Those operating the device will only do so using their own individual username and password.

III. GUIDELINES FOR USE

- A.** The Rapid ID device may be used when the subject to be fingerprinted voluntarily submits to the use the device.
- B.** The Rapid ID device may be used when reasonable suspicion can be articulated that the subject to be printed has committed, or is about to commit a criminal act, when there is a justifiable and reasonable belief that such printing via the Rapid ID device will either establish or nullify the subject's connection with that crime.
- C.** The Rapid ID Device may be used when the subject to be printed would otherwise be required to give traditional fingerprint samples (e.g. - search warrant, court order, etc).
- D.** Any use of the Rapid ID device not covered above shall require notification and

authorization by the officer's immediate supervisor. Examples include:

1. Request from an outside agency to fingerprint a suspect in custody (as long as the requesting agency complies with the procedures set forth in this policy).
2. In a death or traffic homicide investigation in which there is no other identifying paperwork for the victim;
3. To identify an unconscious or otherwise incapacitated subject who cannot be identified by any other means; or
4. To identify a mentally impaired person for purposes of safekeeping and locating a caretaker.