



**Las Cruces Police Department  
GENERAL ORDERS  
ADMINISTRATION VOLUME 1  
GO-132 EXPERT WITNESS FEES (Daily)  
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**132 EXPERT WITNESS FEES**

**POLICY**

Employees shall not pursue compensatory gain as a professional or expert witness in any case involving criminal or civil litigation of an incident that was investigated by employees of the Department. Any exceptions will require prior approval from the Chief of Police.

**132.01 PROFESSIONAL WITNESS FEES**

A. Employees shall not solicit professional fees, including expert witness fees, for any purpose whatsoever while performing under the color of office without the approval of the Chief of Police. This includes but is not be limited to the following:

1. Traffic investigations
2. Criminal investigations
3. Depositions
4. Civil actions
5. Subpoenas
6. Any other action where an employee would be professionally compensated for work accomplished as a Departmental employee.

**132.02 PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES**

A. Employees with a professional background qualifying them as an expert witness may pursue compensatory gain under the following conditions:

1. Prior approval from the Chief of Police
2. The employee is not involved with the investigation in question, and the employee's testimony is not contrary to the interests of the Department
3. The employee acts on his / her own behalf and separates his / her position from the Department during testimony, reconstruction or deposition. However, years of experience and training with the Department can be declared.



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4. The employee has approval from the Chief of Police for outside employment to reconstruct traffic or criminal incidents. This shall include only those incidents which do not involve the Department or the City unless previously approved by the Chief of Police.