

Welcome to The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office



“I understand that having a loved one in our Detention facility is a stressful experience and would like to explain the process involved in the release of your loved one.” *Sheriff Troy E. Nehls*

The Bonding Process:

The bonding process begins when you contact the Sheriff's Office Bonding Department and receive the bond amount. You can either pay by cash or go through a bonding company. ([There is a list of approved bonding companies on the back of this form](#)). If you obtain a surety bond from a bonding company, there will be a \$15.00 cash fee for one bond or \$30.00 cash fee for two or more bonds. This cash fee is paid at the Sheriff's Office Bonding Department. (This fee is for the [Assistant Prosecutor Supplemental Fund and Fair Defense Account](#) and is required by Texas Law. The Sheriff's office does not receive any proceeds from this fee.)

Book Out Process:

Once the Sheriff's Office Bonding Department receives the bond, the book out process will begin. This process usually takes one and half to three hours. ([Due to unforeseen circumstances this process may take longer](#)).

The book out process consists of many steps including:

1. Positively identifying the person being booked out through the Automated Fingerprint Identification System.
2. A National Crime Information Center wanted check will also need to be completed prior to release to ensure there are no outstanding warrants on the person being released.
3. The person being released will be brought to the booking and release office from their assigned housing unit.
4. Once they arrive at the booking and release office they will be advised of their court date and they will sign their bond(s) and any release paperwork.
5. The person being released will then be allowed to change from the issued detention uniform back into their own clothing.
6. After changing back into their clothing, they will be escorted to the Sheriff's Office Detention lobby where they will be released from custody.