

# JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

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**PURPOSE:** To ensure that all sworn officers understand their role whenever they are requested to assist another law enforcement agency or Jacksonville Police Department requests help from another law enforcement agency.

**POLICY:** The goal of this Department is to provide efficient, high quality law enforcement services to the community during both emergency and non-emergency situations. The purpose of the regional mutual assistance agreement is to enable each agency to more effectively handle emergency situations through the pooling of law enforcement resources. In recognition of the fact that this Department has a finite amount of resources with which to meet all incidents, it shall be the policy of this Department to participate in the mutual assistance agreement in order to strengthen our response to emergency situations.

### PROCEDURES:

#### I. GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDRIES (1.05)

- A. The Engineering Department for the City of Jacksonville continually updates maps that define the corporate city limits of Jacksonville.
- B. The Jacksonville Police Department is responsible for providing law enforcement services within the corporate city limits of Jacksonville.
- C. Updated maps are posted in various locations throughout the Department for officer reference.
- D. Jacksonville is bounded on the North by Pulaski County and Lonoke County, on the East by Pulaski County and Lonoke County, on the South by Pulaski County, and on the West by Pulaski County and City of Sherwood.
- E. Little Rock Air Force Base is located within the city limits of Jacksonville on the West-Northwest side.
- F. When a question of jurisdiction exists, officers should request confirmation of jurisdictional boundaries from their Supervisor or the Communications Center.

#### II. CONCURRENT JURISDICTION

- A. The Jacksonville Police Department recognizes and acknowledges that it shares concurrent jurisdiction with other county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.
- B. Other agencies having jurisdiction within the City of Jacksonville include:
  - 1. Pulaski County Sheriff's Office;
  - 2. Arkansas State Police;
  - 3. Arkansas Highway Police;
  - 4. The Federal Bureau of Investigation; and
  - 5. Other State and Federal Law Enforcement agencies.
- C. The Jacksonville Police Department has concurrent jurisdiction on the Little Rock Air Force Base; however, incidents are primarily handled by the Security Forces Police unless a civilian is involved.
- D. Jacksonville Police Department will provide mutual aid assistance and support when requested by agencies having concurrent jurisdiction or to other criminal justice agencies requiring the services of this Department.

### III. EMERGENCY MUTUAL AID

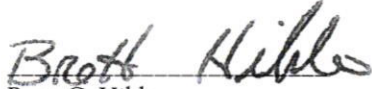
- A. The Jacksonville Police Department has a written agreement with neighboring agencies in Pulaski and Lonoke County to provide mutual aid in emergency situations. These agencies include:
  - 1. Little Rock Police Department;
  - 2. North Little Rock Police Department;
  - 3. Sherwood Police Department;
  - 4. Maumelle Police Department;
  - 5. Cabot Police Department;
  - 6. Lonoke County Sheriff's Office; and
  - 7. Pulaski County Sheriff's Office.
- B. Requests for Assistance
  - 1. In non-emergency situations, requests for mutual assistance shall be forwarded to the Shift Commander.
  - 2. In the event that this Department requires assistance in handling an emergency, the Shift Commander in charge at the scene of the emergency will contact the Dispatcher and request that the Division Commander be advised of the situation including:
    - a. Nature of the emergency;
    - b. Measures taken to bring the situation under control, and why they have proven insufficient; and
    - c. Estimated amount of equipment, personnel, or special units that will be necessary to bring the situation under control.
  - 3. The Shift Commander is the designated official permitted to request or authorize emergency assistance.
- C. Emergency Scene Responsibilities:
  - 1. The designated Supervisor of this Department shall be in charge at the emergency site. All loaned personnel shall follow his lawful orders. However, where the provided mutual assistance involves the loan of a specialized SRT, hostage negotiation, bomb disposal, or canine unit, the commander of that specialized unit shall be responsible for the implementation of the mission to be accomplished, as determined and directed by the designated Supervisor of this Department.
  - 2. When taking law enforcement actions at the emergency site, including uses of force, officers from this Department shall at all times adhere to Department policies and procedures, and utilize only those weapons and tactics with which they have qualified.
  - 3. Officers on loan from this Department to an emergency site shall regularly apprise the Shift Commander concerning the continued status of the emergency, line of duty injuries, or need for relief.
  - 4. Officers may take only those law enforcement actions permitted under state law for emergency allocation outside this jurisdiction.
  - 5. Department personnel providing mutual assistance shall only make arrests for offenses directly related to the emergency situation.

### IV. REQUESTING FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

- A. In the event of an emergency which, in the opinion of the Chief of Police or his designee, requires federal assistance, aid will be solicited from the appropriate federal law enforcement agency.
- B. In the event of an emergency which, in the opinion of the Chief of Police or his designee, necessitates the call-out of the Arkansas National Guard, the Chief of Police or his designee

shall request the call-out through the Mayor of the City of Jacksonville, who in turn will make the proper notifications.

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