

**MOBILE POLICE DEPARTMENT
MOBILE, ALABAMA**

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SUBJECT: AGENCY JURISDICTION AND MUTUAL AID

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2.1.1 GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES

The Mobile Police Department will limit routine enforcement of laws and the overall exercise of police authority to those areas within the corporate limits and the police jurisdiction of the City of Mobile.

A detailed official city map outlining city boundaries is supplied to all members of the department and is readily available to Communications Detail personnel.

The Department has five precincts established to administer policing services.

Mobile Police may exercise police powers outside the corporate limits and the police jurisdiction when operating under the State Powers, as cited in Title 15, Chapter 10 of the Alabama State Code, or when responding to an aid request from another agency.

2.1.2 CONCURRENT JURISDICTION

*I. *Purpose*

**To define and outline the jurisdiction of the Mobile Police Department. To outline the responsibilities of Department members when encountering situations where there is a case in which jurisdiction is concurrent with the jurisdiction of another agency.*

*II. *Definition*

*A. *Jurisdiction - Jurisdiction is generally defined in terms of geographic areas and types of crimes or administrative regulations.*

*1. *Concurrent jurisdiction -- Having equal jurisdiction or authority within a geographic area or type of crime.*

*a. *Agencies that have concurrent geographic jurisdiction include: the Mobile County Sheriff's Office, USA Police*

- b. Department, Alabama State Troopers (ALEA), Bishop State Community College Police, Alabama State Docks Police, Mobile Airport Police and various Federal agencies including FBI, DEA, US Marshal's Service, ATF, Secret Service and Postal Inspectors.

III. Jurisdiction

- A. The jurisdiction of the Mobile Police Department is geographically bounded by territorial limits of the City of Mobile. In those areas where we border unincorporated sections of Mobile County, the jurisdiction extends three miles beyond the city limits.
- B. The legal jurisdiction includes the enforcement of all criminal laws of the State of Alabama, including but not limited to the Alabama Criminal Code Title 13A and 32. It also includes the enforcement of City of Mobile Municipal Ordinances.

IV. Concurrent Jurisdiction Procedures

- A. Agencies having concurrent jurisdiction with the Department are primarily responsible for handling police situations occurring within their domain. In circumstances where the agency is unable to handle the situation because of size or function, the Department will provide assistance upon request.
- B. Any outside agency is responsible for the completion of any reports for the incident that are required specifically by that outside agency, regardless of what role this Department had in handling the incident.
- C. In the case that a conflict arises with an agency with concurrent jurisdiction, the officers involved will notify their immediate supervisor. The supervisor will attempt to rectify the situation and create an administrative report describing the incident. The report will be forwarded through the supervisor's chain of command to the Chief of Staff for further resolution.
- D. Any formal interagency agreements concerning concurrent jurisdiction that are entered into by the Department will take precedence over anything contained in this directive.

2.1.3 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS

The Code of Alabama, Title 11-80-9 dated July 30, 1991 and Title 31-9-9 through Title 31-9-24 dated 1975, provides for both requesting aid from and giving aid to the governing body of any other municipality.

A. Providing Mutual Aid:

- 1. Approval for a mutual aid request shall be made by the Chief of Police, Assistant Chief of Police *(*Chief of Staff or Chief of Operations*), Division Commander, Precinct Commander, or designee.
- 2. A request for mutual aid may be made by a Chief of Police, Sheriff, or designee

- of the requesting jurisdiction.
3. Approval for a mutual aid request may be verbal or in writing. The approval shall be documented as soon as possible.
 4. A supervisor of the Mobile Police Department shall coordinate approved mutual aid activities with the requesting agency.
 5. Officers of the Mobile Police Department involved in assisting another agency shall follow the policies and procedures of the Mobile Police Department (See General Order 46).
 6. Officers of the Mobile Police Department providing assistance to another agency shall remain under the supervision of supervisors from the Mobile Police Department when possible. This is especially true when a large commitment of resources is requested (See General Order 46).

B. Requesting Mutual Aid

Situations that exceed the immediate resources of the City of Mobile Police Department may justify a request for mutual aid.

1. Request for mutual aid shall be made by the Chief of Police, Assistant Chief of Police **(Chief of Staff or Chief of Operations)*, Division Commander, Precinct Commander, or designee.
2. A request for mutual aid either to or from the Mobile Police Department shall include:
 - a. Type and extent of aid requested (people and/or equipment).
 - b. Type of response (emergency or non-emergency).
 - c. Command post location.
 - d. Duties to be performed.
 - e. The person to whom to report.
 - f. Estimated duration of the need.
 - g. Type of clothing/protective equipment necessary.
3. Expenses, if any, will be borne by the agency receiving the mutual aid.

C. Amount of Available Mutual Aid

An estimate of the amount of available aid is kept on file at the Emergency Management Agency as referred in the All-Hazards Emergency Operations Plan (Annex P and Appendix K) of the Mobile County Emergency Management Agency.

D. Minimum Provisions of Mutual Aid Agreements

The Code of Alabama Title 11-80-9 and Title 31-9-9 through 31-9-24 authorizes and mandates the general provisions of mutual aid between governmental agencies under the Emergency Management Agency.

Radio communications during situations involving mutual aid will ordinarily be handled over radio channels determined by the Communications supervisor on duty at the Mobile County Communications District E-911 Center or the Emergency Management Agency Emergency Operations Center.

Should circumstances require communication on alternative frequencies, a list of channels used by all neighboring jurisdictions is available at the Mobile County

Communications District and the Emergency Management Agency.

E. Use of Personnel Under Mutual Aid

Outside agency personnel may be utilized in a support role of agency personnel. The policies and procedures of the Mobile Police Department shall be strictly adhered to as included in General Order 46 with regard to mass arrests, transportation of prisoners, and operating temporary detention facilities.

2.1.4 **REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OR NATIONAL GUARD ASSISTANCE**

A. Emergency Federal Law Enforcement Assistance:

Federal law enforcement aid in **critical incidents* will be requested through the proper chain of command of the Mobile Police Department. The Chief of Police or designee shall make the request. The request should be made to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The 24-hour emergency number is (251) 438-3674.

The **appropriate* federal law enforcement agencies may be contacted for a normal investigation situation with the approval of the on-duty supervisor:

A complete telephone number list for **Federal* agencies is available in the Emergency Operations Center and the Communications Center. Refer to **the* blue government pages of the Mobile phone book **or online resources* for additional numbers.

B. Emergency National Guard Assistance:

When a natural disaster, civil disorder, or other incident requiring civil law enforcement assistance occurs that is beyond the capability of Mobile authorities to contain, military assistance from the National Guard of Alabama may be requested through the following procedures:

1. Requests for the emergency assistance of the Alabama National Guard shall be made by the Mayor, the Chief of Police, or their designee to the Director of the Mobile County Emergency Management Agency or directly to the Governor or Adjutant General of the State of Alabama (see General Order 46). Only the Governor has the final authority to approve the request. The request may be made verbally but must be followed by a written request signed by local officials (i.e. the Mayor or President of the County Commission – ref: Emergency Management Agencies All-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan)
2. The official making the request should be prepared to brief the Governor on:
 - a. The nature of the emergency.
 - b. The availability and use of local resources (including all resources available through mutual aid agreements).
 - c. The amount and type of assistance required.
 - d. The name and location of the local official in charge.

3. The Adjutant General will assign a liaison officer to contact local authorities, recommend *the* amount and type of assistance required, and coordinate support activities between local officials and the senior military commander.

By order of:



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