

CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Title: *JURISDICTION &
GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES*

Procedure: 2.100

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PURPOSE:

To provide guidelines for the geographical boundaries and jurisdictional responsibilities of the Police Department.

POLICY:

Within the corporate limits of the City the Police Department has exclusive jurisdiction to enforce the ordinances of the City. In addition, the Department shall enforce the laws of the State, as provided by the State law and all other duties and responsibilities ascribed to it pursuant to the City Code of Ordinances.

PROCEDURE: ***GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES***

1. All members of the Department should familiarize themselves with the geographical boundaries of the City.

2. At any time there is a question concerning geographical boundaries the Communications Center, or the on duty supervisor should be consulted.

JURISDICTION

1. Within the City limits, the Police Department will enforce the ordinances of the City and the laws of the State, and carry out all duties and responsibilities attributed to the police department by the Chief of Police.

2. The Department will enforce the traffic ordinances of the City and the traffic laws, as denoted in the State Vehicle Code, on all City streets and State or County highways within the City limits.

CONCURRENT JURISDICTION

1. Effective law enforcement is not a solitary effort, but requires the cooperation and interaction of many agencies. The Police Department supports this concept and will cooperate with other duly empowered agencies in the discharge of these duties.

2. Various Federal, State and municipal law enforcement agencies have police powers within the corporate limits of the City. The origin of their office, federal, state, etc., will define the scope of their authority. Examples of concurrent jurisdictional authority are:

State Police – State Law establishes the powers and duties of the State Police within incorporated municipalities. It states “ Police employees shall not act within the limits of any incorporated municipality which maintains a police force except (1) when in pursuit of an offender or suspected offender (2) when in search of an offender or suspected offender wanted for a crime committed outside of the limits of the municipality, or when interviewing or seeking to interview a witness or supposed witness to such a crime (3) when requested to act by the chief executive officer or the chief police officer of the municipality (4) when ordered by the Governor to act within the municipality (5) when enforcing the motor vehicle laws of the state (6) in any building or place when ordered by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, or either of

them, to guard the safety of legislators or the integrity of the legislative process or (7) to protect the safety of an elected State official. (8)when conducting drug investigations.

County Sheriff - It is the policy of the County Sheriff's Department to assist and cooperate with law enforcement agencies of the incorporated areas of County, whenever practical and possible. Nothing, however, prohibits members of the Sheriff's Department from taking police action in situations that occur in their presence.

3. Employees of this Department will offer complete cooperation, when situations arise where outside agencies must exercise their authority in the City of Cambridge.

4. In any situation where a question arises concerning jurisdiction with another agency, the responding officer will make every effort to resolve the matter. If this is not possible the matter will be turned over to the Supervisor.

5. In addition to other law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction members of the Police Department have police powers in other jurisdictions as defined by State statute. The following are some examples of concurrent jurisdiction:

- Serving arrest warrants
- Serving search warrants