


AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVES MANUAL

09.01	Title: MUTUAL AID AND JURISDICTION	
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9.1 MUTUAL AID AND JURISDICTION

9.1.1 Providing Mutual Aid

When an outside agency requests aid from this Department in covering an incident, our Department will take the following action:

The complaint operator will take the necessary information as in an ordinary call for police service, and the dispatcher will, with the approval of the Patrol Lieutenant or designee, send available personnel to handle the situation.

A Uniform Supervisor may be dispatched to the call at the discretion of the Patrol Lieutenant or designee.

When a citizen calls this Department reporting an emergency incident outside our Department's territorial jurisdiction, the complaint clerk will notify the appropriate agency. If the call is an immediate or extreme emergency, the complaint clerk will transfer the call to the Public Safety Communications Department (PSCD) who will notify the appropriate agency. Depending on the situation, PSCD will then either call the agency involved or use the CLEER frequency to transmit the call.

When a citizen calls this Department reporting a non-emergency incident, the caller will be given the name and telephone number of the appropriate agency to contact.

Responding Member's Responsibility:

Members who are dispatched to a scene outside the Department's territorial jurisdiction will initiate such action as is necessary, and detain any suspects until a member of the outside agency arrives.

Sworn members, while on duty, who view a serious crime occurring outside this Department's territorial jurisdiction, will immediately notify the Public Safety Communications Department of the situation.

The reporting member will effect such action as is necessary and wait until an officer from the particular jurisdiction arrives and takes charge of the scene.

The Public Safety Communications Department will contact the respective agency giving pertinent information.

9.1.2 Requesting Mutual Aid

Problems which do not exceed the resources of the Department, but could be more efficiently or safely handled by utilizing assistance from another agency, will require only the approval of the Patrol Lieutenant or designee.

Mutual aid will be requested when a problem, or the threat of a problem, exceeds the resources of the Department.

Based upon a recognized need for mutual aid, the Chief of Police or designee will be notified immediately.

The Chief of Police or designee will decide the appropriate level of requested aid.

The Chief of Police or designee will authorize a detailed teletype requesting mutual aid. If the need for assistance is immediate, the initial contact/request will be made by telephone and followed by a teletype.

The teletype requesting mutual aid will include the following:

- (a) Reason for mobilization.
- (b) Date, reporting time and weather condition.
- (c) Manpower requested and an estimate of how long they will be needed.
- (d) Assembly point and name of the Aurora Supervisor to contact.
- (e) Uniform and equipment needed.

An Emergency Operations Center will be established, and should be large enough to house all personnel involved in the decision-making, command, and support processes. This includes Command Officers of other jurisdictional units.

A sworn member of the Aurora Police Department will be on duty at all times at the field command post to receive the responding units, log them in, and log them out as they respond to assignments.

Responding units will be briefed about the emergency and their assignment in resolving the situation.

When possible, a separate area with map space and radio monitoring capabilities should be set aside for the other responding jurisdictional units. A knowledgeable staff assistant should be assigned to this area to help those units with problems that may arise.

Responding units will be kept under the command and control of their supervisors; however, the supervisors will report to the Command Officer of the Aurora operation for instructions.

When it becomes necessary to move personnel who are not familiar with the geography of the City of Aurora, a sworn member of the Aurora Police Department will be assigned to those groups to expedite such movements.

Command Officers of other jurisdictional units will be included in the planning process, including assignments, which may involve duties such as assisting with mass arrests processing, prisoner transportation and operating temporary detention facilities.

The Command Officer of the Aurora operation is responsible for keeping an operational log, in chronological order, of the event. If the Emergency Operations Center is separate from the field command post, two logs will be maintained.

Mass arrest situations will be handled as outlined in the Directives Manual.

Media will be handled as outlined in the Directives Manual.

At the conclusion of the mutual aid situation, the Command Officer of the Aurora operation will hold a debriefing of all participants. A comprehensive report will also be completed and sent to the Chief of Police and the Chief Law Enforcement Administrator of the assisting agencies. The report will include:

- (a) An explanation of events that led to the emergency operation.
- (b) A list of all the agencies and personnel involved.
- (c) A list of all equipment requested and used, including a brief explanation of equipment lost, damaged or stolen, and the cost to replace or repair said equipment.
- (d) Identification of injuries to personnel involved in the operation.
- (e) A list of damage to any public or private property caused by the emergency.
- (f) A list of persons arrested by name, date arrested, charge, arresting officer and agency.
- (g) A detailed breakdown of all other costs.

9.1.3 National Guard Requests

An emergency or disaster may arise necessitating the call-out of the Colorado National Guard. If so, the Chief of Police or designee may request the call-out. The Chief of

Police or designee should contact the Deputy Director of the Aurora Office of Emergency Management, who will make the necessary arrangements.

9.1.4 Federal Law Enforcement Agencies

In emergency situations when it is necessary to request assistance from federal law enforcement agencies, such as the FBI, DEA, ATF, a Patrol Lieutenant or designee, may contact them when needed.

9.1.5 Jurisdiction

The geographical boundaries of the City of Aurora define the legal jurisdiction of the Aurora Police Department, which stops at the city limits except where the legal jurisdiction is increased by statute or law, e.g., fresh pursuit.

9.1.6 Concurrent Jurisdiction

Concurrent Jurisdiction means the sharing, or having equal jurisdiction by two or more governmental entities. In the City of Aurora, there are other law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction within our boundaries. Nothing prohibits their members from taking lawful action in situations that occur within the city limits. The City of Aurora may have concurrent jurisdiction as granted by contract or other legal process, on federal properties in the city.

9.1.7 Questions Concerning Jurisdiction

Any member who is confronted with a question concerning jurisdiction will contact the Public Safety Communications Department where detailed maps are kept showing the territorial boundaries for the City of Aurora.

If the member cannot resolve the matter, it will be turned over to a supervisor for resolution; in either case, it will be handled in the most professional manner possible.