



Jurisdictional Authority

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POLICY

It is the policy of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) to assume primary jurisdiction over calls for service in unincorporated areas of Douglas County and Douglas County facilities and to adhere to all state statutes and Interlocal Cooperation Agreements in regards to concurrent jurisdiction and mutual aid.

DEFINITIONS

Commander: For purposes of this policy, a Commander refers to Bureau Captains within the Operations Corps and the Administration Chief Deputy within the Administration Corps.

Primary Jurisdiction: Geographic area within the territorial limits of the state or political subdivision which employs the law enforcement officer (NSS §29-215).

PROCEDURES

I. Jurisdictional Authority

- A. The DCSO has primary jurisdiction of all unincorporated areas of Douglas County as well as Douglas County facilities. (2.1.1)

1. Douglas County facilities include:

Facility	Address
DC Corrections	17 th and Leavenworth Street
DC Court Annex Building	1805 Harney Street
DC Election Commission	12220 W. Center Road
DC Engineer	15505 W. Maple Road
DC Environmental Services	3015 Menke Circle
DC Extension Office	8015 West Center Road
DC Forensic Services Division	15345 West Maple Road
DC Hall of Justice/Civic Center	17 th and Farnam Street
DC Health Center	4102 Woolworth Avenue
DC Housing Authority	5404 N. 108 th Street
DC Justice Center	1717 Harney Street
DC Probation Office	1723 Harney Street
DC Purchasing Warehouse	40 th and Poppleton Street
DC Law Enforcement Center	3601 N. 156 th Street
DC Title Inspections	8338 Chicago Street
DC Youth Center	1301 S. 41 st Avenue
DC Treasurer's Offices	Varies
DCSO Fugitive Warrants Team/Records	1616 Leavenworth Street
Field Club of Omaha	36 th and Woolworth Avenue

2. DCSO's area of primary jurisdiction is divided into patrol districts based on population density, calls for service, natural boundaries, and other related criteria.

- a. The USB Captain or designee will ensure that these districts are updated as needed.
 - b. Changes to districts must be approved by the Sheriff or Sheriff's designee and coordinated with DC 911.
 - c. USB Deputies will be assigned to patrol districts in accordance with the DCSO "Patrol Staffing" policy.
 3. All DCSO members will be informed of any annexations that affect the agency's primary jurisdiction or changes to DCSO district boundaries.
- B. The DCSO has concurrent jurisdiction throughout Douglas County and certain authority throughout the State of Nebraska in accordance with applicable Nebraska State Statutes and Interlocal Cooperation Agreements (NSS §29-215, §29-408, §13-803, and §13-804). (2.1.1 & 2.1.2)
1. Respective cities within Douglas County have the primary responsibility for law enforcement within their geographical boundaries.
 2. In other instances of concurrent jurisdiction, inter-local agreements, memorandums of understanding, or specific mutual aid agreements will define responsibility.
 3. NSS §29-215 gives DCSO Deputies the power and authority to take specific law enforcement action outside of their primary jurisdiction but within the State of Nebraska including:
 - a. Making an arrest of a person suspected of committing a felony whom has been followed into another jurisdiction.
 - b. Making an arrest of a person suspected of committing a misdemeanor or a traffic infraction whom has been followed anywhere within twenty-five miles of the primary jurisdiction.
 - c. Making an arrest when responding to a call of a law enforcement officer in need of assistance.
 - d. Any law enforcement authority granted by applicable Interlocal Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding entered into in accordance with the Interlocal Cooperation Act or the Join Public Agency Act.
 4. NSS §29-408 gives DCSO Deputies the power and authority to execute misdemeanor and felony warrants anywhere in the State of Nebraska. Members will adhere to the DCSO "Arrests" policy and the "Fugitive Warrants Team" policy when executing arrest warrants.
- C. Mutual Aid (2.1.3)
1. The DCSO has entered into Interlocal Cooperation Agreements with the following entities in accordance with NSS §29-215:
 - a. City of Bellevue.
 - b. City of Bennington.

- c. City of LaVista.
 - d. City of Omaha.
 - e. City of Papillion.
 - f. City of Ralston.
 - g. City of Valley.
 - h. Sarpy County.
 - i. Village of Waterloo.
 - j. Village of Boystown.
- 2. The DCSO will adhere to all provisions of these Interlocal Cooperation Agreements when assisting or receiving assistance from such agencies.
 - a. When working with outside law enforcement agencies, DCSO members remain the employees of the DCSO and are accountable to DCSO policies and procedures and DCSO command.
- D. Service calls that require mutual aid will be dispatched by DC 911 in accordance with the DCSO "Call Response" policy.
 - 1. In no case will Deputies debate over which agency should respond to a call. Deputies who believe there is an issue in regards to the dispatching of calls outside of DCSO's primary jurisdiction will notify their Supervisor who will address the situation as appropriate (members will refer to the DCSO "Call Response" policy for dispatching procedures).
- E. Requests for emergency mutual aid will be made via Dispatch.
- F. Requests for assistance in non-emergency situations may be made by the Commander or designee through less formal channels (e.g., phone call, email, etc.).
 - 1. If an outside request for assistance is made, the respective Commander will be informed via the Chain of Command. The respective Commander will be responsible for notifying the Sheriff and/or Chief Deputy as needed.
- G. The DCSO will review and revise all Interlocal Cooperation Agreements in accordance with the timelines detailed in the applicable agreement. If the specific agreement does not specify a timeline for review, then the agreement should be reviewed at least once every four years. (2.1.3h)

II. Requests for Federal Law Enforcement Services (2.1.4)

- A. Request for Assistance in Extreme and Prolonged Emergencies
 - 1. The DCSO may request assistance from federal law enforcement agencies and/or the Nebraska National Guard in rare instances of extreme and prolonged emergencies that substantially impact the DCSO's ability to respond to calls for service.

- a. Extreme and prolonged emergencies may include natural disasters, civil disturbances, riots, or extended confrontations with specific groups. (e.g., extremists, labor activists, terrorists, protestors).
 2. Regardless of the specific emergency, the Commander or designee, will be responsible for making such requests as follows:
 - a. If the request is for Federal Law Enforcement assistance (i.e. FBI, DEA, etc.), the Commander or designee, will contact the Agent In-Charge of the respective Federal agency.
 - b. If the State or National Guard is needed in an emergency situation, the on-scene commander in charge of the emergency will request assistance via the chain of command to the Commander or designee. The Commander or designee, will then make a request for assistance through Douglas County Emergency Management (DCEM).
 - c. The Commander or designee will be responsible for notifying the Sheriff and Chief Deputies of such requests.
 3. In order to obtain a Disaster Declaration, the Sheriff or Sheriff's designee will prepare a Disaster Declaration that will be submitted to the County Board before any assistance from the State or National Guard can be requested.
 - a. In the unlikely event that the Chairman or any other County Board member isn't available, the Disaster Declaration should be transmitted through Douglas County Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).
 - b. The County Board or CAO will submit the request through the Douglas County Emergency Management Director who will forward the request to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). NEMA will review the request, evaluate the situation, and recommend action by the Governor.
- B. Requests for Assistance as Part of Standard Procedures
1. The respective Supervisor will be responsible for requesting assistance from federal agencies as needed as a part of the DCSO's standard procedures.
 2. The requesting Supervisor will notify their Commander of the request via chain of command.
 3. The Commander will be responsible for notifying the Sheriff or Sheriff's designee as appropriate.

REFERENCES

I. DCSO Orders

- A. Previous DCSO General Orders include: #63-2023, #30-2022, #18-2022, #69-2020, #86-2019, #24-2014, and #10-2010.

II. Accreditation Standards

- A. Applicable CALEA Accreditation standards include: 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, and 2.1.4.

III. Review Schedule

A. Quadrennial.