



GENERAL ORDER

**DURHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
DURHAM, NC**

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CONCURRENT JURISDICTIONS & MUTUAL AID

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INTRODUCTION

The Durham Police Department (DPD) will provide whatever assistance possible in response to emergency assistance requests from other police agencies, correctional facilities, or institutions. The Department maintains various agreements with other law enforcement agencies to manage concurrent jurisdictions and mutual aid and services as outlined in N.C.G.S. § [90-95.2](#), § [160A-288](#), § [160A-288.1](#), and § [160A-288.2](#). When assistance is requested by other agencies pursuant to these agreements, DPD will attempt to provide as much service as is practical and feasible.

GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES

The Durham Emergency Communications Center (DECC) and the Analytical Services Division maintain a current official map of the City, but all officers should be familiar with the City of Durham's geographical boundaries. Durham police officers have jurisdiction within the corporate limits, within a one-mile radius outside of those limits, and upon owned or leased City real property, wherever located (N.C.G.S. § [15A-402\(b\),\(c\)](#)). Law enforcement service for the City is shared concurrently with several other agencies.

ASSISTING OTHER DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS

It is the duty of each member of the Department to render required assistance to other law enforcement agencies in the execution of their duties while within the City. Members of DPD are authorized to provide back-up support to other state and local agencies when they conduct police functions within the City. Such back-up may be initiated through DECC or by self-initiated action of department personnel. The on-duty Watch Commander will be notified and will manage the length and amount of involvement based on total existing operational demands and will be responsible for locating the official in charge, determining the Department's role, and informing officers of their assignments and responsibilities.

MUTUAL AID OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS

DPD has executed Mutual Aid Agreements with other law enforcement departments in the state. Copies of the agreements will be kept on file in the Police Attorney's office.

In the event that DPD is contacted in advance by another law enforcement department or by the sheriff's department requesting aid, the Chief of Police or his/her designee shall be immediately notified so that the situation may be reviewed and a determination made as to how many officers and what type of equipment will

be sent to the requesting Department. Similarly, the Chief or their designee shall make any necessary requests for mutual aid or services from other agencies.

Such mutual aid agreements will be reviewed annually by the police attorney to ensure that they remain current and in force.

CONTENT OF MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS

The rights, responsibility, and authority of DPD will be included in all mutual aid agreements entered into between this Department and others.

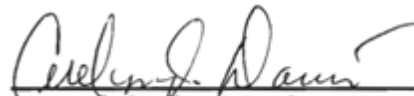
Communication protocol will be established at the time the mutual aid agreement goes into effect. In all situations, the requesting agency must establish shared radio communication when this agency is providing mutual aid assistance.

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROCEDURES

In the event of an emergency which, in the opinion of the Chief, requires federal law enforcement assistance, the Chief or their designee is authorized to solicit aid from the appropriate federal agency or security services in accordance with any requirements established by the particular agency contacted.

NATIONAL GUARD ASSISTANCE

An emergency may arise which requires military assistance, such as North Carolina National Guard. In this event, the Chief of Police or their designee will contact the emergency management coordinator, who will contact the State Emergency Management Team at the Governor's Office. The State Emergency Management Office will initiate the request for military assistance.



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