


FORT SMITH POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SUBJECT	Concurrent Jurisdiction		
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I. Purpose

- A. The purpose of this policy is to define the situations in which the Fort Smith Police Department exercises law enforcement jurisdictions concurrently with other law enforcement agencies.

II. Policy

- A. Inter-agency cooperation and effective law enforcement is not a solitary effort, but requires the cooperation and interaction of many different law enforcement agencies. It shall be the policy of the Fort Smith Police Department to support this concept and fully cooperate with other law enforcement agencies in the discharge of law enforcement duties.
- B. All members of the Fort Smith Police Department will offer their complete cooperation when situations arise where other law enforcement agencies must exercise their law enforcement authority within the City of Fort Smith.

III. Procedure

- A. The Fort Smith Police Department recognizes and acknowledges that it shares concurrent jurisdiction with other county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.
 - 1. Other agencies having jurisdiction within the City of Fort Smith include the Sebastian County Sheriff's Department, the Arkansas State Police, the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith Police Department, the Fort Smith Public Schools Police Department and other various state and federal law enforcement agencies that derive their jurisdiction by law.
 - a. The Sebastian County Sheriff's office can be contacted on a twenty-four hour basis by telephone at 479-783-1051 or by computer terminal message through the Communications Unit.
 - b. The Arkansas State Police can be contacted on a twenty four hour basis by telephone at 479-783-5195 or by computer terminal message through the Communications Unit.

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- c. The University of Arkansas – Fort Smith Police Department can be contacted by telephone at 479-788-7140 during office hours. If no student worker is available to answer the phone, the calls are automatically transferred to a cell phone answered by the UAFSPD officer. The UAFSPD also has access to an ACIC terminal, but it is read only access and is not monitored on a 24 hour basis.
 - d. The Fort Smith Public Schools Police Department can be contacted by telephone at 479-785-2501 Ext. 91234 during office hours. During non-office hours, the FSPD Communications Center may receive a call for service on a Fort Smith Public School District Campus. If a FSPSPD Officer is unable to respond, a request for assistance from the FSPD may be made. The FSPD will respond to any violent crime, emergency or crime in progress call for service reported to the FSPD Communications Center and will stabilize the situation until FSPSPD can arrive and/or advise the FSPSPD has the situation under control.
 - e. The Federal Bureau of Investigation can be contacted by telephone at 479-452-5873 during normal business hours, or they can be contacted on a twenty-four hours basis at 1-501-221-9100. *The Fort Smith Police Department will respond to all reported bank robberies. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is the primary investigative agency for bank robberies and they will also be contacted by the Fort Smith Police Department Communications Unit. The Fort Smith Police Department will assist the FBI with the investigation as requested.*
- B. The Fort Smith Police Department has primary jurisdiction in all incidents and motor vehicle accidents within the defined boundaries of the City of Fort Smith, excluding those incidents and motor vehicle accidents occurring on the Interstate Highway Systems within Fort Smith.
 - C. The Fort Smith Police Department has concurrent jurisdiction with the Arkansas State Police in the investigation of motor vehicle accidents, criminal incidents and traffic enforcement on the Interstate Highway Systems within the City of Fort Smith. The Arkansas State Police has primary jurisdiction but will be assisted by the Fort Smith Police Department when needed.
 - D. The Arkansas Highway Police has the authority to enforce all laws pertaining to unlawful operations of motor vehicles over the highways of this state, giving their agency concurrent jurisdiction with the Fort Smith Police Department on state highways within the City of Fort Smith. [
 - E. Pursuant to policy established by the General Services Administration (GSA) and by Arkansas State Law (Act 963 of 1991) the Fort Smith Police Department shares concurrent jurisdiction with the United States Marshal's Service at the United States Federal Courthouse located at South 7th and Rogers Avenue.
 - F. Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding dated September 8, 2010 between the Fort Smith Police Department and Ebbing Air National Base, FSPD officers will be authorized to enter the premises of Ebbing Air National Guard Base upon request by a member of the Arkansas Air National Guard Security Police and will apprehend individual/s who have committed either a felony or a misdemeanor with the understanding that a warrant of arrest may be required and the procedures will be coordinated between the base commander and the Chief of Police. In an effort to expedite a police response, the Air National Guard Security Force is authorized to operate radios, provided by the Guard, on the same frequency used by the Fort Smith Police Department. A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding is on file in the office of the Chief of Police.
 - G. Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding dated March 25, 2008, between the Fort Smith Police Department and the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith Police Department, the UAFSPD has primary jurisdiction on university property and in the geographical area as

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defined in the Memorandum of Understanding. The Fort Smith Police Department recognizes concurrent jurisdiction and will assist in accordance with the MOU.

- H. Pursuant to a Mutual Aid Agreement dated October 7, 2022,, the Arkansas Colleges of Health Education (ACHE) Office of Police and Security shall be responsible for the investigation of all crimes, investigation of all traffic accidents, responding to calls for service, enforcing applicable laws and exercising primary policing responsibilities within the geographical boundaries of the ACHE campus and in and upon all properties owned, leased or controlled by ACHE.
- I. Pursuant to a Mutual Aid Agreement dated October 19, 2020, the Fort Smith Public Schools Police Department (FSPSPD) shall be responsible for the investigation of crimes, responding to calls for service and the enforcement of applicable laws and shall exercise primary policing responsibilities in and upon all properties owned, leased, or controlled by the Fort Smith Public School District, as well as all highways, streets, alleys, and rights-of-way that are contiguous or adjacent to real property owned or controlled by the Fort Smith Public School District.

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