



GOODYEAR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Policy and Procedure Manual

POLICY 1.04 LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

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1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

1. In accordance with the laws of the State of Arizona and the Goodyear City Code, the City of Goodyear is empowered to establish a Police Department that consists of a Chief of Police and as many police officers as may, from time to time, be deemed necessary by the City Manager for the safety and good order of the City. This Department does not tolerate abuse of law enforcement authority.

2. RESPONSIBILITY AND POWERS OF PEACE OFFICERS

1. Sworn members of this department shall be certified peace officers as defined in the Arizona Revised Statutes. Under the direction of the Chief of Police, the Goodyear Police Department's sworn personnel have the following responsibilities and/or powers:
 - A. Enforce Goodyear City Code and the statutes of the State of Arizona within jurisdictional limits as conferred by law and to arrest and charge the violators thereof.
 - B. Enforce the traffic regulations of the city as specified in the Goodyear City Code and enforce the traffic laws of the state within the limits of the city.
 - C. Perform such additional duties as may be required by the City Manager.
 - D. A peace officer may stop and detain a person as is reasonably necessary to investigate an actual or suspected violation of any traffic law committed in the officer's presence and may serve a copy of the traffic complaint for any alleged civil or criminal traffic violation.
 - E. The authority of a certified peace officer extends to any place in the State of Arizona as follows:
 1. Where he/she has the prior consent of the Chief of Police or a duly authorized representative having responsibility for law enforcement within the jurisdiction or territory.
 2. Where he/she has probable cause to believe:
 1. A felony has been committed and probable cause to believe the person to be arrested has committed the felony.
 2. A misdemeanor has been committed in his/her presence and there is probable cause to believe the person committed the offense.
 3. A person was involved in a traffic accident and committed a criminal traffic violation pursuant to the Arizona Revised Statutes immediately prior to or following the traffic accident.
 4. A misdemeanor or a petty offense has been committed and probable cause to believe the person to be arrested has committed the offense.

3. USE OF DISCRETION

1. When applying the law, officers shall exercise mature judgment and discretion within the limits of statutory authority and departmental policy.
 - A. Goodyear Police Department policies and procedures are based on the requirements imposed by city, state, and federal governments and other law enforcement facts of law, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) as well as the time tested experiences of Goodyear Police Department employees.

- B. It is the responsibility of supervisors to direct subordinates to perform their job duties within the parameters of established policies and procedures and to use proper judgment and discretion in situations not specifically covered in manuals.
- C. Orders that deviate from existing written policies/procedures, etc., may be issued by a supervisor in an emergency situation. However, all such instances will be justified and reported in writing as soon as the emergency has been brought under control.
- D. Officers have the following options when dealing with violators unless otherwise specified by law:
 - 1. Physical arrest
 - 2. Citation
 - 3. Long form complaint or juvenile referral
 - 4. Referral to social agency
 - 5. Warning (written or verbal)
 - 6. No police action necessary, released

4. COOPERATION WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

- 1. Since crime does not have jurisdictional boundaries, the Goodyear Police Department will cooperate with all other law enforcement agencies whenever possible. In order to serve the public, the criminal justice system relies on the cooperation of the police with prosecutors, courts, and correctional officers to ensure the development of a safer community.
 - A. The Chief of Police will maintain liaison with other agencies through organizations such as the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police, West Valley Chief's Association, and the Arizona FBI National Academy Association.
 - B. When possible, the Department will participate in cooperative criminal justice programs.

5. CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 1. All employees shall observe and comply with every person's clearly established rights under the United States and Arizona Constitutions.