


GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

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I. PURPOSE: The purpose of this Order is to establish guidelines and procedures regarding agency jurisdiction and concurrent jurisdiction.

II. POLICY: To protect the public peace and safety and to preserve the life and property of the citizenry, the Gainesville Police Department (GPD) shall, when deemed necessary, establish, maintain, and implement concurrent jurisdiction policies or agreements with other governing agencies.

III. DEFINITION:

Concurrent Jurisdiction: Concurrent jurisdiction is defined as the geographical area over which the Gainesville Police Department and another law enforcement agency both have police authority.

IV. PROCEDURE: [CALEA 2.1.2]

A. Jurisdiction: The jurisdiction of the Gainesville Police Department lies within the geographical boundaries of the city of Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida which are defined in the Gainesville Code of Ordinances and illustrated on the accompanying [map of the city of Gainesville located on the GPD Intranet](#). [CALEA 2.1.1]

B. Inter-Jurisdictional Crimes: Because portions of a crime can occur across jurisdictions, the investigation of a criminal act often requires the involvement of more than one law enforcement agency.

1. Crimes initiated outside Gainesville: When an offense occurs outside Gainesville and the victim is carried into the city, the Department is responsible for only that portion of the investigation relating to its jurisdiction.

If requested by the agency in whose jurisdiction the offense began, the Department shall courteously render assistance and coordinate its investigative effort with the requesting agency.

2. Crimes initiated inside Gainesville: When an offense occurs inside the city and the victim is carried outside, the Department shall extend its investigation, coordinating its efforts with any other agency into whose jurisdiction the offense was extended.

C. Veteran's Administration Medical Center:

1. Concurrent Jurisdiction: The Gainesville Police Department has concurrent jurisdiction with the Veteran's Administration Medical Center (VA), both inside the buildings and on the outside grounds of the complex.

2. Law Enforcement Responsibility:

i. V.A. Police: The Department of Veteran's Administration Police will have primary responsibility for handling most incidents at the Medical Center.

ii. GPD: The GPD shall respond when requested by the VA.

Upon request from the VA, GPD may provide assistance to the VA including, but may not be limited to the following situations where your department's assistance would be required:

a. Armed hostage taking situations that would require an armed response to assist VA Police in containing the situation until appropriate Federal agencies (such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation - FBI) can respond to assume control.

b. Crimes involving armed robberies of funds, drugs, or properties where the individuals committing the crimes leave VA police jurisdiction.

c. Vehicle accident investigations, which may result in non-injuries, injuries, or death involving the VA Police patrol vehicle.

d. Any major incident that would require additional officers for traffic control to allow emergency vehicles a clear access to the facility.

e. To assist confirming the identification of wanted subjects, arrest and/or detain individuals who have outstanding warrants issued for their arrest by civil law enforcement agencies. VA Police would execute the detention and physical arrest of subjects under Federal warrants.

f. To provide additional officers when needed to assist with the physical arrest of a violent/disorderly person(s) who poses a serious threat to patients, visitors, medical staff, or themselves.

g. Provide assistance in the transportation of prisoner's who have been arrested at the on occasions when they are only two VA police officers on-duty.

h. Should any VA Police Officer be involved in a shooting, the FBI will be notified immediately. If the FBI declines investigation, or if the FBI response is delayed, this agreement establishes inter-agency support for the VA Police to receive investigative assistance from the Gainesville Police Department. This assistance may range from establishing, preserving and/or controlling

iii. Violent Subjects: A field supervisor and two members will be dispatched when the incident involves a violent or potentially violent subject.

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iv. Weapons: Members will not remove their weapons when responding to calls inside the facility:

Situations in which the introduction of a weapon to a patient-care area is considered dangerous shall be determined by the proper hospital authorities.

When a danger exists, and when possible, patients shall be escorted from the area by VA medical or VA police personnel.

v. Access to Patient: If approved by medical staff, members may question a patient, take photographs, collect evidence and, when appropriate, be present in the treatment room.

If direct access is not possible, GPD personnel will ask VA staff to assist in the collection of evidence.

Incidents where a Department member is refused access to an individual should be noted in the member's report.

vi. Interviewing A Patient: The VA Medical Center's attending medical staff will advise law enforcement officers of the possibility of harm to a patient if the patient is subjected to questioning or removal from a health care program.

vii. Medical Information:

1) Medical Records: Information regarding the medical records of a patient is privileged and not available except by court order.

2) Medical Information: If an incident involves a patient, the VA Police and medical staff will assist Department members with any clinical information or assistance which may be relevant to the incident.

The VA's Clinical Information Liaison is accessible 24 hours a day, by request, for members who need information about a patient in crisis.

viii. Crisis Response Team: Members may request the following response, when needed:

1) Inside the Facility: The VA Medical Center's 'Management of Disturbed Behavior' Response Team (Crisis Team).

2) Outside the Facility: The Alachua County Crisis Center Team.

ix. Transportation for Baker /Marchman Act Patients: The VA police will provide transportation regarding routine cases that fall under the purview of a Baker Act (mentally ill) or Marchman Act (substance abuse).

x. Subjects Involved in GPD Use of Force: Members may use the VA Hospital to provide medical evaluations and treatments for those subjects who may be injured because of a use of force by GPD.

D. Downtown Federal Building / General Services Administration (GSA), 401 SE 1 Ave.:

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1. Extension of Jurisdiction: The GSA has, by agreement, extended the jurisdiction of the Gainesville Police Department to the property of the federal building located at 401 SE 1 Ave.

2. Requests for Service: The GSA shall determine its need for police service.

3. GPD Response: GPD shall respond when requested by GSA.

Examples of incidents for which GPD may be requested include those involving serious criminal violations, threats of violence, or trespasses which interfere with normal operations at the facility.

This does not prohibit members from taking appropriate action when violations are observed or when members are alerted that an immediate response is indicated.

4. Incident Control: GPD members shall be under the authority of GPD supervisors.

E. Alachua County Facilities Located Within the City Limits:

1. Coordinated Assistance: When members of the Gainesville Police Department are called to an Alachua County facility pursuant to either a primary response mode or an assistance mode, the response must be coordinated with ASO.

2. Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Avenue:

i. Court Security Staffing: ASO deputies are stationed at the Courthouse 24 hours a day, and they can be reached either through ASO's CDC or by calling 374-3654.

ii. Initial Response:

a. Non-911 Calls: The Alachua County Sheriff's Office will respond to non-911 Calls.

b. 911 Calls: GPD shall respond to emergencies, but GPD's Communications Center will notify ASO's Consolidated Dispatch Center (CDC) of the calls.

Responses should be coordinated with ASO deputies, and members will defer to ASO personnel for guidance regarding which agency will handle the incident.

iii. Reports Generated by GPD: The Department's Records Section shall forward to ASO a copy of any written police report regarding an incident at the Courthouse.

iii. Alachua County Sheriff's Office Department of the Jail, 3333 N.E. 39 Ave: The Alachua County Sheriff's Office has responsibility for the Department of the Jail and will provide all law enforcement services, to include investigating criminal offenses and escapes and providing emergency tactical response.

Members shall secure their weapons prior to entering the facility unless responding to an emergency incident.

iv. Alachua County Sheriff's Office, 2621 S.E. Hawthorne Rd.: The Alachua County Sheriff's Office shall provide law enforcement services to the Sheriff's Office Building, to include investigating all criminal offenses and providing emergency tactical response.

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When Department members are summoned to assist, they shall coordinate their response with ASO.

v. Other County Facilities: The Gainesville Police Department will provide all law enforcement services to County facilities located within the city limits of Gainesville other than at the Courthouse, Jail, and Sheriff's Office.

F. City Facilities Outside City Limits: City-owned facilities located outside the city limits are the responsibility of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office; therefore, ASO personnel will handle all calls for law enforcement service.

i. GPD Authority: GPD sworn personnel on city property outside Gainesville may detain a suspect in a reasonable manner for a reasonable time when they have probable cause to believe a crime has been committed or is being committed.

The member making the detention must immediately then notify ASO, who shall investigate and make the arrest.

G. Special Weapons and Tactics: Both ASO and GPD's Special Weapons and Tactics will continue to act as support to each other as required.

H. University of Florida: For University of Florida-owned property both on and off campus, the University Police Department has primary jurisdiction and responsibility.

1. Requests for Assistance: At the request of UPD, GPD members shall respond and assist.

2. Specific Facilities:

i. Shands Hospital at the University of Florida: Gainesville Police Department has primary law enforcement authority on the premises, buildings and grounds of UF Health and Shands Hospital (ER) on the south side of SW Archer Rd.

ii. Other UF Property in the City: University property in the city, such as Norman Hall, Tanglewood Apartments, and Panhellenic Drive, are under the jurisdiction of UPD.

This does not prohibit members who witness criminal acts from responding.

The member shall alert Communications, which personnel shall contact UPD.

I. Santa Fe Community College: SFCC facilities in the City limits include the Institute of Public Safety, 3737 N.E. 39 Ave., and the downtown campuses (401 NW 6 Street, and 520 W. University Ave.).

1. Concurrent Jurisdiction: Santa Fe Community College Police and Gainesville Police have concurrent jurisdiction regarding SFCC sites within the city limits.

2. Law Enforcement Responsibility:

i. SFCC P.D. Response: SFCC P.D. will be the primary responder to non-emergency calls for service at its facilities.

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SFCC PD personnel will also respond to emergencies; however, due to personnel and distance considerations, GPD will be the primary responder to calls inside the city.

ii. GPD Response:

a. GPD will be the primary responder to SFCC facilities inside the city regarding the following types of calls:

- 1). Emergency and priority calls,
- 2). In-progress incidents, and
- 3). When requested.

b. Communications personnel will notify SFCC PD of each GPD response.

iii. Security Personnel: SFCC assigns security personnel to the downtown campuses and to the IPS during certain weekday hours.

a. Security personnel are not certified law enforcement officers.

b. Hours of coverage will normally be from 7:00 am until 10:00 pm, Monday-Friday.

c. Security personnel may request assistance, depending upon the nature of the incident, from SFCC PD or GPD.

J. Federal Aviation Facilities/ Gainesville Regional Airport:

1. Extension of Jurisdiction: The FAA has, by agreement, extended the jurisdiction of the Gainesville Police Department to the properties of the Federal Aviation Administration, located on the grounds of the Gainesville Regional Airport.

2. FAA Properties: GPD personnel needing access to the following FAA properties must obtain assistance from Federal Aviation Administration Airways Facilities personnel.

i. **Airways Facilities System Support Center, 3620 NE 46 Drive:** Accessed from Waldo Road and located NE of University Air Center in General Aviation.

ii. **Air Traffic Control Tower:** Located on the Southside of the airport.

iii. **Glideslope:** Located north of the east end of Runway 29.

iv. **Localizer:** Located on the west end of Runway 29.

v. **MALSR Building:** Located approximately 300' south and 1000' east of Runway 29.

3. Atlantic Operational Control Center (AOCC): Has access to all FAA resources, and is available 24 hours a day, by calling 866-432-2622 option #1.

4. Requests for Service:

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i. FAA Initiated: FAA personnel will contact GPD [usually by phone] to request police response.

Initial contact may be generated from one of several remote FAA locations.

ii. Non-FAA Initiated: Requests from sources other than the FAA may be received, and FAA personnel shall be notified of the requests.

Communications shall call Atlantic Operational Control Center (AOCC) 866-432-2622 option #1 to make notification.

FAA's MCC will notify the appropriate local resource.

5. Agency Responsibilities:

i. GPD: Shall respond when requested. Incidents may include criminal violations, property damage, and / or emergencies.

GPD's airport officers will provide primary police services.

ii. FAA: FAA personnel shall:

a. Provide access, when required, to FAA facilities.

b. Make FAA equipment available to GPD when there is an emergency need.

c. Notify the FBI when federal property is involved.

This requirement will not in any way modify or supersede any agreement between GPD and the FBI.

H. Response Matrix: Please refer to the following chart for primary agency responsibilities:

Location	Primary Agency
Alachua County Courthouse Bldg. Non-911 calls 911 calls	ASO GPD
County Jail	ASO
Sheriff's Office	ASO
Other County Facilities in City (County Admin. bldg. Fairgrounds, etc.)	GPD
FAA Facilities, G'Ville	

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Airport	GPD
City Facilities Outside City Limits (Incl. Parks)	ASO
Downtown Post Office/Fed Bldg.	GSA
SFCC Facilities in City Emer/Priority Other	GPD SFCC PD
University of Florida Campus, Tanglewood Apts., Norman Hall, Panhellenic Drive, Shands, Etc.	UPD
Veterans Hospital	VA Police

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