



Graham Police Department

Standard Operating Policies and Procedures

Policy 01

Mission, Authority, Jurisdiction and Oath of Office

POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Graham Police Department to clearly define its mission, authority and jurisdiction.

PURPOSE

This policy and procedure explains the Department's mission, authority and jurisdiction.

1. Mission

The Graham Police Department is dedicated to the highest quality of law enforcement services delivered with compassion and professionalism. We are committed to providing our agency members a stable work environment with equal opportunity for learning and professional growth.

2. Authority

The Graham Police Department derives its authority from the North Carolina General Statutes, North Carolina Administrative Code, Graham City Charter, and The Code of the City of Graham, North Carolina.

3. Jurisdiction

Such powers as vested in the Chief of Police and Officers of the Police Department may be exercised within the corporate limits of the City and one (1) mile beyond, upon City real property wherever located. It shall be the policy of the City, to exercise its general police power within the established corporate limits.

4. Oath of Office

The Chief of Police and each officer of the Department, before entering upon the discharge of their duties, shall be required to take and subscribe before the mayor or some other officer authorized to administer oaths, an oath prescribed for public offices that they will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of their respective offices or positions according to law and to enforce the law and uphold the Constitution of the United States and the State of North Carolina.