

 Kinston Police Department	<u>POLICY: Mutual Aid Agreements</u>						<u>POLICY #:</u> 100-10
	<u>NCLEA Standards:</u>						
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Approval: Chief of Police							

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this mutual aid agreement is to establish a framework for cooperation and resource sharing among the Kinston Police Department and surrounding Federal, State, and Local agencies to enhance the capabilities of all agencies in response to incidents by providing access to additional resources, personnel, and expertise.

II. POLICY

The Department shall provide mutual aid assistance to neighboring law enforcement agencies in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes, and shall participate equally in mutual aid agreements with other law enforcement agencies throughout the local area and region.

III. AUTHORITY

General Statutes are the controlling legislation governing cooperation between law enforcement agencies in North Carolina. The Department has entered into mutual aid agreements in accordance with N.C.G.S. 160A-288, 160A-288.2 and 15A-405 for law enforcement services. In accordance with this legislation the Department:

1. Maintains a Mutual Aid Agreement signed by the City and County Officials.
2. Participates in the statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.
3. May enter into agreements with other agencies in North Carolina as deemed appropriate by the Chief and the City Council.

IV. MUTUAL AID REQUESTS

The request for Mutual Aid can be made by any officer. The purpose for Mutual Aid must be stated and approved by the officer's chain of command. The request must be approved by the appropriate Major or designated person so as not to interfere with any on-going investigation. The appropriate Major or designated person in charge in absence of the Chief of Police has to approve all Mutual Aid Agreements.

While working with the requesting agency and in accordance with N.C.G.S. and under the terms of the Mutual Aid Agreement the requesting agency and the assisting agency shall have the same jurisdiction, powers, rights, privileges and immunities (including those related to the defense of civil action and payment of judgements) as the officers of the requesting agency in addition to those they possess.

Federal Mutual Aid Request

The Chief or a designee is authorized to request assistance from federal authorities in emergency situations. Requests for federal law enforcement assistance will be coordinated through the appropriate authorities.

Requests for North Carolina National Guard emergency assistance to the City of Kinston can be made through the office of the Mayor of Kinston.

State and Local Mutual Aid Request

Mutual Aid requests from agencies outside Lenoir County must be put in writing and the conditions agreed upon prior to the assignment of resources from the Department. The requesting agency shall furnish the temporarily assigned personnel with the money, equipment and personnel reasonably necessary to perform their assigned duties; the temporarily assigned personnel shall report for work with the equipment issued to them by their employer. The assisting agency may furnish equipment and supplies to the requesting agency if asked to do so. Compensation for the use of provider agency personnel shall be borne by the receiving agency.

Personnel from other agencies assisting the Department shall report to the officer or supervisor of the division or unit within which they are to be assigned. During emergency situations, special events, and other times the temporarily assigned personnel shall work under the supervision of the Department personnel. The personnel assigned will be issued a radio or teamed with a Department employee so radio communications can be maintained.

S.W.A.T Team Mutual Aid Request

Mutual Aid Requests from agencies outside of Lenoir County for the use of the Kinston Police Department's S.W.A.T. team shall submit a written request to the Department prior to the departure of the team or as soon as feasible. The original request must be mailed within three working days.

V. MUTUAL AID REVIEW

The Chief shall determine the available resources and answer the request accordingly provided the obligations to the City of Kinston are fully upheld. The Chief shall review all Mutual Aid Agreements periodically to ensure they comply with all applicable legal standards.