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AGENCY JURISDICTION AND MUTUAL AID

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I. <u>GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES</u>

- A. The Communications Center will maintain and update, as needed, a map of the Town of Leesburg. The Emergency Communications Center Manager shall ensure the map is current.
- B. Officers shall familiarize themselves with the map. Geographical boundary questions should be referred to the Communications Center or the team supervisor.
- C. See also, General Order 215, Legal Process.

II. CONCURRENT JURISDICTION / INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

- A. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and the Virginia State Police have concurrent jurisdiction within the Town of Leesburg when enforcing the Code of Virginia. Personnel of the Leesburg Police will offer complete cooperation when situations arise where these departments must exercise their authority within the Town limits.
- B. Effective law enforcement is not a solitary effort, but requires the cooperation and interaction of many agencies. The Leesburg Police support this concept and will cooperate fully with other agencies in the discharge of their duties.
- C. Leesburg Police officers will enforce the ordinances of the Town of Leesburg and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia within the Town limits. The Leesburg Police will carry out all duties and responsibilities attributed to them by the Chief of Police.
- D. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office will assist the Leesburg Police within the Town limits whenever a request for assistance is made by a Leesburg officer. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office will not provide routine patrol within the Town. All traffic accidents involving Loudoun County Sheriff's Office vehicles will be handled by the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office unless they request that the Leesburg Police handle the incident. Incidents involving State owned vehicles will be handled by the State Police.
- E. In any situation where a question arises concerning jurisdiction with another agency, the responding Leesburg officer will make every attempt to resolve the matter in the most professional manner possible. If the matter is not resolved, the officer shall notify their supervisor immediately for resolution. The matter should be handled by the supervisor with the best interests of the community in mind. A memorandum outlining the situation shall be submitted to the Chief of Police through the chain of command.

III. <u>MUTUAL AID</u>

A. Interagency agreements concerning contiguous jurisdictions and other jurisdictions within the Commonwealth shall be conducted in accordance with §15.2-1724, §15.2-1727 and § 15.2-1736 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

B. The Leesburg Police Department is a participating member of the Northern Virginia Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement (NVLEMAA). The Northern Virginia Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement will provide all the necessary information to initiate mutual aid activities, either on behalf of the Leesburg Police or at the request of a participating agency. The purpose of the NVLEMAA is to enable a law enforcement agency to request temporary assistance in the event of an actual or imminent state of emergency or public occurrence. See also, Leesburg Police Department Emergency Operations Plan.