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GENERAL ORDER 2
AGENCY JURISDICTION, MUTUAL AID, AND REGIONAL SERVICES
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PURPOSE: To provide necessary law enforcement services across jurisdictions, the Mansfield Division of Police must work in cooperation with multiple law enforcement agencies.

2.1 AGENCY JURISDICTION AND MUTUAL AID

2.1.1 JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES

The fundamental geographical boundaries of the City of Mansfield are shown on the City of Mansfield Geographic Information System (GIS) and shall constitute the primary area of jurisdiction for officers of the Mansfield Division of Police. The system and a boundary map is maintained by the City of Mansfield Engineer's Office, and Richland County Regional Planning Office and is periodically updated to reflect current annexations.

Official geographic boundary records are maintained by the Richland County Recorder, and by the Clerk of Council of the City of Mansfield.

2.1.2 CONCURRENT JURISDICTIONS

Mansfield Division of Police will assume all legally mandated responsibilities under Ohio Revised Code §737.11 with the understanding that the Richland County Sheriffs Department has full concurrent authority under Ohio Revised Code §311.01 and who may be called upon for mutual aid under applicable statutory authority. The Division will also perform its duties with the understanding that the Ohio State Highway Patrol has full concurrent authority under Ohio Revised Code §5503.03 within and upon State properties and within and upon State and Federal highways and who may be called upon for mutual aid under the terms of the statutory authority.

2.1.3 MUTUAL AID

A. **Legal status of responding agencies:** When another agency is requesting to assist, their responding units are considered to be a functional portion of this agency and to be protected by all laws applicable to this agency. Responding units are responsible to the public as governed by all laws to this agency, the Ohio Revised Code, and/or agreements set forth in any mutual aid compact. Mansfield Division of Police accepts and abides by the conditions of the Mutual Aid Compact of Richland County, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §311.07, 737.04, 737.041, 737.10, and 5503.02, the Chief of Police and/or the Service Safety Director of the City of Mansfield may call upon the Sheriffs of other counties, the Mayors and/or Chief Executive Officers of other municipalities and/or the Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol via the Governor of the State of Ohio to provide additional manpower as needed for riot, insurrection, invasion, disaster or other emergency.

B. Provider agency personnel have **legal authority** under Ohio Revised Code §737.04 to perform under any mutual aid compact.

C. **Mutual aid may be requested** at any time when this agency is incapable of responding with sufficient manpower and/or resources to satisfactorily address any specific incident. The officer in charge of a shift/section may request mutual aid agency(s) by any means of telecommunication or by personal contact.

D. **Requesting or providing mutual aid:** Any officer in charge of a shift/section may request or provide temporary mutual aid unless otherwise specified in General Orders or any mutual aid compact.

E. Personnel responding to a mutual aid request shall **report to the ranking officer** from the agency making the request that is on scene.

F. **Radio communications** should be maintained between the agencies involving mutual aid. The incident commander, if identified, or the senior officer in charge will coordinate radio communications between the agencies on the scene and will establish an incident command post in the event of extended emergencies.

G. Due to the mutual benefit derived from any Mutual Aid Compact there will be **no charge for equipment** or labor, nor shall the agency be responsible for any damages to equipment. Officers and equipment responding to or on the scene of an emergency are entitled to the same benefits under any pension or indemnity fund of their employer and all the rights and benefits of Ohio Revised Code §4123.01 through §4123.94.

H. **Review of agreements:** Mutual aid agreements shall be reviewed and/or revised under the terms of the agreements.

In the event this agency is receiving or providing **mutual aid for an extended period** of time, the

Community Services Bureau Commander will be contacted. To ensure proper coverage within the City, the Community Services Bureau Commander will determine when our assistance will be terminated or mutual aid units will be relieved. The Chief of Police will be notified as soon as possible of all extended emergencies where our agency is the provider or recipient of mutual aid.

- **Mutual aid units responding will not be expected to carry out any order or directions contrary to their policy or procedures.** Mutual aid units will advise the ranking officer of the requesting agency on the scene of the inability to carry out any order or directions in violation of Mansfield Division of Police policies or procedures.

- All arrests by responding personnel in a requesting agency's jurisdiction will be coordinated by the ranking officer of the requesting agency on the scene.

2.1.4 REQUESTING FEDERAL AID/NATIONAL GUARD

Federal agency aid: Federal agencies, such as FBI, ATF or Secret Service will not normally be called upon to provide assistance in emergency situations. In the event assistance is needed, the shift supervisor may make the request and the Community Services Bureau Commander and the Chief of Police should be notified as soon as possible. (Ohio Revised Code §5502.40).

- **National Guard:**

- The following guidelines must be followed when requesting Military Assistance from the Ohio National Guard:

- Upon the advice of the Incident Commander or Chief of Police, the Mayor may declare an emergency period (declaration of emergency) in accordance with City of Mansfield Ordinance 507.02.

- Once the declaration is issued, the declaration of emergency, along with a written mission statement indicating the services to be performed by the Ohio National Guard (i.e. execute the laws of the state, suppress insurrection, repel invasion, act in the vent of a disaster, promote the health, safety, and welfare of citizens, etc.), shall be forwarded to the emergency management agency for the county of incident.

- The county emergency management agency will review the request and forward it to the Ohio Emergency Management Agency who will arrange for the response by the Ohio National Guard.

- The Military Commander of the National Guard Unit assigned as support to the City of Mansfield will be directed to the Incident Command Post and/or Emergency Operations Center.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STANDARDS AND POLICIES:

CROSS REFERENCE TO FORMS: Critical Incident Manual