# NC State University Police Department

***Policy and Procedure***

***423 – Police Jurisdiction***
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PURPOSE: To establish guidelines for members of the NC State University Police Department regarding the territorial jurisdiction on NC State University Property and within the corporate city limits of Raleigh.

POLICY: It shall be the policy of the North Carolina State University Police Department to coordinate off-campus law enforcement operations with the Raleigh Police Department

DEFINITIONS: Territorial Jurisdiction – Sworn members have full law enforcement powers on property owned or leased by the University and that portion of any public road or highway passing through such property or immediately adjoining it, wherever located, per NCGS 116-40.5.

Expanded Territorial Jurisdiction – The Expanded Territorial Agreement between NC State University and the City of Raleigh provides Limited Expanded Jurisdiction outside of the boundaries of the University's regular territorial Jurisdiction within the corporate city limits of Raleigh subject to certain limitations identified in Appendix 1 of this policy.

PROCEDURE:

A. North Carolina General Statute 116-40.5 shall govern the original jurisdiction of the North Carolina State University Police Department, its powers and authority.

B. The agreement for Expansion of Territorial Jurisdiction of the North Carolina State University Police Department with the City of Raleigh shall govern the policy and actions of NC State University Police Department employees as it relates to the expansion of police power into the City of Raleigh.

C. North Carolina State University Police officers shall not conduct routine patrol or take enforcement actions based on routine patrol that occurs outside their original territorial jurisdiction except as outlined in this General Order.

D. North Carolina State University Police officers may do the following while on active duty:

1. While on duty, North Carolina State University Police officers may conduct routine patrols, and take enforcement action based on these patrols, at off-campus buildings and locations occupied by students who are members of an organization recognized or registered by university. Officers shall make notification to Raleigh Police Watch Commander of the location and times when conducting routine patrols and when taking enforcement action based on these patrols.

2. While on duty, North Carolina State University Police officers may conduct an investigation of an offense alleged to have been committed on the property of those student-occupied, off-campus buildings and locations.

3. While on duty, North Carolina State University Police officers may conduct traffic safety operations, including but not limited to vehicle checkpoints for regulatory, safety, impaired driving, and informational purposes, in coordination and cooperation with Raleigh Police or with their knowledge and written approval from the Chief of Police of the Raleigh Police Department.

4. While on duty, North Carolina State University Police officers may serve an arrest warrant when he/she has in his/her possession the warrant, or has knowledge of an outstanding warrant, charging the individual with an offense that was committed on University-owned property. Prior to serving or executing such a warrant, the University Police Officer in Charge (OIC) shall contact the on-duty Watch Commander with Raleigh Police Department to make notification of the warrant. The Watch Commander will evaluate the situation and determine the need for assistance of the Raleigh Police Department.

5. While on duty, North Carolina State University Police officers may serve a search warrant when he/she has in his/her possession a valid search warrant issued pursuant to a crime committed on University-owned property, prior to serving or executing such a warrant, the University Police Officer in Charge (OIC) shall contact the on-duty Watch Commander with Raleigh Police Department, who will evaluate the situation and determine the need for assistance of the Raleigh Police. University Police officers may proceed with the service of the warrant only after receiving the express consent of the Watch Commander.

6. North Carolina State University Police officers may work any event that is hosted by the University of North Carolina System Office or the UNC Board of Governors, and that event is located within the city limits of the City of Raleigh. However, prior to the event, the NC State University Chief of Police or designee shall notify the Raleigh Chief of Police or designee about any meeting, including the location of the meeting, of the University of North Carolina System Office or UNC Board of Governors that is scheduled to take place in the City of Raleigh.

7. While off campus and within the City of Raleigh, on-duty NC State University Police Officers may, with probable cause, arrest for a felony or misdemeanor that occurs in their presence, however, if an enforcement action occurs, the University Police Officer in Charge (OIC) shall contact the on-duty Watch Commander with Raleigh Police Department as soon as possible and notify them of circumstances involved in the enforcement action.

8. North Carolina State University Police officers may NOT enforce ANY infraction committed in their presence in the City of Raleigh, outside of their original territorial jurisdiction.

9. Upon request of a supervising official (watch commander, major or chief) of the Raleigh Police Department, NC State University police officers may assist the Raleigh Police Department and shall have the same territorial and subject matter jurisdiction of a Raleigh Police officer, in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 116-50.4(b). This includes any off-duty employment or special event where the City of Raleigh has requested assistance either through mutual aid or under an off-duty employment request.

10. North Carolina State University Police officers may also investigate motor vehicle crashes outside their territorial jurisdiction, if requested by the Raleigh Police Department and may also enforce traffic laws on adjacent streets under NCGS 116-40.5

11. North Carolina State University Police officers may provide aid to stranded motorists (i.e. stranded motorists, vehicles blocking traffic, etc.) outside their territorial jurisdiction, if the Raleigh Police Department is unavailable or until they arrive.

12. North Carolina State University Police officers may temporarily take individuals into investigative detention for any subject closely matching a recent “lookout” order issued by this department or other law enforcement agency. In the case of orders issued by other agencies, a member of such agency should be requested to respond to the scene at the earliest possible time to assume custody of the subject.

13. North Carolina State University Police officers may provide assistance to any local, state, or federal law enforcement officer in the lawful performance of their duties when such assistance is requested or clearly appropriate based on the circumstances present.

14. North Carolina State University Police officers may pursue or look for a suspect(s) who has just committed an offense on University property or pursue or look for a suspect (s) who is wanted or being pursued by the Raleigh Police Department or another local law enforcement agency.

E. The on-duty supervisor or higher authority may always refer matters requiring police action on adjacent streets to local law enforcement agency with primary jurisdiction when University calls for service activity dictates or when it is authorized determined to be in the best interest of all agencies involved.

Note: Sworn members should take specific note that weapons on campus laws, trespass warnings, trespass arrests applicable to campus are not applicable on adjacent streets.

APPROVED:

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