

Pasco Police Department Policy Manual

AGENCY JURISDICTION AND MUTUAL AID	Chapter No. 2
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2.1.1 GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES

The corporate city limits of the City of Pasco are the geographical boundaries for the Pasco Police Department. Geographical boundaries of the City of Pasco are clearly outlined on the official map of the City of Pasco.

2.1.2 CONCURRENT JURISDICTION

The Pasco Police Department shares concurrent jurisdiction with several state agencies. The identity of the agencies and responsibilities shared with Pasco PD are as follows:

- Washington State Patrol (WSP): The primary function of the WSP within the city limits of Pasco is the enforcement of traffic laws and to investigate traffic accidents on certain state highways. The WSP investigates all traffic accidents on Highway 395, Highway 397, and Interstate 182. The Pasco Police Department investigates non-traffic criminal incidents within the city limits, including those on state highways.
- Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO): Franklin County deputies have full police authority within the city limits of Pasco.
- Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC): UTC has the authority to conduct commercial vehicle inspections and enforcement within the city limits.
- Department of Fisheries, Gambling Commission, and the Liquor Control Board: Officers from these agencies have full enforcement authority within the City of Pasco. Pasco Police officers also have the authority to enforce fishery, gambling, and liquor violations within the city limits.

Officers from other agencies may request the assistance of the Pasco Police Department in a number of ways, including:

- By radio: The Pasco Police Department utilizes the Southeast Communications Center as do the other regional Law Enforcement Agencies. The request can be made to the dispatch center that then makes proper notification. The Law Enforcement Radio Network (LERN) is a common frequency shared by law enforcement agencies. The dispatch center constantly monitors LERN and can hear outside agency transmissions, including assistance requests.
- By phone: Outside agency officers may telephone Dispatch Communications directly requesting assistance or they can request their dispatcher do so.

Pasco Police officers respond to any request for assistance made by outside law enforcement agencies.

2.1.3 MUTUAL AID

The Pasco Police Department has written agreements with neighboring agencies with regard to mutual aid requests. [RCW 10.93.070](#) gives general authority to Washington peace officers to enforce traffic or criminal laws anywhere in the state, under the following circumstances:

- Upon the prior written consent of the Sheriff or Chief of Police in whose primary territorial jurisdiction the exercise of the powers occurs.
- In response to an emergency involving the immediate threat to human life or property.
- In response to the request for assistance pursuant to a mutual law enforcement assistance agreement with the agency of primary territorial jurisdiction or in response to the request of a peace officer with enforcement authority.

Chapters [10.93](#), [39.34](#), and [53.08](#) of the Revised Code of Washington provide agency personnel with the legal authority to act within requesting jurisdictions.

In situations that require mutual aid assistance, any on-duty Pasco Police supervisor may request assistance from a neighboring agency. The request may be made either by direct contact with the requested agency or through dispatch. Outside personnel responding to a Pasco Police Department request report to the supervisor that is in charge of the incident.

Regional law enforcement agencies utilize the same frequency bandwidth spectrum for radio communications. Each agency has the ability to change to the requesting agency's specific channel for communications. Agencies from outside our region are able to utilize the LERN radio channel for communications with dispatch. There is also a series of State Operations channels programmed into each radio for communications as well.

Generally, there is no cost associated with a mutual aid request. Unless specifically identified, expenses arising from our department, mutual aid requests are borne by each respective agency.

The Deputy Chief reviews the agreements annually to determine the need for revision.

2.1.4 FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND NATIONAL GUARD ASSISTANCE

The Pasco Police Department may face an emergency situation that requires the call out of Federal Law Enforcement Officers or the National Guard. The Chief of Police, or designee, is responsible for making the request to the City Manager's office who will formally request assistance from the Governor.

The City of Pasco has an interstate and a state highway, along with a commercial airport, train station, and bus depot. Direct enforcement action may be taken by Pasco Police, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Washington State Patrol, and federal law enforcement agencies. That may also assist the Pasco Police Department as requested for investigations or keeping the peace.