

1.3 Jurisdiction and Authority

There are three sovereign jurisdictions within the United States, these are federal, state and tribal governments.

- A. Pursuant to *Town Code* Section 9-1 the *Department* is responsible for providing law enforcement services within the *jurisdictional limits* of the *Town*.
- B. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-3871, the authority of an Arizona peace officer extends to any place in the *State*, with one exception. An officer may not stop a person solely based on reasonable suspicion of a criminal activity outside of the jurisdiction without the prior consent of the chief law enforcement in the jurisdiction, or that person's authorized representative.
- C. As required by *Arizona law*, in order to exercise the authority of a peace *officer*, a person *must* be certified by or exempted from certification by *AZPOST*. All *Department sworn personnel shall* be *AZPOST* certified.
- D. Arizona certified peace officers have the authority to:
 - 1. make full custody arrests for felonies and misdemeanors under state law, unless arrest authority is exclusively granted to others;
 - 2. cite and release persons arrested for criminal misdemeanors, as authorized by law;
 - 3. detain persons for civil traffic matters under A.R.S. Title 28;
 - 4. execute search warrants.
- E. An officer is governed by General *Orders* at any time the officer is exercising police powers or functioning as a peace *officer*.

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