



PARADISE VALLEY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDERS

Jurisdiction and Authority

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There are three sovereign jurisdictions within the United States: 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.