

542 AGENCY FUNCTIONS AND JURISDICTION

- I. PURPOSE: To establish the general functions and jurisdiction of the department.

- II. DISCUSSION: Many federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies share responsibility for providing, within the scope of their authority, certain law enforcement functions within the City. The City of Tampa Police Department primary jurisdiction for providing law enforcement services is within the incorporated City limits of Tampa. However, Tampa Police Department has established agreements authorizing jurisdiction outside the City of Tampa in accordance with the terms of those agreements. Likewise, Tampa Police Department has entered into agreements with other law enforcement agencies providing for jurisdiction within the City of Tampa in accordance with the terms of those agreements. Other local sworn law enforcement officers with shared jurisdiction in limited portions or all of the City of Tampa include Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Deputies (all), Tampa International Airport Police Officers (limited), and University of South Florida Police Officers (limited).

- III. FUNCTIONS: Functions of the department are to:
 - A. Preserve life and property and protect the civil and constitutional rights of all persons;
 - B. Identify problems that are potentially serious law enforcement or governmental problems and work to resolve those problems;
 - C. Resolve conflicts;
 - D. Aid individuals who are in danger of physical harm;
 - E. Assist citizens by giving directions or taking them to locations or addresses and referring them to appropriate agencies to get help;
 - F. Respond to calls for police service;
 - G. Participate in crime prevention programs by identifying hazards and encouraging citizen participation in implementing sound crime prevention measures; design, implement, and continue programs leading toward preventing and controlling juvenile delinquency;
 - H. Facilitate safe and expedient movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic with minimum public inconvenience, penalty and resentment;
 - I. Promote and preserve civic order consistent with freedom;
 - J. Maintain respect for the rule of law by proper enforcement;

- K. Within the guidelines of department policy, competently investigate violations of law, traffic accidents, and other matters which require a police report; and
- L. Cooperate with and assist, when possible, other governmental departments and agencies charged with law enforcement and/or public service responsibilities.

IV. POLICY:

- A. It is department policy to cooperate with other law enforcement and/or public service agencies in matters of mutual interest. Such cooperation enhances the:
 - 1. Exchange of information concerning criminal and traffic activity and other matters of police interest;
 - 2. Development of joint plans to deal with activity of police interest, including mutual aid plans;
 - 3. Arrest and return of fugitives;
 - 4. Accomplishment of department goals and objectives; and
 - 5. Professional image of the department and/or agencies involved.
- B. To facilitate cooperation, the department will:
 - 1. Maintain membership in professional organizations such as the Florida Police Chief's Association, the Tampa Bay Area Police Chiefs, the Hillsborough County Board of Criminal Justice, the Florida Intelligence Unit, and the Regional Organized Crime Information Center;
 - 2. Participate in joint operations with those agencies in adjoining jurisdictions, agencies having concurrent authority in the department's jurisdiction, and any other agency whose investigation is of such a nature that the Tampa Police Department has a mutual interest; and
 - 3. Enter into agreements with other agencies to provide mutual aid and support during times of need, both inside and outside the City of Tampa. Copies of all mutual aid and cooperation agreements shall be sent to the Legal Unit for review, approval and retention.

Supersedes SOP 542, dated 3/17.