


Emergency Management & Mutual Aid		
	Mutual Aid Agreements	Order 25.105

#### A. Policy

At any given time, a situation can occur that requires the immediate response of law enforcement personnel. Because of situational or personnel restrictions, the Department may need assistance from, or provide assistance to an outside police agency. Pursuant to ARS § 13-3871 (Authority of Peace Officers) and ARS § 13-3872 (Mutual Aid), assistance may be requested from adjacent law enforcement agencies. Tempe officers may also be requested by these jurisdictions under similar circumstances. A plan for assistance will be drawn in line with the procedures in this order.

It is also the policy of the Department to provide mutual aid to surrounding communities, upon request, in the case of an emergency. Aid will be provided to assist public and service agencies (e.g., APS, SRP, etc.) that have need of assistance under emergency conditions.

#### B. Emergency Guidelines

1. The following guidelines will govern assistance to other Valley communities, law enforcement agencies, and public and quasi-public agencies outside of normal jurisdictional boundaries.
  - a. Assistance will be given, upon request only, during an emergency.
  - b. In the case where advance notice is possible, assistance may be authorized by a Lieutenant/Commander or higher ranking officer. They will report the nature of the assistance provided to their supervisor.

c. In case of an extreme emergency and where advance notice is not possible, assistance may be authorized by a Sergeant or higher rank, but such assistance will be limited to:

1) Saving a life.

2) Backing up law enforcement officers.

## C. Procedures

### 1. Assistance from other Agencies

a. Tempe Police Department Incident Commanders will direct and assign specific tasks to units from other agencies.

b. Officers from other agencies should continue to be under the direct control of supervisors from their own agency. However, operational control of the law enforcement response will be under the command of the Tempe Police Department.

c. When providing mutual aid, assisting personnel from outside agencies will be notified of established Tempe Police Department procedures for making arrests, use of force, and processing prisoners.

d. The assisting agency will be responsible for the transportation of their prisoners to designated detention points. Transportation for those not released from the holding facility will then be the responsibility of the Tempe Police Department.

- The operating procedures of the Tempe Police Department will be followed, should it become necessary for the assisting agency to establish a temporary holding facility while assisting this Department.

e. In an emergency situation, any Tempe Police supervisor may request mutual aid assistance. However, if advance notice is known, the Mutual Aid request will be made by the affected Lieutenant/Commander or higher.

## 2. Assistance to other Agencies

- a. Tempe officers will remain under the direct supervision of Tempe supervisors when assisting other agencies.
- b. Should a temporary detention facility be needed, its operation will normally be the responsibility of the requesting agency. Arrest procedures, detention, and transportation procedures of the requesting agency will be followed.
- c. While assisting another agency, Tempe officers will rely on Tempe Police Department policy and procedures regarding the use of force, prisoner rights, and other enforcement policies, unless instructed to do otherwise by a Tempe Police supervisor. Any variance which violates the Department's philosophy of fair and impartial enforcement of the law will not be authorized.
- d. Tempe Police Department will honor a valid request for mutual aid based on an evaluation of our personnel and resources at the time of the request.
  - 1) Any request for a substantial amount of personnel will be authorized by a Commander or higher.
  - 2) In any event, assistance which requires the commitment of 50% or more of the on-duty personnel will require the approval of an Assistant Chief.

## 3. Inter-Agency Communications

- a. An on-scene commander from the Tempe Police Department will establish a liaison with the on-scene commander from each of the agencies with whom the Tempe Police Department has responded to assist, or from whom the Tempe Police Department has requested assistance.
- b. The Tempe Police On-Scene Commander will ensure that all necessary information is communicated between the departments and its

employees.

- 1) ALL incident-related communications (whether written or oral) between organizational elements, should be in “plain language” to ensure information dissemination is timely, clear, acknowledged, and understood by all intended recipients. “10-codes” should not be used. The use of acronyms should be avoided during an incident requiring the participation of multiple disciplines, organizations or agencies.
  - 2) Although plain language may be appropriate during most incidents, tactical language is occasionally warranted due to the nature of the incident. Supervisors shall remind personnel to adhere to this standard, as needed.
- c. When Tempe Police officers and other officers are deployed during the same incident, every Tempe officer will have the ability to communicate with officers from the other agency. This can be accomplished by:
- 1) Providing officers from the other agency with Tempe Police Department radios or ensuring that Tempe Police employees are provided with radios by the other department, or
  - 2) Deploying Tempe officers with officers from the other jurisdiction so each has access to their own departments' radio system.
4. Additional State resources, such as DPS or the National Guard, may be available when a disturbance or disaster occurs within the City that requires the application of substantial law enforcement counter force. The Police Chief or an Assistant Chief will be notified for authorization, should such personnel be needed.
- a. If maximum control becomes necessary, the Mayor will request additional assistance from the Governor of the State, who may proclaim a state of emergency and authorize the mobilization of the Arizona National Guard.
  - b. All outside agency personnel will be directed to report to the Incident Commander designated by the Police Chief, or an Assistant Chief in

his/her absence.

- c. Specialized resources, such as those that may be necessary for conducting search and rescue operations, may be requested from agencies such as MCSO and DPS.