

2/5 Agency Jurisdiction

2/5.1 Jurisdictional Responsibility

This section clarifies the Los Angeles World Airports' policy with regard to areas of responsibility. It should be stressed that because of public policy, officers should not ignore felonies and threats to public safety committed in their presence or injuries, emergencies and accidents which confront them while conducting their specified and assigned duties.

Airport Police officers shall not ignore serious situations, which directly and visually confront them while on assigned duty only because of jurisdictional/ boundary concerns.

A. Patrol Boundaries

While on patrol, officers are required to diligently perform their duties and take appropriate action in matters of concern to the Los Angeles World Airports. The area to be patrolled is defined, as all property owned by the Los Angeles World Airports.

1. The extension of patrol areas into adjacent residential areas or cities is not authorized.
2. Officers in transition to, from, or through the areas to be patrolled are authorized to travel via service roads or adjacent surface streets using direct routes. The patrol area boundaries shall be as follows:

Los Angeles International Airport (LAWA/LAX)

- a. The North boundary extends from the intersection of Vista Del Mar Lane and Vista Del Mar to the intersection of Vista Del Mar Lane and Manchester Ave.;;

Then from the intersection of Vista Del Mar Lane and Manchester Ave. east to the intersection of Manchester Ave. and Aviation Blvd.;
- b. The East boundary extends from the intersection of Manchester Blvd. and Aviation Blvd. south to the intersection of Aviation Blvd. and Arbor Vitae St.;;

Then, from the intersection of Aviation Blvd. and Arbor Vitae St. east to the intersection of Arbor Vitae St. and La Cienega Blvd.;;

Then From the intersection of Arbor Vitae St. and La Cienega Blvd. south to the intersection of La Cienega Blvd. and Imperial Hwy.
- c. The South boundary extends from the intersection of La Cienega Blvd. and Imperial Hwy. to the intersection of Imperial Hwy. and Vista Del Mar.
- d. The West boundary extends from the intersection of Imperial Hwy. and Vista Del Mar to the intersection of Vista Del Mar and Vista Del Mar Lane.

Van Nuys Airport (LAWA/VNY)

- a. The North boundary extends from the intersection of Balboa Blvd. and Parthenia St. east to the intersection of Parthenia St. and Woodley Ave.

- b. The East boundary extends from the intersection of Parthenia St. and Woodley Ave. south to Victory Blvd.

Exception: The Flyaway Bus Terminal property and Superior Industries, both LAWA owned properties, extend from Woodley Ave. to Gloria Ave., one block east of Woodley Ave.

- c. The South boundary extends from the intersection of Woodley Ave. and Victory Blvd. westward to the intersection of Victory Blvd. and Balboa Blvd.
- d. The West boundary extends from the intersection of Victory Blvd. and Balboa Blvd. north to the intersection of Balboa Blvd. and Parthenia St.

B. Outside LAWA Transition Boundary Limits

Due to Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) insurance limitations and potential of the officer's liability, Airport Police vehicles will not be used outside LAWA transition boundary limits unless authorized by a supervisor. Officers observing activity requiring law enforcement action shall:

- 1. Notify Communications Unit, and request that the appropriate agency be notified;
- 2. Carefully consider the tactical situation (availability of backup, radio contact, etc.);
- 3. Act only to protect life, property, or on matters of concern to the City of Los Angeles.

c. Off Airport Activity Within City Limits

On duty officers transitioning off airport areas within the City of Los Angeles limits may take law enforcement action provided:

- 1. A serious threat to the public safety exists;
- 2. The action has direct airport benefit; or,
- 3. To assist at accident scenes prior to arrival of the local law enforcement agency with jurisdictional authority and the local fire department.

Officers engaging in off airport enforcement activity shall notify the police communications center at their airport of the location and nature of the activity. Supervisors shall monitor and respond to such activity, if necessary.

Communications Unit shall be notified of the clearing time and disposition of this incident. All off-airport activity shall be logged in CAD, as well as on the supervisor's Daily Report.

Examples:

An officer observing a traffic accident scene should stop, make necessary notifications, render aid and assist with traffic control until the agency with jurisdictional responsibility arrives.

A vehicle driving unimpeded 50 MPH in a 40-MPH zone would not justify Airport Police action, since there is neither a serious hazard nor any airport benefit.

D. Citations for Off-Airport Infractions

Citations for off-airport infractions are discouraged.

E. Other Agency Assistance

The Watch Commander may assign a reasonable number of Airport Police officers to aid another police agency when the Watch Commander from that agency makes the request and when providing that assistance does not deplete our assets and deter our mission:

1. The Watch Commander shall consider the following factors when reasonably determining whether to assign officers to assist the outside agency:
 - a. Severity of the crime.
 - b. Proximity to the airport.
 - c. Whether the incident has overwhelmed the requesting agency and our assistance is necessary to ensure there are no adverse effects to the Airport Police law enforcement and security mission.
2. Only an Airport Police dual trained explosive dog may be assigned to search for explosive devices. TSA trained canines shall not be used for these requests;
3. Airport Police officers shall not voluntarily respond or self-dispatch to incidents or calls outside of the Airport Police jurisdiction without prior approval from the Watch Commander;
4. An on-duty Airport Police officer that observes an incident or crime in progress in another jurisdiction may take enforcement action to protect the life of another or prevent a significant loss of property. Immediate notification to Communications Unit and the Watch Commander shall be made as soon as it is safe to do so.
5. The Watch Commander shall notify the CDO in cases where Airport Police officers are assigned to an outside agency assist for extended periods or for significant incidents, such as;
 - a) A police officer from another jurisdiction is the victim of a homicide or sustained great bodily injuries and the suspect is outstanding; or,
 - b) To assist in the search for an outstanding felony suspect that has used or threatened to use deadly force.
 - c) The Watch Commander may consult the CDO at any time.
6. The Watch Commander shall include information in the Watch Commander's Daily Report regarding any outside agency assist that occurs during the shift.