

SANTA CLARA POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER 2.1

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2.1.1 Geographical Boundaries

The Santa Clara Police Department shall provide police services to the incorporated boundaries and limits of the City of Santa Clara.

Current maps illustrating the incorporated boundaries shall be maintained within the Santa Clara Police Department and the Santa Clara Communications Center.

When a question of jurisdiction exists, police officers should request confirmation of jurisdictional boundaries from Communications or from their immediate supervisor.

2.1.2 Concurrent Jurisdiction and Responsibilities

The Santa Clara Police Department has primary jurisdiction to enforce the ordinances of the City of Santa Clara and the laws of the State of California, and to carry out all duties and responsibilities assigned to the Department except as provided by State or Federal law.

The Santa Clara Police Department acknowledges that other law enforcement agencies have concurrent jurisdiction within the city limits of Santa Clara.

The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office has jurisdiction for the interior of the Santa Clara County Court facility, located on Homestead Road.

The California Highway Patrol has jurisdiction for the interior of the Department of Motor Vehicles facility on Flora Vista Avenue.

Additionally, the California Highway Patrol has concurrent jurisdiction for traffic related activity on those portions of U.S. 101, S.R. 237, Interstate 280, Lawrence, Central and San Tomas / Montague Expressways that are within the City. The Santa Clara Police Department is responsible for all criminal activity that occurs on these highways.

The West Valley-Mission College District Police Department has concurrent jurisdiction for the Mission College facility. The Santa Clara Police Department will investigate crimes as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding in place between the two agencies.

The Santa Clara Police Department acknowledges that various State and Federal law enforcement agencies have the authority to conduct investigations within the City. When requested to assist in a joint investigation with one of these agencies, the Santa Clara Police Department will provide resources as approved by the appropriate Department official.

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2.1.3 Mutual Aid

Policy:

It is the policy of the Santa Clara Police Department to comply, whenever possible, with all law enforcement requests for mutual aid assistance, after taking into consideration calls for service and personnel demands.

All requests for mutual aid assistance are covered by the "State of California Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan," a copy of which is maintained in the Field Operations Division Captain's office. Two other publications, the "Law Enforcement Guide for Emergency Operations Planning" and "Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan (SAR Annex)", are also maintained in the Captain's office.

Requests:

When the Chief of Police (or designee) determines that a planned event or an emergency situation in the City may become or is already beyond the control of the Department's resources, he or she has the responsibility to request mutual aid through the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office (Operational Area Coordinator). It shall be the responsibility of the Sheriff's Office to arrange for the response of outside agencies.

In emergency situations, the Watch Commander shall have the authority to assign police officers to assist neighboring law enforcement agencies, provided the law enforcement obligations to the City of Santa Clara are fully upheld.

The requesting jurisdiction's highest-ranking officer present at the scene shall be responsible for deployment of all assisting agency personnel.

All requests for mutual aid assistance, either sending or receiving, shall be reported through the chain of command to the Chief of Police in the Watch Commander's report. The documentation shall include the time of request, number of units assigned, and names of officers assigned.

If appropriate, communication needs for responding units shall be coordinated through County Communications.

Through common agreement, mutual aid support is provided without reimbursement unless expressly provided for a duly proclaimed state of extreme emergency or disaster.

2.1.4 Emergency Federal Assistance or National Guard Assistance

Emergency Federal Assistance:

The Chief of Police, Field Operations Division Captain, or Watch Commander has the authority to request emergency assistance from local Federal law enforcement agencies (FBI, DEA, Immigration and Naturalization, Treasury Department, etc.) by telephone or through emergency

communications systems. The Federal law enforcement agencies may respond with available units where life or property is threatened.

Any requests for Federal response shall be made through Communications.

Requesting National Guard Assistance:

The California Office of Emergency Services (OES) will dispatch the National Guard only for a declared local emergency and after local mutual aid efforts have proven to be insufficient to handle the emergency incident. Requests for the National Guard must be made through the City Manager to the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, and then to the OES.