

Laurel Police Department – General Order
Chapter III, Section 100, Order 101 – Jurisdiction / Mutual Aid
March 31, 2014

3 / 101.05 POLICY

It is the policy that the Department abides by the jurisdictional boundaries that exist completely within Prince George's County, Maryland.

3 / 101.10 PURPOSE

To ensure all sworn personnel are aware of the jurisdictional boundaries.

3 / 101.15 DEFINITIONS

None

3 / 101.20 PROCEDURES

A. GENERAL

1. The City of Laurel's jurisdictional boundaries exist completely within Prince George's County, Maryland.
2. The City of Laurel is, however, directly bordered on the north by Howard County and to the east by Anne Arundel County. The southern and western boundaries of the City are within Prince George's County.
3. All sworn personnel are trained to be aware of jurisdictional boundaries.
 - a. In addition, the department's Computer Assisted Dispatch System is programmed with all address locations within the City of Laurel's jurisdiction.
4. Sworn personnel of the Laurel Police Department are responsible for the detection and enforcement of all local, county, state and federal laws within the corporate limits of the City of Laurel.
5. All calls for service generated within the boundaries of the Laurel City jurisdiction are forwarded via the enhanced Emergency 911 System maintained by Prince George's County to the Laurel Police Communications Center.
 - a. These calls are then dispatched and handled by personnel of this agency, in that the Laurel Police Department is the primary law enforcement body within the City of Laurel.

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B. EXTENT OF MUTUAL AID

1. Mutual aid may be requested from, or provided to neighboring law enforcement jurisdictions by the Department at the discretion of a supervisor, who shall seek approval via a member of the Command Staff as soon as practical.
2. All requests for mutual aid assistance outside the City of Laurel will be governed in accordance with state laws and existing agreements between agencies
3. There are generally three (3) levels of mutual aid assistance:
 - a. Short Duration Assistance - requests that are anticipated to exist for a period of time not to exceed one (1) hour wherein a need for traffic direction and/or prisoner control may be required.
 - 1) This would not require Command Staff Approval.
 - b. Medium Duration Assistance - one (1) to four (4) hours in duration wherein additional personnel may be required to report to maintain service levels.
 - 1) This would require Command Staff Approval.
 - 2) Requests of this nature should be made between agencies in advance if possible.
 - 3) This would include instances in which a show of force, prisoner transports or traffic control would be ongoing.
 - 4) Supervisory personnel and Command Staff personnel must ensure the minimum staffing levels are maintained within the City.
 - c. Long Duration Assistance - Of more than four (4) hour duration. Full-scale assistance must be authorized by a member of the Command Staff, who will be responsible for coordinating the additional assistance required or requested.
 - 1) This type of mutual aid should be addressed by agencies in advance and by either written agreement or concurrent jurisdiction. (See Mutual Aid Agreement; Laurel/Howard County)

C. EXISTING MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS/ CONDITIONS

1. Prince George's County Police Department - Wherein the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Laurel are within Prince George's County and based upon the jurisdictional authority granted to the Prince George's County Police Department, under the Prince George's County Code, Subtitle 18, Section 18-142.
 - a. This grants members of that department full police authority on all land, water and air within the territorial limits of the county.
 - b. No agreement of mutual aid is necessary for the granting of authority.
 - c. A request for routine, short, and medium duration assistance is continually shared.
2. Howard County Police Department- Police Mutual Aid Agreement: adopted by both government entities and became effective September 1, 1989.
3. Anne Arundel County Police Department-Police Mutual Aid Agreement: adopted by both government entities and became effective July 27, 2009.

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4. Hyattsville Police Department, Bladensburg Police Department, Riverdale Park Police Department, Greenbelt Police Department, University Park Police Department, and Edmonston Police Department- Police Mutual Aid Agreement: adopted by both government entities and became effective February 26, 2010.
 - a. These agreements were developed and adopted under provisions of the Maryland Code, Criminal Procedure Article, Title 2, Section 105.
 - b. These agreements outline the requests for:
 - 1) Personnel;
 - 2) Equipment;
 - 3) The procedure for making the request for assistance;
 - 4) Personnel authorized to make such a request;
 - 5) Personnel authorized to grant such requests;
 - 6) Procedures for ensuring radio communications between agencies;
 - 7) Disposition of any expenditures incurred;
 - 8) The liability of either agency's participation arising from this agreement; and
 - 9) The authority of either agency to cancel the agreement upon 30 days written notice.

D. SUPERVISORY / COMMAND STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Supervisory personnel shall be responsible for maintaining minimum manpower requirements within the jurisdiction of Laurel when authorizing any mutual aid assistance to any of the surrounding law enforcement jurisdictions.

E. MARYLAND CODE, PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE

Title 2, Section 101 defines law enforcement agency/officers in the State of Maryland to include municipal officers. As defined in Public Safety Article, Title 2 of the Maryland Code the powers and duties of the Maryland State Police are supplemental to and concurrent with those of the municipal officers of the Laurel Police Department. Additionally, in the Criminal Procedure Article of Maryland Code, under Title 2, Section 102, “a police officer may make arrests, conduct investigations and otherwise enforce the laws of the State throughout the State without limitations as to jurisdiction” when “an emergency exists”.

The Chief Executive Officer / Chief of Police of the municipality may, therefore, request the assistance of the Maryland State Police, when the need for police mutual aid arises.

F. MARYLAND CODE, CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE, TITLE 2, SECTION 102 / AUTHORITY OF POLICE OFFICERS – IN GENERAL

On April 26, 1993 the State of Maryland adopted amendments to the law, which granted all law enforcement personnel limited statewide arrest. The newest revision of this, which is seen in Maryland Code, Criminal Procedure Article states: “Subject to the limitations of paragraph (3) of this subsection, a police officer may make arrests, conduct investigations, and otherwise enforce the laws of the State throughout the State without limitations to jurisdiction”. In response and in accordance the Laurel Police Department adopted use of this law in Department Policy 93-1, which has since

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been changed into General Order 3/102. This policy provided stringent guidelines for use of these powers. Specifically General Order 3/102 grants arrest authority to make an arrest as a police officer while rendering assistance to a police officer at the request of the local police officer.

3 / 101.25 GOVERNING LEGISLATION AND REFERENCES

City of Laurel Mutual Aid Agreements, Memorandums of Understanding Manual
CALEA Standards 2.1.2, 2.1.3

3 / 1016.30 ANNEX

None