



MYRTLE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

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PURPOSE

To delineate the methods by which, the Department is able to maintain accurate and timely knowledge of areas falling within its jurisdiction and to provide knowledge and information pertaining to any formal mutual aid agreement which exist between this agency and others.

I. Geographic Boundaries

- A. An accurate map depicting specific boundaries for the City of Myrtle Beach is displayed within the Computer Automated Dispatch, CAD, system as official reference regarding jurisdictional limits.
 - 1) The map will be updated as changes in jurisdictional boundaries occur.
 - 2) It shall be the responsibility of the Support Services Lieutenant to update the map in the CAD system.
- B. The Support Services Lieutenant will notify all police employees via email of the updates to the CAD Maps.
- C. Any question of jurisdiction shall be addressed to the on-duty Shift Supervisor.
- D. All sworn officers shall frequently familiarize themselves with the boundaries of the City of Myrtle Beach and refer to the official map if questions arise.

II. Concurrent Jurisdictions

- A. Other jurisdictions having jurisdiction within the City of Myrtle Beach are the Horry County Police and Sheriff's Departments, as well as state and federal law enforcement agencies.
- B. All employees of the Myrtle Beach Police Department will offer complete cooperation when situations arise where these agencies must exercise their authority within the city limits.

III. Interagency Cooperation

- A. Effective law enforcement is not a singular effort but requires the cooperation and interactions of several agencies. The Myrtle Beach Police Department supports this concept and will fully cooperate with other agencies in the discharge of these duties.
- B. The South Carolina Code of Laws grants county sheriffs and county police departments general law enforcement authority throughout their respective counties, regardless of the presence of municipal subdivisions.
- C. The South Carolina Code of Laws grants the SC Highway Patrol and the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) general law enforcement authority on all state roads and property within the state.
- D. In any situation where a question arises concerning the department's jurisdiction, the responding officer will make every attempt to resolve the matter in the most professional manner possible with the assistance of their supervisor.
 - 1) If no amicable solution can be reached, the matter should be handled by this Department in a manner that is in the best interests of the community.
 - 2) A report outlining the situation and means of resolution will be prepared and forwarded through channels to the Chief of Police.

IV. Emergency Federal Law Enforcement Assistance

- A. In the event of an emergency which, in the opinion of the Chief of Police, requires federal law enforcement assistance, aid will be solicited from the appropriate federal agency.
- B. In the event of a criminal offense in which there is a concurrent enforcement responsibility, the highest ranking on-duty supervisor may notify the FBI, DEA or other federal agency having concurrent jurisdiction.

V. National Guard Emergency Assistance

- A. If National Guard assistance is needed, the Chief of Police or their designee must request the call out from the Mayor, or the highest elected official if the mayor cannot be located.
 - 1) A full brief of all details concerning the request will be quickly and accurately relayed as defining the necessity of National Guard assistance.
- B. The mayor or highest elected official must then request the call out from the Governor's office.

VI. Mutual Aid

- A. The City Manager at the request of the Chief of Police shall have the authority to enter the Department into any mutual aid agreement that would mutually enhance the Department's ability to accomplish established goals and missions.
- B. A copy of each mutual aid agreement is maintained in the Office of the Chief of Police.
- C. Mutual aid agreements require legal review by the City Attorney and passage by City Council prior to being valid and executable.