




COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

"Policing Excellence through Community Partnerships"

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1.0 DIRECTIVE

The Columbia Police Department will provide a full range of law enforcement services throughout the Department's jurisdiction. Further, the Department will provide any and all assistance to other agencies charged with the public welfare in a manner consistent with law and sound enforcement practices.

2.0 AGENCY JURISDICTION

Each Division/Region of the Columbia Police Department will maintain a geographical map detailing the territorial boundaries of its police responsibility and the agency's jurisdictional boundaries. The Planning and Research Unit has the responsibility for ensuring that the Department's maps are updated to reflect newly annexed areas.

In accordance with the City of Columbia Ordinance, Section 10-31, all members of the Columbia Police Department will have jurisdiction within the corporate city limits and upon owned or leased city property outside the corporate limits. A description of the geographical boundaries of owned and leased City real property located outside the corporate city limits is available in the office of the City Clerk.

3.0 CONCURRENT JURISDICTION

The Columbia Police Department will enforce all laws and ordinances within its legal jurisdiction. It is the duty of this Department to respond to all complaints and calls for assistance within the corporate City limits and upon City owned or leased property outside the corporate limits.

Any incident occurring in any area within the jurisdiction of the Columbia Police Department but also under the jurisdiction of a concurrent law enforcement agency will be handled by the concurrent law enforcement agency with the following exceptions:

- A concurrent jurisdiction requests the assistance of this Department.
- A statutory violation is committed in the presence of, or within the view of any Columbia Police officer.

- Any exigent circumstance that an officer, at his discretion, believes warrants his assistance or intervention, and that by a failure to act would endanger life or property, fail to preserve the peace, or prevent the commission of a crime.

Any call for assistance that is determined to be within a concurrent jurisdiction will be referred to that jurisdiction for response by Columbia-Richland Communications or through direct notification by any officer of this Department.

Any intervention by an officer of this Department in a concurrent jurisdiction (other than property owned by the Federal Government or United States Military) that results in an arrest will be adjudicated in City Court or General Sessions Court depending on the offense.

3.1 Federal Property

Federal property within the corporate limits of the City of Columbia is subject to exclusive jurisdiction of federal officers. A federal agency may request the specific assistance of a Columbia Police Officer on such property; at which time, the jurisdiction becomes concurrent until the assistance is no longer appropriate.

If a Columbia Police Officer observes a statutory violation on federal property, the officer will act and detain any suspects until federal authorities have been notified and arrived at the location to affect the arrest.

Any member of this Department holding a warrant for a person located on federal property must obtain the assistance of a federal officer to execute the warrant.

3.2 Metro Narcotics Agreements

The Columbia Police Department may enter into agreements with other law enforcement agencies for the purpose of criminal investigations in accordance with South Carolina Code § 23-1-215. These written agreements must be signed by both the Chief of Police, City Manager and the head of the other law enforcement agency and must be renewed annually. These agreements also must contain a list of the personnel affected by the agreement.

These agreements will give those officers identified in the agreement concurrent jurisdiction with the other law enforcement agency for the specific investigations outlined in the agreement. All arrests made pursuant to the agreements will be adjudicated in the jurisdiction where the arrest was made.

S. C. Code § 23-1-215 also allows written agreements for joint enforcement efforts dealing with incidents other than narcotics. In the event of such a written agreement, departmental policies and procedures will be developed and distributed to the involved personnel.

4.0 INCIDENTS OUTSIDE COLUMBIA POLICE JURISDICTION

Should a City of Columbia police officer get flagged down or become involved in an incident outside the corporate City limits of Columbia the officer shall:

1. Notify dispatch of incident and have them request assistance from the agency having jurisdiction.
2. Notify Watch Commander that you are at an incident out-side our jurisdiction and advise if additional units are necessary.
3. Offer to assist agency having jurisdiction.
4. Submit a written information report through the officer's chain-of-command to the Chief of Police detailing the circumstances of the incident.

Examples of incidents may include: assisting a disabled motorist, witnessing or being first on the scene of a motor vehicle accident, witnessing a crime in progress

5.0 REFERRALS TO OTHER AGENCIES

In the course of police activity, an officer may encounter a juvenile or adult in need of services that are beyond the scope and resources of the Department. Every effort should be made to assist these persons within the limits of time and available resources.

After all reasonable departmental avenues have been exhausted; officers should refer these persons to another criminal justice or social service agency based on the following criteria:

- Nature of problem
- Urgency of situation
- Age of those involved
- Type of help or remedy required

A listing of agencies, telephone numbers and the services provided will be maintained by the Communications Center and the Telephone Response Unit. Any officer that is unable to refer the person in need to an agency will contact the Communications Center or Telephone Response Unit for assistance.