

Bowie Police Department - General Orders



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I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Bowie Police Department to establish and maintain mutual aid agreements in order to protect the safety and well being of the residents of the signatory jurisdictions. This policy pertains only to those law enforcement agencies that have a Memorandum of Understanding with this Department.

II. JURISDICTION

Generally, the legal jurisdiction of the police department stops at the City limits, as defined by the City Charter, however, in addition to the authority to act outside City limits as described in General Order 5-45 and Officer employed by the Department acting under a reciprocal agreement (a mutual aid agreement) adopted pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Crim. Proc. Art § 2-105, may enforce the laws of the State to the same extent as authorized law enforcement Officers of the receiving jurisdiction.

III. MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS

A. Mutual aid may be requested from or provided to another law enforcement agency under a Mutual Aid Agreement by the Department at the direction of the Chief or the Chief's designee. Therefore, when an Officer perceives the need to request aid from another law enforcement agency or receives a request for aid from another law enforcement agency, he shall contact his supervisor and initiate a request for authorization through the chain of command.

B. Mutual Aid Agreements provide all the necessary information to initiate mutual aid activities either on behalf of our Department or at the request of the neighboring law enforcement agency.

This information addresses the following information:

1. The legal status of agencies and agency personnel responding to mutual aid request (CALEA 2.1.3.a);
2. Procedures for vesting provider agency personnel with the legal authority to act within the receiver agency's jurisdiction (CALEA 2.1.3.b);

3. Procedures for requesting mutual aid (CALEA 2.1.3.c);
4. Identity of those persons authorized to request mutual aid (CALEA 2.1.3.d);
5. Identity of persons to whom outside personnel are to report (CALEA 2.1.3.e);
6. Procedures for maintaining radio communications with outside personnel (CALEA 2.1.3.f);
7. Expenditures, if any, which should be borne by the receiver agency to compensate for the use of the provider agencies resources (CALEA 2.1.3.g); and,
8. Procedures for review and revision if prescribed in the agreement (CALEA 2.1.3.h).

C. Copies of the agreements and policy will be kept on file in the Chief's office.

IV. REPORTING

An Officer rendering or requesting mutual aid will prepare a report detailing the circumstances under which the aid was given or requested and shall submit such report to his supervisor, who shall be responsible for ensuring that such report is transmitted to the Chief or the Chief's designee for approval.

V. REQUESTING FEDERAL/NATIONAL GUARD ASSISTANCE: (CALEA 2.1.4)

- A. In the event of any emergency requiring federal law enforcement assistance, a member of Command Staff is authorized to solicit aid from the appropriate federal agency.
- B. Should an emergency arise necessitating the call-out of the Maryland National Guard, the Chief of Police or his/her designee must request the call-out from the Mayor, or the highest elected official if the Mayor cannot be located. The Mayor or highest ranking official in his/her absents must then request the call-out from the Governor's Office.