

# FLORENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER

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**I. POLICY**

It is the policy of this Department to provide, when requested, as much service as practical and feasible to concurrent law enforcement agencies.

**II. PURPOSE**

This written order establishes guidelines for concurrent jurisdiction operations.

**III. SCOPE**

This written order is applicable to all personnel.

**IV. RESPONSIBILITY**

It shall be the responsibility of all employees to comply with this directive.

**V. DEFINITIONS**

- A. CONCURRENT – Having equal jurisdiction or authority to the Florence Police Department.
- B. EMERGENCY SITUATIONS – An actual or potential condition that poses an immediate threat to life or property.
- C. GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARY: The geographic boundaries of the Department’s jurisdiction are delineated in detail by both a computer assisted dispatch system and jurisdictional and zone maps located at various places in the Department (i.e., the zone maps). Additions and delineations are made on a daily basis in the CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch System) and periodically on the jurisdiction and zone maps located within the Department.
- D. NON-EMERGENCY SITUATIONS – Service such as routine calls to accidents, domestic disturbances, etc. which are performed on a regular basis.

**VI. PROCEDURES**

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- A. **REPORTING** - The agency with primary jurisdiction will be responsible for reporting the events, supervising officers responding to the scene, processing the scene, incarcerating any suspects, conducting the follow-up investigation (if any), and impounding evidence.
- B. **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Code of Alabama Titles 11-80-9 and 31-9-9 through 31-9-24 provide for disaster assistance to counties and municipalities through the Emergency Management network. The Code will be followed during a disaster situation. The Department will maintain a liaison with other emergency management authorities and coordinate efforts with those affected agencies.
- C. **NON-EMERGENCY:** Responding outside the City of Florence city limits (upon request of another agency) to assist with a non-emergency situation needs only the approval of a field supervisor. It should be noted that the actual reporting and responsibility for the call belongs to the agency requesting assistance unless otherwise approved by a supervisor of the Florence Police Department.
- D. **EMERGENCY SITUATIONS:** Responding outside the City of Florence city limits (upon request of another agency) to assist with an emergency situation requires the approval of a field supervisor. A field supervisor is to coordinate the response of Florence officers and accompany officers to the scene of the emergency. Once present, to the extent the situation allows, the Florence supervisor will make contact with a supervisor from the requesting agency and coordinate efforts. Upon conducting an assessment of the emergency, the Shift Commander and Chiefs' are to be notified of the nature and extent of the emergency, and informed of the Florence resources involved. The level of involvement of Florence officers can be determined subsequent to the initial assessment.
- E. **GUIDELINES:** The Department may render or receive assistance from other concurrent jurisdictions when situations exist to warrant such action.
  - 1. The amount, type, and extent of assistance provided by the Florence Police Department will depend upon the situation and the availability of service. Human resources, equipment, and communications will be offered as directed by the Chief of Police or his designee.
  - 2. Communications with other agencies will be coordinated with the other agency(s) in both emergency and non-emergency assistance situations.
  - 3. Requests for assistance from other agencies outside the Florence Police Department will be made by the Chief of Police, Bureau Commander, Division Commander, Shift Commander, or their designee.
- F. **REQUESTING OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE:** During both emergency and

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non-emergency situations, the Department will fully assess the situation prior to the use of outside personnel. Outside agencies could be asked to assist in comparable functions such as K-9 building search, special response team situations, crowd control, traffic direction and control or prisoner security, as the need dictates.

Federal law enforcement aid or federal aid of any kind in emergency situations will be requested through the Department's chain of command by way of Emergency Management operations. All requests for non-emergency federal law enforcement aid are excluded from this directive.

**VII. CONCURRENT JURISDICTIONS**

A. **FEDERAL AGENCIES** - Federal agencies have jurisdiction over certain federal crimes regardless of the location of the incident. The Florence Police Department will coordinate efforts with federal law enforcement officials in the event the crime falls under federal jurisdiction (for ex: bank robbery).

1. **PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS**

- a. Officers receiving a report of a federal crime (e.g., bank robbery) over which concurrent jurisdiction exists, must at a minimum, conduct a preliminary investigation. An incident / offense or arrest report, should be completed and the crime scene processed if necessary.
- b. The presence of a federal agency at a crime scene does not relieve Department personnel from the requirement to conduct a preliminary investigation.

B. **STATE AGENCIES**

- 1. The Alabama State Troopers have concurrent jurisdiction with the Florence Police Department for traffic violations and incidents on some public roadways in our jurisdiction.
- 2. The Florence Police Department will have primary jurisdiction for non-traffic crimes that are committed on roadways.

C. **COUNTY AGENCIES**

- 1. The Florence Police Department has primary responsibility for emergency and non-emergency situations occurring within its jurisdiction.
- 2. The Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department has jurisdiction throughout Lauderdale County. If the Sheriff's Department discovers a non-emergency incident within the Florence police jurisdiction, Florence police will ordinarily be notified and the appropriate unit(s) will respond. If the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department discovers an emergency incident within Florence

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police jurisdiction, the Sheriff's Department will ordinarily handle the incident until assistance arrives from Florence officers.

D. OTHER MUNICIPALITIES

1. Upon request, the Florence Police Department will render assistance to other municipalities. The amount, type, and extent of assistance provided by the Florence Police Department will depend upon the situation and the availability of service. Human resources, equipment, and communications will be offered as directed by the Chief of Police or his designee (including patrol supervisors).

E. UNIVERSITIES

1. The Florence Police Department has the authority to enforce laws and ordinances on the campus of the University of North Alabama. This authority does not extend to the enforcement of university or college rules and regulations, unless the acts committed also constitute a violation of law.
2. The University has primary responsibility for all emergency and non-emergency situations within its respective jurisdiction. The Florence Police Department may assist when requested.
3. The Florence Police Department will assume operational responsibility, when requested, for crimes that exceed the capabilities of university public safety. This may be due to the nature or magnitude of the crime, the need for special protection of physical evidence prior to processing, or because of specialized unit requirements. Human resources, equipment, and communications will be offered as directed by the Chief of Police or his designee.

- F. JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES: Disagreements as to jurisdiction or responsibilities will be resolved by supervisors at the scene, when possible. If needed, Department supervisors will contact the other agency's supervision and his/her own chain of command as needed until the problem is resolved. Under no circumstance will the public or officer safety be compromised while a jurisdictional question is under discussion. Departmental personnel will stabilize the situation until jurisdictional issues can be resolved.

- G. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE: The Florence Police Department supports all emergency management incidents, whether local, state, or nationally, to the extent that resources are available. This assistance is offered as directed by the Chief of Police or his designee.