

Littleton Police Department

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PROCEDURE # 2.1

SUBJECT: Jurisdiction

CALEA STANDARDS: 2.1.1, 2.1.2

NOTE: This written directive is for the internal governance of the Littleton Police Department, and as provided by RSA 516:36, is not intended and should not be interpreted to establish a higher standard of care in any civil or criminal action than would otherwise be applicable under existing law.

Purpose

This General Order will describe the Town of Littleton jurisdictional boundaries. Knowledge of the Town's geographical boundaries is fundamental to avoid jurisdictional conflicts. There are also agencies that have concurrent jurisdiction within the Town boundaries. This General Order will also provide guidelines to settle any jurisdictional disputes that may arise.

Policy

It is the policy of the Littleton Police Department to provide police services within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Town of Littleton, New Hampshire.

Procedure

Definitions:

- **Concurrent:** The sharing of, or having equal authority, within the same jurisdictional boundaries by two or more government entities.

Jurisdictional Boundaries

- The current jurisdictional boundaries of the Town of Littleton are depicted in the map (attachment A). Large scale maps that specifically delineate the Town jurisdictional boundaries are posted in the squad room at the Littleton Police Department.

Concurrent Jurisdictions

- The Littleton Police Department shall have concurrent jurisdiction with all State and Federal law enforcement agencies.
- Should an agency that has concurrent jurisdiction desire to investigate an incident that has occurred within the Town, affected members of the Department shall fully cooperate, within reason, to assist the agency's investigation.
- The Shift Supervisor (for incidents that have just occurred) or the Chief of Police and/or the Deputy Chief of Police (for incidents that are already being investigated) shall decide whether the Littleton Police Departments' investigation shall be suspended or continued concurrently with the outside agency's investigation.

Conflict of Jurisdiction

- Within the limits of the Town of Littleton, the Littleton Police Department shall be responsible for enforcing state law, providing general law enforcement duties and have exclusive jurisdiction and responsibilities in matters concerning Town Ordinances.
- In any situation where a question arises of jurisdiction with another agency, the responding member or employee shall make every effort to resolve the matter in the most professional manner possible.
- If this matter cannot be resolved by the responding member or employee, they shall notify an immediate supervisor.
- If the supervisor cannot resolve the issue of jurisdiction, then this Department will conduct a separate investigation of the matter. The other agency may conduct their own investigation if they so desire. Every effort will be made by members and employees of this Department to cooperate and conduct the investigation in a professional and cooperative manner.