



# LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDERS

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## I. POLICY

In order to avoid duplication of services and clarify roles, the major law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction in the City of Lincoln have agreed on basic issues of jurisdiction and responsibility. The purpose of this policy is to define the role of the Lincoln Police Department regarding mutual aid to other law enforcement agencies, concurrent jurisdictions, and interagency agreements. The provision of mutual aid does not expand the legal jurisdiction of Lincoln police officers.

## II. PROCEDURE

A. The primary areas of law enforcement responsibility within Lincoln and Lancaster County are as follows:

1. Lincoln Police Department: Within the corporate city limits of Lincoln as defined by Municipal Code, including park lands owned or managed by the City of Lincoln, even if outside the corporate limits.
2. Lancaster County Sheriff: Throughout Lancaster County.
3. University of Nebraska Police Department: All property and facilities, on and off campus, owned by the University.
4. Nebraska State Patrol: Throughout Lancaster County.
5. Airport Authority: Lincoln Municipal Airport.

B. With few exceptions, government facilities and property within Lincoln and Lancaster County are the responsibility of the law enforcement agency from the corresponding unit of government. Some specific facilities are noted in the following list:

1. Youth Detention Center, Nebraska Center for Children and Youth, and the Veteran's Administration Hospital: Lincoln Police Department.

2. Lancaster County Courts, District Courts, and Juvenile Courts: Lancaster County Sheriff.
3. All other County-City Building offices, and County or City facilities within the City of Lincoln: Lincoln Police Department.
4. Lancaster County Corrections Department facilities: Lincoln Police Department.
5. Pioneers Park and Wilderness Park: Lincoln Police Department.
6. Lincoln Regional Center, Governor's Mansion, State correctional facilities: Nebraska State Patrol.
7. University of Nebraska buildings, facilities and property: UNL Police Department.
8. State Capitol, State Office Building: Lincoln Police Department will respond to calls for service upon request. Continuing investigations may be conducted by the Nebraska State Patrol, depending on the circumstances.

C. Even when another law enforcement agency has primary responsibility, the Lincoln Police Department will respond on an emergency or mutual aid basis to incidents within Lincoln or Lancaster County, pending the arrival of that agency.

### D. Mutual Aid

1. The Lincoln Police Department maintains interagency agreements with the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, Nebraska State Patrol, Lincoln Fire Department, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Nebraska State Capitol, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department, and Youth Detention Center. Mutual aid agreements are maintained by the assistant chief.
2. The purpose of the mutual aid agreements is to clarify jurisdiction, responsibility, and to provide assistance to agencies. The agreements outline procedures for requesting LPD assistance, agency responsibilities, costs associated with providing personnel and equipment, joint

investigative efforts, cooperative task forces, and the activation of tactical teams.

3. Officers participating in a multi-agency operation will adhere to all Lincoln Police Department policies and procedures unless otherwise directed by a commanding officer.