



# TRAPPE POLICE DEPARTMENT

<b>Title:</b> Jurisdiction & Mutual Aid Agreements	<b>Directive #:</b> 2.4
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## A. Jurisdiction

1. Trappe Police Department officers are required to know the geographical boundaries of the Department's jurisdiction, including changes due to annexation, etc. A current official map, which includes the detailed boundaries of the Town, is always maintained in the Town Hall and Police Department.
2. Corporate Limits: The corporate limits of Trappe are designated by Town Code and the annexation authority designated to the Town Council.

## B. Concurrent Jurisdiction

1. The Maryland State Police and the Talbot County Sheriff's Office may exercise the authority of a police officer within Trappe under established Memorandum of Understandings and other agreements and consistent with existing laws:
  - a. The Maryland State Police or the Talbot County Sheriff's Office will not routinely respond to calls within Trappe, unless requested by the Department. With the exception of Narcotics Investigations, the Maryland State Police or the Talbot County Sheriff's Office will not routinely conduct investigations in Trappe, unless requested by the Chief of Police, the Town Council, or as part of the Talbot County Narcotics Task Force.
2. Trappe Police Department Responsibility
  - a. The Trappe Police Department has the primary responsibility for the following duties or events associated with criminal and civil acts within the Town:
    - (1) Enforcement of criminal laws;
    - (2) Investigation, processing and transport of prisoners;
    - (3) Obtaining, processing and preserving evidence and property;
    - (4) Court appearances arising out of such activities;
    - (5) Responding to calls for service;

- (6) Handling disturbances and crowd control;
- (7) Hostage/barricade situations;
- (8) Enforcement of traffic laws or local code violations;
- (9) Accident Investigation; and
- (10) Towing and impoundment.

b. The Trappe Police Department has entered into an Agreement with the Talbot County Sheriff's Office, which authorizes the TPD to have concurrent jurisdiction outside of the corporate limits of the Town of Trappe on certain roads.

### **C. Police Mutual Aid Agreements**

#### **1. Police Mutual Aid Agreements - Powers to enter into Agreements:**

a. The authority to enter into Police Mutual Aid Agreements is contained in the Md. Code Ann. CP 2-105. The statute authorizes officers acting under authority of such agreements to enforce the laws of the State of Maryland to the same extent as if they were duly authorized in the requesting jurisdiction. The Annotated code of Maryland states that such agreements must:

- (1) Waive any and all claims against all the other parties thereto which may arise out of their activities outside their respective jurisdictions under such agreement; and,
- (2) Indemnify and save harmless the other parties to such agreement from all claims from third parties for property damage or personal injury which may arise out of the activities of the other parties to such agreements, outside their respective jurisdictions under such agreement.

b. In addition to the legal authority to enter into such agreements, and the authority to act, mutual aid agreements should contain the following details:

- (1) A procedure for requesting mutual aid;
- (2) The identity of those persons authorized to request mutual aid;
- (3) The identity of persons to whom outside personnel are to report;
- (4) Procedures for maintaining radio communications with outside personnel;
- (5) Expenditures, if any, which should be borne by the receiver agency to compensate for the use of the provider's resources; and
- (6) Procedures for review and revision if prescribed in the agreement.

#### **D. Extent of Mutual Aid**

1. Mutual Aid may be requested from or provided to another law enforcement agency by the Trappe Police Department at the discretion of the patrol supervisor and the request MUST be made by a sworn Law Enforcement Officer. However, it must be remembered that we still have the primary responsibility of providing police service to citizens who live within our jurisdiction. Normally outside agency personnel will only be used to assist in a show of force, traffic control, mass processing of prisoners, prisoner transport and operating temporary detention facilities. There are generally three levels of mutual aid assistance as follows:
  - a. Short duration, approximately 30 minutes or less, where an additional show of force or traffic control, or assistance with prisoner transport is required. The patrol supervisor may call for such assistance or provide such assistance to adjoining jurisdictions or the Maryland State Police.
  - b. Medium duration, one to four hours, where additional officers will be required to deal with incidents in Trappe.
  - c. Long duration, more than four hours, full scale assistance required. The patrol supervisors should immediately notify the Chief of Police, or designee, who will assist in coordinating additional aid as required.
2. Any kind of long term support between the Trappe Police Department and neighboring police agencies will preferably be coordinated in advance by department heads.

#### **E. Initiation of Mutual Aid Activities**

1. The Police Mutual Aid Agreement can be initiated at the discretion of the Chief of Police or his designee, or the patrol supervisor. The officer initiating mutual aid will immediately establish procedures for maintaining radio communications with personnel from other agencies.

#### **F. Mutual Aid Agreement – Talbot County Sheriff's Office, Trappe Police Department and Maryland State Police**

1. There shall exist a written memorandum of understanding concerning a mutual aid agreement between the Talbot County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police and the Trappe Police Department that shall be signed by each Department head.

2. All TPD Personnel will be familiar with the written mutual aid agreement as outlined in this Section, should the need arise, that it be enacted.