

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

GENERAL ORDER

SUBJECT: LIMITS OF AUTHORITY-JURISDICTION		PAGE 1 of 3
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CHIEF OF POLICE		

PURPOSE

To establish jurisdictional responsibilities of the University of Texas at Dallas Police Department.

POLICY

It is the policy of this department to ensure that officers confine their duties as peace officers to activities within the boundaries of property owned, leased or otherwise under the controls of the University of Texas at Dallas.

PROCEDURE

I. Authority & Jurisdiction

A. Specific Responsibilities

1. Each commissioned officers shall have police authority as established by Section 51.203, Texas Education Code, Article 2.13, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and in accordance with the University of Texas System Police Policy and Procedure Manual, I-74-1.
2. All police officers employed by the University of Texas at Dallas Police Department are responsible for enforcing federal laws, state laws, university rules and the University of Texas System Regents rules and regulations.
3. All police officers employed by the University of Texas at Dallas Police Department will confine their duties as peace officers to activities within the boundaries of property owned, leased or otherwise under the control of the University of Texas at Dallas, to include roads contiguous.
4. Exceptions:
 - a. The Chief of Police or the Director of Police for the UT System may on a case by case basis authorize commissioned peace officers employed by or temporarily assigned to the University of Texas at Dallas to function outside the "restricted primary jurisdiction" established by this policy as peace officers on university business or in conjunction with a University sponsored event so long as the peace officers remain within their area of primary jurisdiction, Collin and/or Dallas County as established by Section 51.203, Texas Education Code. It is provided, however, that provisions of the Hot Pursuit Policy (ODOP Policy II-86-14) promulgated by the Director of Police for the UT System are not affected by this policy.

- b. The director of Police for the UT System may authorize commissioned peace officers of the UT System to function as peace officers outside their primary jurisdiction to assist another law enforcement agency in Texas, or to otherwise perform duties as a peace officer on official University business.
- c. "Restricted Primary Jurisdiction" is interpreted to mean all land, streets, buildings, and facilities or other property owned, leased or otherwise under the control of the University of Texas at Dallas.

B. Authority to Function Outside Jurisdiction

1. The authorization for commissioned peace officers to function outside the boundaries established by this policy on a case by case basis is defined as:
 - a. Emergency or exigent circumstances where the imminent threat of death or injury to any person exists on any property immediately adjacent to UTD property.
 - b. Felonies. If a felony offense is encountered by a UTD police officer on any property immediately adjacent to UTD property, the responding police officer can take immediate action to contain the situation until the arrival of the law enforcement agency with primary jurisdiction.
 - c. The law enforcement agency with primary jurisdiction will be contacted to handle the offense. Detained or arrested persons will be placed in the custody of officers from the agency with primary jurisdiction upon their arrival.
 - d. An incident report shall be completed by the officer with full details explaining all actions taken.
 - e. Cases where prior authorization has been granted by the Chief of Police or the Director of the University of Texas System Police.
 - f. To assist local law enforcement agencies. The agency must request our support prior to providing assistance.
 - g. To assist local agencies handling major traffic accidents that occur on roadways or areas adjacent to the campus.
 - h. To investigate criminal activity (including DWI) on roadways contiguous to the property of UTD. However patrolling contiguous roadways is restricted to conducting perimeter checks, not solely for detecting criminal activity off campus.
2. When arrests are anticipated, or warrants are to be served outside the University of Texas at Dallas Police Department's primary jurisdiction, and

time and circumstance permit, the police agency having primary jurisdiction will be notified and assistance requested.