


REHOBOTH BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
Department Directive

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DIRECTIVE

The department actively prepares and plans to handle all occurrences of a public safety and law enforcement nature that might affect the health, life, or safety of residents and visitors in the City of Rehoboth Beach as well as to continue to fulfill its mission. In order to do so, all employees must have a clear understanding of the primary jurisdiction where they are empowered to exercise their authority. Incidents may occur such that internal resources become exhausted or are inappropriate. It is at such times when extra assistance from Federal, State, and neighboring municipal agencies is available. Moreover, it is the accepted practice in all areas of the United States to have the ability to request assistance from other agencies when the requesting department does not have the immediate resources to effectively handle a situation.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this directive is to define the boundaries of the department's jurisdiction which constitutes the corporate limits of the City of Rehoboth Beach; to establish duties and responsibilities for providing or receiving aid from other law enforcement agencies, and to describe those regional services in which the department participates.

I. PRIMARY JURISDICTION (2.1.1)

- A. The primary jurisdiction of a Rehoboth Beach police officer is defined as the geographical area within the territorial and corporate limits of the City of Rehoboth Beach, Sussex County, Delaware.
- B. The limits and bounds of the city are described as follows: Beginning at the northeast line of the present Town of Rehoboth Beach, which is a point on the beach at the termination of the old Bridal Path north of Deauville Beach, then running to and with the coastline of the Atlantic Ocean, in a southerly direction to the south side of Penn Street; then with the south side of Penn Street to Silver Lake, then by and with the north side of Silver Lake, in a westerly direction, to the line of the former Rehoboth Beach Golf Club, continuing in a westerly direction to a point approximately in front of #203 West Silver Lake Drive, then southwesterly across Silver Lake to Silver Lane (to include the present properties identified as No(s). 1,3,5, and 9 Silver Lane); then running along the south property line of the parking lot of the Rehoboth Plaza (Baymart) to Coastal Highway; then running north along the east side of Coastal Highway to Old Bay Road, running along the east side of Old Bay Road (to include School view and Rehoboth Elementary School), to a point at the north side of the Old Country Bridge, across the United States Inland Waterway (aka Lewes-Rehoboth Canal), to there intersect the line of the Inland Waterway; then by and with the line of the United States Right-of-Way in northerly direction, to the beginning of the old Bridal Path, running in an easterly direction to the north of Epworth United Methodist Cemetery, continuing in an easterly direction behind the Town of Henlopen Acres Public Works yard, continuing in a northerly direction to the point of beginning. These limits shall also include the top of the present Lewes-Rehoboth Canal Bridge on Rte. 1 in both a northerly and southerly direction, to include the shoulders and roadway, but not the approaches to same.

- C. All Rehoboth Beach police officers shall have the authority to enforce the laws of the State of Delaware and the Code of the City of Rehoboth Beach (hereafter known as the Code), or otherwise perform the functions of their office anywhere within this primary jurisdiction as to any offense which the officer views or otherwise has probable cause to believe was committed within their primary jurisdiction. Enforcement of the laws outside their primary jurisdiction as permitted by Delaware Law.
- D. Jurisdictional maps shall be located in the Communications Center, the Office of the Chief of Police, and the Sergeant's office. Each officer shall be provided with a map of the city as shown in Attachment "A" of this directive.

II. AUTHORITY OUTSIDE PRIMARY JURISDICTION

- A. 11 Del. C., Sec. 1911 specifies the arrest powers of police officers according to current statutes and case law. A police officer acting under the authority of that section shall be considered to be acting within the scope of employment.
 - 1. A police officer may arrest without a warrant at any location within the State any person the officer has reasonable grounds to believe is committing or attempting to commit a felony in the officer's presence.
 - 2. An on duty police officer may arrest upon view and without a warrant at any location within the State any person when probable cause exists to believe that the person is committing or attempting to commit any crime which creates a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury to another person or which constitutes a violation of 21 Del. C., Sec. 4177.
 - 3. A police officer may render assistance to another police officer at any location within the State when the officer reasonably believes that the police officer to be assisted is lawfully performing that officer's duty and that death or injury will occur to that police officer if assistance is not provided.
 - 4. When police officers who are certified by the Delaware Council on Police Training are dispatched by a Public Safety Answering Point outside of their respective jurisdiction as conservators of the peace, those officers shall be considered to be acting as officers of the dispatching agency and have the powers of arrest thereof.

III. ASSISTANCE TO/FROM OTHER AGENCIES (2.1.4)

- A. Police officers of the City of Rehoboth Beach have occasion from time to time to enter into the jurisdiction of another agency at their request to provide law enforcement assistance, equipment, or both.
- B. As per Directive #1, "An employee shall not leave the corporate limits of the city unless directed to respond by the dispatcher at the request of SusCom, Dewey Beach, or authorized by the Shift Commander. The only exception shall be during an immediate pursuit of a person to be arrested."
- C. **Responding Outside the City at the Request of SusCom:** Officers shall comply with all department policies, and once on the scene shall be under the officer in charge from the requesting agency.
 - 1. If it is anticipated that the officer will be involved in an incident in an outside jurisdiction for more than one (1) hour, the Shift Commander, with the approval of the Chief of Police, may call in off-duty officers to handle complaints in the city until the officers committed to the emergency scene are relieved.
 - 2. The assigned Mutual Aid Talk Group channel shall be used, when practicable, for all radio communications contemplated, unless otherwise agreed upon by both parties.

3. A Field Service ("Assist Other Agency") shall be prepared to document all incidents outside the City, unless a full Crime Report is required.
 4. All other reports and notification requirements contained in the Department Directive Manual Shall apply to mutual aid incidents outside the city.
- D. **Responding Outside the City on Routine Police Business:** Any time a member of the department enters the jurisdiction of another agency to conduct law enforcement activity, prior notice shall be given to the agency whose jurisdiction is being entered. If prior notice is not possible, notice shall be given as promptly as possible thereafter. Such notification shall be included in the officer's report.
- E. **Assistance from Federal and State Agencies:** The Shift Commander or ranking officer on the scene of a major incident may request the specialized assistance of available Federal and State support agencies for assistance. All such assistance shall be documented and described in detail in the after-action report, to include the name and rank/title of other agency personnel.

IV. REGIONAL SERVICES

- A. The statewide Public Safety radio system operated by the State of Delaware Division of Communications is designated as the communication network that members of the department shall use for general law enforcement interjurisdictional communication.
1. All members of the department shall have access to the system by means of a mobile radio installed in each department vehicle, and by means of those portable radios programmed with the county and statewide frequencies.
- B. The department will participate in and follow all requirements established by the State Bureau of Identification as those pertaining to the processing of standardized reports and fingerprints.
1. The department shall provide fingerprints to SBI through AFIS, and or fingerprint cards as per 11 Del. C., Sec. 8507. The department will not maintain its own fingerprint file.
 2. The department will participate in the centralized state/federal criminal information system by operating computer terminals that are part of the Delaware Justice Information System (DELJIS/CJIS) and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).
 - a. The department shall participate in the statewide crime reporting system operated by the Delaware Justice Information Systems (DELJIS). All standardized reporting forms used by the department shall be completed according to the standards set by SBI.

V. SUPERCEDES

- A. This order supercedes all orders written or otherwise, which are not in total conformity herewith and constitutes a direct order.