DAVIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

OUT-OF-JURISDICTION RESPONSE
(Mutual Aid)
Policy and Procedure 2.09-B

DEPARTMENT MANUAL

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I. POLICY

Members will not respond to a routine request by an outside agency for mutual aid when the location of the officer or agency requesting such assistance is more than five miles from the Davis City Limits until authorization is obtained from the Police Chief or their designee, who would normally be the on-duty Watch Commander.

Members will not routinely provide service or assistance or be committed to replace or augment another jurisdiction, excluding the University of California Davis Police Department, unless authorized to do so by the Police Chief or their designee.

Nothing stated herein precludes an immediate response to an officer needs help call, 11-99’s, Code 20’s, Code 30’s, Code 666’s, emergency traffic assistance outside the city limits, or other immediate life threatening situations which would necessarily fall within the discretion of the Watch Commander for authorizing a response.

II. PURPOSE

Mutual aid is defined as a situation in another jurisdiction, which is not an immediate threat to life, in which the head of the outside agency uses all of its resources before requesting assistance from outside agencies through the County Sheriff. There are specific procedures spelled out by law that must be followed prior to any law enforcement agency responding to another jurisdiction as a result of a request for mutual aid. These procedures involve the heads of the respective agencies involved, and must be followed to avoid potential liability.

Routine augmentation to an outside agency is unnecessary and an unauthorized use of city resources. As such, it is discouraged.

The protection of life in a true emergency situation is of such importance, that discretion regarding immediate response to such situations should be made by the duty Watch Commander without delay.

III. PROCEDURE

A. Routine Requests for Mutual Aid

1. The Police Chief, or their designee, shall be notified of a request for mutual aid. The Police Chief, or their designee, may approve or deny the request.
2. The Police Chief, or their designee, will determine the number or personnel, type of personnel, and equipment to be sent.

3. The Police Chief or his designee will respond to the requesting agency of the approval or denial of the request without delay.

B. Requests for Immediate Assistance

1. When the Department receives an immediate request for assistance in handling a routine or emergency call, the duty Watch Commander has the authority to approve or deny the request.

2. The Watch Commander should consider the following when determining whether to send aid:
   a. Nature or seriousness of the call.
   b. Frequency of calls.
   c. Distance from the city.
   d. Response time to requesting agency.
   e. Present activity level in the City.
   f. Number of officers available to fulfill the request.

C. Officer Responsibilities

1. Officers responding to requests for mutual aid are bound by the Policies and Procedures of the Davis Police Department, unless specifically waived by the Police Chief or their designee.

2. Officers shall respect the rules, directives, orders, polices and procedures of the requesting agency unless they are in direct conflict with a Davis Police Department Policy and Procedure or are clearly unlawful or improper. Officers should consult with a Davis PD supervisor or manager if a conflict should arise.

3. Officers shall immediately report back to the City when the mutual aid request has been fulfilled.

4. Officers are responsible for completing any necessary crime reports, service reports, or other reports taken during the incident.

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