



Sheridan Police Department
Policies and Procedures
3.2 Replaces 101.1
Chapter 3 – Department Authority
Section 2 - Jurisdiction

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The City of Sheridan is located in Sheridan County in northeast Wyoming. The Sheridan Police Department is responsible for law enforcement within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Sheridan.

3.2.1 Geographic Jurisdiction

- A. In order to avoid situations involving ambiguous territorial jurisdiction, the geographic boundaries of the department's jurisdiction are depicted on a map in the city's computer system.
- B. The maps are updated by City of Sheridan information technology personnel, in coordination with any contract Geographic Information System (GIS) companies utilized by the City of Sheridan. The information technology personnel are responsible for review of compatibility with the department's Spillman system and then made available to employees.

3.2.2 Jurisdictional Questions

- A. When a question of jurisdiction exists, employees should request confirmation of jurisdiction boundaries from the on-duty supervisor.
- B. In any situation where a question arises concerning jurisdiction, the responding officer will make every attempt to resolve the matter in the most professional manner possible. If it is not possible, the matter will be turned over to a supervisor for resolution. If no amicable solution can be reached, the matter should be handled by this department in the interest of the community and a report generated outlining the situation. The report should then be forwarded to the chief of police, through the chain-of-command.

3.2.3 Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction

- A. Wyoming Statute 7-2-106 extends peace officers authority outside their normal jurisdictional boundaries, but inside Wyoming, if one of the following applies:
 - 1. The peace officer is responding to a request for law enforcement assistance made by a law enforcement agency of another jurisdiction or a specific request to assist another peace officer acting within the scope of his official duties in another jurisdiction;
 - 2. The peace officer possesses reasonable cause to believe that a crime is occurring involving an immediate threat of serious bodily injury or death to any person; or
 - 3. The peace officer is in fresh pursuit of a person whom the officer has probable cause to believe has committed within the officer's jurisdiction a violation of a municipal ordinance or state statute, including traffic infractions, or for whom an arrest warrant is outstanding for any criminal or traffic offense.

3.2.4 Concurrent Jurisdiction

- A. The Sheridan Police Department will be the primary responder and will provide law enforcement services for incidents occurring within the jurisdictional boundaries of Sheridan. The Sheridan Police Department acknowledges that other law enforcement agencies have concurrent jurisdiction within the city limits. Other agencies having jurisdiction within Sheridan include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Sheridan County Sheriff's Office;
 - 2. Wyoming Highway Patrol;
 - 3. Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation;
 - 4. Wyoming Game and Fish;
 - 5. Federal Bureau of Investigation; and,
 - 6. Other federal agencies
- B. It shall be the policy of the Sheridan Police Department to provide reasonable assistance to any law enforcement agency whether county, state or federal who requests assistance in the investigation or enforcement of criminal laws over which the requesting agency has jurisdiction.
- C. It is the responsibility of all employees to maintain good working relationships with other law enforcement agencies to facilitate the exchange of information and provide coordination between the agencies.

3.2.5 Mutual Assistance

There may be situations that develop that require additional personnel either by the Sheridan Police Department or another law enforcement agency.

- A. Wyoming Statute 7-2-106 provides authority to respond to a request for law enforcement assistance from a law enforcement agency or peace officer acting within the scope of the officers official duties in another jurisdiction.
 - 1. Officers acting under this statute are given the same authority they have when in their own jurisdiction.
 - 2. Officers acting under this statute are deemed to be acting within the scope of duties for purposes of the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act and the state self-insurance program. All privileges and immunities from liability, and all pension, disability, worker's compensation and other benefits which normally apply to peace officers while they perform their duties in their own jurisdiction also apply to them when acting to provide the requested assistance.
 - 3. All requests for assistance from another agency or officer will be approved by the on-duty shift supervisor.
- B. Wyoming Statute 7-3-902 provides the authority for a law enforcement agency to enter into a mutual aid agreement with another law enforcement agency from an adjoining state or the United States.
 - 1. Such agreements are limited to providing assistance in an emergency or special event as determined by the governor.
 - 2. Such agreements must be written and contain the details specified in Wyoming Statute 7-3-904.
- C. During emergencies the governor, through the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security, may call the Wyoming National Guard to provide assistance (Wyoming Statute 19-9-206 and 19-9-207.) For military assistance to civil authorities the Wyoming National Guard Joint Operations

Center can be reached at (307) 772-5112 or wyecoc@ng.army.mil. Request for such assistance shall be made by the chief of police or designee.

- D. Officers assisting another jurisdiction will respond to all lawful directives issued by the ranking officer of the requesting jurisdiction. Directives which are contrary to law, or the policy of the Sheridan Police Department, will not be recognized.