

DIRECTIVE 2.1

AGENCY JURISDICTION AND MUTUAL AID

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This directive consists of the following sections:

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POLICY & PROCEDURE

2.1.1 Geographical Boundaries

An accurate map depicting specific geographical and jurisdictional boundaries for Miami Township is on display in the patrol room of the police building. The map will be updated any time there is any change in the geographical or jurisdictional boundaries of Miami Township.

Any questions of jurisdictional boundaries should be addressed to the on-duty shift supervisor.

All sworn officers shall familiarize themselves with the geographical boundaries of Miami Township.

2.1.2 Concurrent Jurisdiction

Authority of the Miami Township Police

Within the Township jurisdictional limits, the Miami Township Police Department will enforce the resolutions of Miami Township and the laws of the State of Ohio. The police department will carry out all duties and responsibilities attributed to the police department by the Miami Township Board of Trustees and the Ohio Revised Code.

The Miami Township Police Department will enforce the traffic laws as denoted in the Ohio Revised Code and the traffic resolutions of Miami Township on all Township streets and county roadways within the Township limits. Traffic enforcement on state highways, including highways that are part of the interstate highway system, has been

authorized by Miami Township Resolution 22-47 in accordance with ORC 4513.39.
{MTPD Directive 1.2.1}

The Miami Township Police Department has exclusive jurisdiction and responsibility in matters concerning Miami Township Resolutions within the Township limits.

Concurrent Jurisdiction

Other agencies having jurisdiction within Miami Township are the Clermont County Sheriff's Office, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio Department of Natural Resources and Federal Enforcement Agencies.

- Ohio Revised Code section 311.07 grants the Clermont County Sheriff general law enforcement authority throughout the County, regardless of the presence of political subdivisions.
- Ohio Revised Code section 5503.02 grants the Ohio State Highway Patrol law enforcement authority on all state roads within the State.
- Ohio Revised Code section 1501.24 grants the Ohio Department of Natural Resources law enforcement authority on property controlled by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Nothing prohibits officers of the Clermont County Sheriff's Office, Ohio State Highway Patrol or Department of Natural Resources from taking action in situations that occur in their presence within the Township limits.

Employees of this department will offer cooperation when situations arise where these agencies must exercise their authority within the geographical limits of Miami Township.

Interagency Cooperation

Effective law enforcement is not a solitary effort but requires the cooperation and interaction of many agencies. The Miami Township Police Department supports this concept and will cooperate fully with other agencies in the discharge of these duties.

In any situation where a question arises concerning jurisdiction within Miami Township, the responding officer will attempt to resolve the matter. If this is not possible, the matter will be turned over to a supervisor for resolution. If no amicable solution can be reached, this department should handle the matter. A written report will be made outlining the situation and forwarded through the chain of command to the Chief of Police.

2.1.3 Written Agreements For Mutual Aid

Miami Township has executed a Mutual Aid Assistance Contract with the county, townships, municipalities and other law enforcement agencies located in Clermont County who have signed the Mutual Aid Assistance Contract. The Accreditation Manager will keep a copy of this agreement on file.

The Mutual Aid Assistance Contract provides all the necessary information to initiate mutual aid activities either on behalf of our department or at the request of an agency of the contract. The information addresses the following:

- The legal status of agencies and agency personnel responding to mutual aid requests;
- Procedures for vesting provider agency personnel with the legal authority to act within the receiver agency jurisdiction;
- Procedures for requesting mutual aid;
- Identity of persons authorized to request mutual aid;
- Identity of persons to whom outside personnel are to report;
- Procedures for maintaining radio communication with outside personnel;
- Expenditures, if any, which should be borne by the receiver agency to compensate for the use of the provider agencies resources.

The Mutual Aid Assistance Contract is a continuous agreement until the participating parties in accordance with the procedures set forth in the agreement terminate it. In the event of any revision to the contract, the Miami Township Law Director shall review the contract to ensure that it describes the current legal status of, as well as current information about the agencies that are a party to the agreement.

Requesting Aid

The shift supervisor is authorized to request assistance when in their opinion such assistance is necessary to maintain the safety and security of Miami Township. Assistance shall be obtained by contacting the Clermont County Communications Center and requesting additional assistance. The supervisor should be specific as to the amount and type of assistance needed.

Providing Available Aid

In the event the Miami Township Police Department is contacted by another police department requesting short-term mutual aid, the road patrol supervisor on duty will be immediately notified so the situation can be reviewed and a determination made as to the number of officers and what type of equipment will be sent to the requesting department.

The safety and security of Miami Township are the department's primary concern and only that manpower and equipment which can be sent without leaving the Township unprotected will be sent.

Should the mutual aid request require a lengthy or extensive commitment or if the road patrol supervisor feels a recall of personnel might be necessary or if township personnel are injured or equipment is damaged, the road patrol supervisor shall notify the Patrol Division Supervisor.

2.1.4 Requesting Assistance: Federal LE /National Guard

Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact

Miami Township is a participating political subdivision of Clermont County and the State of Ohio. The State of Ohio has entered into the intrastate mutual aid compact [ORC 5502.41] to complement existing mutual aid agreements. The purpose of this compact is to provide for mutual assistance or aid among participating political subdivisions for purposes of preparing for, responding to, and recovering from an incident, disaster, exercise, training activity, planned event, or emergency, that requires additional resources. The intrastate mutual aid compact may be initiated by a participating political subdivision by:

- Declaring a state emergency and issuing a request for assistance or aid from any other political subdivision
- Issuing a verbal or written request for assistance to another participating political subdivision. If the request is made verbally, a written confirmation shall be made no later than 72 hours after the verbal request is made.

All intrastate mutual aid compact requests shall be made through the County emergency management agency [established under ORC 5502.26] or an official designated by the chief executive of the participating political subdivision for which the assistance or aid is requested. The request shall include:

- A description of the incident, disaster, exercise, training activity, planned event or emergency;
- A description of the assistance or aid needed;
- An estimate of the length of time the assistance or aid is needed;
- The specific place and time for staging the assistance or aid and a point of contact at that location.

The intrastate mutual aid compact does not preclude participation in the Mutual Aid Assistance Contract with other law enforcement agencies that have signed into that agreement in Clermont County.