

## Outside Agency Assistance

### 325.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to members when requesting or responding to a request for mutual aid or when assisting another law enforcement agency.

### 325.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office to promptly respond to requests for assistance by other law enforcement agencies, subject to available resources and consistent with the applicable laws and policies of this agency.

### 325.3 ASSISTING OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Generally, requests for any type of assistance from another agency should be routed to the Shift Commander or an on-duty supervisor for approval. In some instances, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or other established protocol may exist that eliminates the need for approval of individual requests (Wis. Stat. § 66.0313; Wis. Stat. § 175.46).

When another law enforcement agency requests assistance from this agency, if available, the Shift Commander may authorize an appropriate number of personnel to assist.

Members are reminded that their actions when rendering assistance must conform with applicable laws and be consistent with the policies of this agency.

Arrestees may be temporarily detained by this agency until arrangements for transportation are made by the outside agency. Probation violators who are temporarily detained by this agency will not ordinarily be booked at this agency. Only in exceptional circumstances, and subject to supervisor approval, will this agency provide transportation of arrestees to other facilities on behalf of another agency.

When transportation assistance is rendered, a report shall be prepared and submitted by the handling member unless otherwise directed by a supervisor.

#### 325.3.1 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS

The Agency may, at the discretion of the Sheriff, enter into a mutual aid agreement with a law enforcement agency of a physically adjacent state. An agreement may authorize the following (Wis. Stat. § 175.46):

- (a) Law enforcement officers from another agency may act with some or all of the arrest and other police authority of a deputy of this agency (Wis. Stat. § 175.46(2)).
- (b) Law enforcement officers from another agency may enforce and make arrests for violations of only those laws that are similar to the types of laws they are authorized to enforce and make arrests for violations of in their home jurisdiction (Wis. Stat. § 175.46(4)).

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Any mutual aid agreement should be written and may be on an individual case-by-case basis or may be a continuing agreement until terminated by either agency. At least 30 days prior to entering into a mutual aid agreement, this agency shall submit a copy of the initial proposed agreement to the Wisconsin Department of Justice (WisDOJ) for review and comment. (Wis. Stat. § 175.46(3); Wis. Stat. § 175.46(8)).

### **325.3.2 COUNTY-WIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY**

Deputies may arrest a person anywhere within the local county provided that the deputy (Wis. Stat. § 175.40(5)(d)):

- (a) Completes investigations and documentation as otherwise required by this agency.
- (b) Makes arrests for crimes, either observed or not observed, and completes documentation as otherwise required by this agency.
- (c) Notifies and cooperates with the agency having jurisdiction over the area of such an investigation and arrest.

### **325.3.3 INITIATED ACTIVITY**

Any on-duty deputy who engages in law enforcement activities of any type that are not part of a mutual aid request and take place outside the jurisdiction of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office should notify the local law enforcement agency of the county or municipality where the violation occurs, cooperate with that agency as necessary, and notify his/her supervisor or the Shift Commander and Milwaukee County OEM 911 Communications Division as soon as reasonably practicable (Wis. Stat. § 175.40(6)(d)). This requirement does not apply to special enforcement details or multi-agency units that regularly work in multiple jurisdictions.

### **325.4 REQUESTING OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE**

If assistance is needed from another agency, the member requesting assistance should, if practicable, first notify a supervisor. The handling member or supervisor should direct assisting personnel to where they are needed and to whom they should report when they arrive.

The requesting member should arrange for appropriate radio communication capabilities, if necessary and available, so that communication can be coordinated between assisting personnel.

### **325.5 CRITICAL INCIDENT MUTUAL AID**

State, regional or county agencies may be summoned to assist and coordinate emergency services such as natural disasters, civil unrest, large crime scenes or accidents and hazardous or chemical spills. The Incident Commander, in cooperation with other agencies, is charged with making an immediate appraisal of the situation and its potential. Responders should:

- Establish scene management and control.
- Detect the presence of dangerous conditions or hazardous materials.

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- Begin identification of dangerous conditions or hazardous materials (may use the most current Emergency Response Guidebook published by the U.S. Department of Transportation).
- Isolate the incident and identify zones of danger and activity.
- Contain the incident without risking unnecessary exposure.
- Perform firefighting, rescue, emergency medical and other critical life-saving response activities in accordance with the County Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).
- Begin evacuation or direct in-place sheltering.
- Consider personal protection/decontamination.
- Contact the local Wisconsin State Patrol and request support if it occurs on any federal, state or county highway located outside of this agency's jurisdiction.
- Seek additional resources if the event exceeds, or is expected to exceed, the capability of local resources, including mutual aid and state or federal assistance. When requesting local, state or federal assistance, this agency should clarify whether it is requesting assistance only or complete scene management.

### **325.6 MANDATORY SHARING**

Equipment and supplies purchased with federal funds or grants that require such equipment and supplies be shared with other agencies should be documented and updated as necessary by the assigned Divisional Commander or the authorized designee.

The documentation should include:

- (a) The conditions relative to sharing.
- (b) The training requirements for:
  - 1. The use of the supplies and equipment.
  - 2. The members training in the use of the supplies and equipment.
- (c) Copies of the documentation should be provided to the Shift Commander to ensure use of the equipment and supplies is in compliance with the applicable sharing agreements.

The Training Director should maintain documentation that the appropriate members have received the required training.

### **325.7 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Incidents of outside assistance or law enforcement activities that are not documented in a crime report shall be documented in a general case report or as directed by the Shift Commander.