



# CLEVELAND DIVISION OF POLICE

## GENERAL POLICE ORDER



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SUBJECT: PROTOCOL WITH OUTSIDE AGENCIES			
CHIEF: <i>Calvin D. Williams, Chief</i>			

*Substantive changes are italicized*

**PURPOSE:** To outline Division protocol with law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction within the City of Cleveland.

**POLICY:** *It is the policy of the Cleveland Division of Police* to retain ultimate responsibility for the protection of life and property in the City of Cleveland, including areas within the jurisdiction of other police agencies.

**PROCEDURES:**

I. General Guidelines

A. The Division shall:

1. Assist the other police agencies with investigations or other matters of mutual concern when called upon.
2. Provide other police agencies with all pertinent data and investigative information concerning crimes committed in their jurisdiction, when requested.
3. Accept evidence requiring forensic testing *per the Police Authorizing Agreement between the City of Cleveland and the outside agency*; the district Officer-in-Charge shall ensure the evidence is forwarded to *the Cuyahoga County Regional Forensic Science Laboratory (CCRFSL)* or the Forensic Unit.

B. The Cleveland Division of Police shall have investigative responsibility for the following incidents:

1. Those involving explosive or incendiary devices.
2. Hostage situations.
3. Deaths other than probable natural (*excluding those occurring on Cleveland Metropolitan School District property*).
4. Use of Deadly Force incidents by other agencies.
5. Ethnic intimidations and/or hate crimes.
6. Sexual assaults (excluding those occurring under the jurisdiction of the Cleveland State University Police Department, *Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority Police Department*, and the University Circle Police Department).

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7. Missing persons.
  8. Any incident in which the CDP desires to preempt the investigative function (excluding where the federal government has exclusive jurisdiction).
  9. Felonies that occur railroad property, except for felony thefts (Railroad Police have investigative responsibility for felony thefts).
- C. This protocol does not apply to the Cleveland Metroparks Police Department; members of the Division shall not refuse requests for service concerning incidents occurring in any area of the City of Cleveland.

## II. State Property

- A. The Ohio State Highway Patrol is responsible for conducting the follow-up investigation of felonies committed on selected state properties.
- B. Members shall request the Communications Control Section (CCS) contact the Ohio State Highway Patrol to determine if they will conduct the follow-up investigation.

## III. Federal Property

- A. Federal law enforcement agencies have exclusive jurisdiction for all crimes committed in the following areas:
  1. All United States Postal Service facilities.
  2. The United States Coast Guard Station.
  3. NASA Glenn Research Center.
  4. The United States Customs and Border Protection Agency (at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport).
  5. Aircraft arriving from outside the United States that have not cleared customs.
- B. Federal agencies shall determine who holds jurisdiction for investigating derailments or deaths involving railroad accidents.
- C. When called upon, members of the Cleveland Division of Police shall investigate all crimes occurring on federal property not designated as exclusive jurisdiction.

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