


TEXARKANA POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL

SUBJECT	Legally Mandated Authority		
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I. Purpose and Scope

- A. The purpose of this policy is to describe the legally mandated authority of all sworn members of the Texarkana Police Department.

II. Policy

- A. It is the policy of the Texarkana Police Department that sworn officers shall take all appropriate police action within the authority allowed by law.

III. Legally Mandated Authority—Sworn Personnel ALEAP 1.06

- A. Officers of the Texarkana Police Department shall at all times, by virtue of their legally mandated authority, enforce the laws and ordinances of the City of Texarkana and the laws of the State of Arkansas relating to crimes committed within the City and take appropriate enforcement action. This authority is vested in sworn law enforcement officers and is derived from Arkansas State Statute 14-52-203.
- B. Officers of the Texarkana Arkansas Police Department also have jurisdiction in the City of Texarkana, Texas and are authorized to act with the same authority as a certified Texas law enforcement officer. In a reciprocal arrangement, Texarkana, Texas Police Officers also have jurisdiction in the City of Texarkana, Arkansas and are authorized to act with the same authority as a certified Arkansas law enforcement officer. This reciprocal authority is derived from the following:
 1. Texas Government Code, Chapter 791, the *Interlocal Cooperation Act*;
 2. Arkansas Code Annotated 25-20-101, et seq. the *Interlocal Cooperation Act*;
 3. Vernon’s Annotated Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 2.124 (b);
 4. Arkansas Code Annotated 16-81-115;
 5. City of Texarkana, Arkansas Ordinance No. L-211; and
 6. City of Texarkana, Texas Ordinance No. 312-06.
- C. In cases where circumstances indicate that a violation of Federal law has been committed, the appropriate Federal agency will be notified.

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- D. For the purposes of protecting life and property, officers shall always be considered "on duty" while in the City of Texarkana and shall be prepared—under the color of authority—to act in this capacity during periods in which circumstances deem their involvement is necessary.
- E. All officers shall perform their duties as required or directed by law, departmental rules and regulations, policies, directives or by lawful order from a supervisory officer.

IV. Specialized Police Officer—Sworn Personnel

- A. Specialized Police Personnel are identified in Act 452 of 1975, as modified.
- B. These officers may be either full-time or part-time officers whose duties are limited or restricted administratively to the facility or an area in which they work, and at times, may include the enforcement of criminal laws that carry a resulting penalty of a fine or imprisonment.
- C. All Specialized Police Officers will participate in Department required training including firearms qualifications and other specialized schools as deemed necessary by the Services Division Commander.

V. Part-Time Officer I

- A. Employed by a law enforcement unit; who is authorized by law to enforce the criminal, traffic, or highway laws of this state; and is authorized salary or wages by the law enforcement unit; and authorized to work for 20 or more hours per week but less than 40 hours per week. The Texarkana Police will use Part-Time Officer I in various positions.

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