

Police Authority Outside City Limits

103.1 ON-DUTY RESPONSE IN JURISDICTIONS OF CONSENT

Response to and/or exercising police authority in jurisdictions outside the city of Vancouver, which have consented to Vancouver Police Department's exercise of full law enforcement authority are limited to:

1. Investigations arising out of crimes or infractions that are alleged to have occurred within the city of Vancouver. "Conducting investigations" includes arrests without an arrest warrant in jurisdictions outside the city of Vancouver where full authority consent has been given.
2. Search or arrest warrants can be served when they are pursuant to investigations arising out of crimes that are alleged to have occurred within the city of Vancouver or within the jurisdiction that has given full authority consent.
3. Transporting a prisoner.
4. Fresh pursuit (refer to **Policy 313 - Vehicle Pursuits**).
5. Responses to a law enforcement officers requesting immediate help in a life-threatening situation.
6. Requests of Clark County Sheriff Office to respond into unincorporated Clark County for police assistance when no Sheriff's Deputy is available to respond.
7. Requests of the Vancouver Fire Department for Police assistance in unincorporated Clark County.
8. At the request for assistance by an adjacent jurisdiction or an officer thereof.

This type of response will be at the discretion of the shift supervisor. Adjacent jurisdictions are Battle Ground, Camas, Washougal, Ridgefield, La Center and Washington State Patrol. (Unincorporated Clark County is not included within the content of this paragraph; response to Clark County requests will be governed as specified in 6 and 7 above).

9. Requests for special unit responses (i.e., K-9, Bomb Squad) into jurisdictions in which letters of mutual aid exist will be according to existing policies, procedures, and rules.
10. Multijurisdictional investigative units such as the Children's Justice Center, Domestic Violence Unit and Drug Task Force may operate as needed outside the city limits of Vancouver.

Exercise of police authority during the above 10 incidents is limited to that which is necessary to effectively perform the requested task.

103.2 ON-VIEW INCIDENTS

Response by uniformed officers in marked units and on-duty detectives in civilian clothing and in unmarked vehicles to an on-view incident occurring outside the city of Vancouver in jurisdictions which letters of full consent do exist is limited to situations that:

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1. Pose a threat of death or serious injury to the officer, another officer, or a member of the public.
2. Place the officer in a position to affect the arrest and/or prevent the escape of a person who is known by the officer to have committed a dangerous felony, when not securing the person's immediate arrest would result in an unacceptable risk to the public safety.

103.3 ON-DUTY RESPONSE IN JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE NOT CONSENTED

Response to and/or exercise of police authority within jurisdictions outside the city of Vancouver which **have not consented** to Vancouver Police Department's exercise of full law enforcement authority in their jurisdiction are limited to:

1. Investigations arising out of crimes that are alleged to have occurred within the city of Vancouver can be conducted. "Conducting investigations" **does not include arrests without an arrest warrant** in jurisdictions outside of the city of Vancouver where no full authority consent has been given.
2. Search or arrest warrants pursuant to investigations arising out of crimes which are alleged to have occurred within the city of Vancouver may be served.
3. Transporting a prisoner and when such exercise of police authority is in direct relationship to the custody of that prisoner.
4. Fresh pursuit (refer to **Policy 313 - Vehicle Pursuits**).
5. A police officer is authorized and has the duty to prevent death or serious injury to self, a fellow officer, or a member of the public by utilizing whatever force necessary, including the use of deadly force.

Response to any other on-view incident is limited to notification of the proper agency. An officer may, but has no duty to, observe the incident until that jurisdiction arrives, communicate by radio with responding units, protect the scene, and render necessary emergency care (i.e., accident scenes).

Specialty units (i.e., K-9, Bomb Squad) will not respond, except when assisting VPD on-duty officers in situations specified above.

103.4 OFF-DUTY INVOLVEMENT IN JURISDICTION OF CONSENT/NON CONSENT

Off-duty police officers shall use discretion when becoming involved in any law enforcement action. Off-duty officers **will not** become involved unless the situation involves public or personal safety, or a life threatening issue (refer to **Policy 384 - Off-Duty Law Enforcement Actions**).

103.5 REPORTING USE OF AUTHORITY

RCW 10.93.030 requires an officer exercising the powers authorized above shall report such action in a timely manner, after the fact, to the law enforcement agency with primary territorial jurisdiction and shall be subject to any reasonable reporting procedure which may be established by such agency.