


POLICY 116.1	LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT	
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A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to inform officers of the procedures of the Department when taking law enforcement actions outside the jurisdiction of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department.

B. ON-DUTY

Any on-duty Fort Lauderdale Officer outside his/her jurisdiction may take law enforcement action consistent with the terms and conditions of any applicable mutual aid agreement. This applies to Fort Lauderdale Officers while in the jurisdiction of other participating municipalities.

C. OFF-DUTY

1. Any officer while off-duty and within participating mutual aid municipalities may take law enforcement action under the following circumstances:
 - a. If requested to assist an on-duty officer in his/her jurisdiction.
 - b. If the officer is a witness to a felony, which involves the response to resistance or the imminent threat of response to resistance against a citizen, and immediate action is necessary to prevent injury to the citizen or escape by the perpetrator.
2. No one will take law enforcement action after having consumed an alcoholic beverage.
3. In these circumstances the off-duty officer may revert to on-duty status and will operate under the terms and conditions as set forth in the applicable mutual aid agreement. It is the responsibility of the off-duty officer who reverts to on-duty status to exercise sound tactics and not jeopardize the safety of citizens or officers of the jurisdiction he/she is in.
4. It is the policy of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department that the Fort Lauderdale Officer, whenever possible, report the incident he/she views to the agency having jurisdiction to investigate the incident prior to taking action and then render assistance as requested.

D. DOCUMENTING LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION (ON OR OFF DUTY)

1. Should a Fort Lauderdale Officer effect an arrest or take any other law enforcement action, notification will be made as soon as possible to the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction and any enforcement action will be coordinated with them. The officer will cooperate with the agency having jurisdiction and turn the arrested person over to them. If the other jurisdiction refuses, the Fort Lauderdale Officer will contact an on-duty FLPD Supervisor for direction.
2. In every instance and as soon as practical, the Fort Lauderdale Officer will notify an on-duty Fort Lauderdale Supervisor and complete a Fort Lauderdale police report and send copies to his/her Lieutenant, District Commander, Internal Affairs, Assistant Chief and Chief of Police.

E. AGREEMENTS

1. The Police Legal Advisor will maintain an up-to-date version of all Mutual Aid Agreements and its participating agencies.
2. All officers should be familiar with the terms and conditions of any mutual aid agreement that they may take action under.