


POLICY 501.7	COUNTYWIDE ARREST POWERS	
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A. PURPOSE:

It is the policy of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department to conduct law enforcement activities both within and outside the City of Fort Lauderdale as appropriate.

B. POLICY:

Members of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department who are outside the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale and are not taking law enforcement action in accordance with a mutual aid agreement (See Policy 116.1), will adhere to the following policy regarding countywide arrest powers, in all cases involving law enforcement activity.

C. NON-EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES:

Non-emergency extra-jurisdictional law enforcement activities shall take place only after notice to, and approval of, the chief law enforcement officer, or his/her designee, of the jurisdiction in which the activity is to occur.

D. EXIGENT OR EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES:

Prior approval and notice of the chief law enforcement officer need not be obtained in order to engage in law enforcement activity based on exigent or emergency circumstances or in circumstances where an activity beginning within the City of Fort Lauderdale spontaneously crosses the municipal boundaries into another municipality or the unincorporated area. Notice of any such activity shall be provided to the Sheriff or to the chief law enforcement officer of the municipality subsequent to the emergency action being taken.

E. RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. An officer's extra-jurisdictional actions shall be limited to criminal acts, which spontaneously take place in the officer's presence and/or to investigations, which emanate from the officer's own jurisdiction.
2. All arrestees shall be transported to the nearest booking facility. Any conflicts regarding jurisdictional custody will be resolved by allowing the jurisdiction in which the activity occurred to take custody of the arrestee(s) for booking purposes.
3. At no time shall an officer engage in extra-jurisdictional traffic enforcement, except in cases of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) or Reckless Driving.

4. All extra-jurisdictional stationary surveillance activity requires notification to the jurisdiction of the general location or area of the surveillance and a description of the police vehicles involved. Mobile surveillance through another jurisdiction will require notification when practical to do so.
5. This policy is in addition to the existing Countywide Mutual Aid Agreement.

F. OTHER JURISDICTION ARRESTS WITHIN BROWARD COUNTY

1. Arrests in other jurisdictions (OJ) made outside the city but within Broward County may be made by Fort Lauderdale Police officers only in accordance with:
 - a. The law enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement as set forth in department policy; or
 - b. Other applicable laws.
2. The agency having jurisdiction in which the arrest is being made will be immediately notified and the arrest coordinated with that agency. If possible, the agency of jurisdiction should make the arrest and complete the Probable Cause Affidavits, which may either be co-signed by the Fort Lauderdale Police officer or list the Fort Lauderdale Police officer as a witness/victim.
3. All information of an O. J. arrest will be properly documented in an offense report, including the O. J. report number and O. J. officers assisting in the arrest.
4. A Fort Lauderdale Police supervisor (Sergeant or above) shall be notified as soon as reasonably possible of arrests occurring outside of the jurisdiction of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. The supervisor will then determine the necessity of any further investigation or reporting.