Purpose

The Virginia Beach Police Department along with other law enforcement agencies provide police services within a geographically defined area. The following defines the jurisdictional boundaries, and areas of concurrent or proprietary jurisdiction.

Policy

Jurisdictional Boundaries (CALEA 2.1.1)

Jurisdiction is the legal authority of an agency of government to deal with a matter. The jurisdiction of a police agency applies to its law enforcement authority in a designated geographical area. As depicted in the map below, the City of Virginia Beach border extends three (3) miles east of the shoreline and is bordered by the Chesapeake Bay to the north, the cities of Norfolk and Chesapeake, Virginia to the west, and the State of North Carolina to the south.
**Concurrent Jurisdiction (CALEA 2.1.2)**

Concurrent Jurisdiction situations may be mandated by law or the result of longstanding mutual agreements. It is the policy of the Virginia Beach Police Department to share concurrent jurisdiction in those areas identified in this policy. Generally, the role of the Department will be to provide assistance and support to the appropriate agency upon request.

**Definitions**

Exclusive Jurisdiction: exists when only one agency exercises authority over a given area (*it should be noted that “Exclusive” areas designated within the below referenced maps are exclusive to the landowner*).

Concurrent Jurisdiction: occurs when more than one agency shares authority within a designated area (*it should be noted that “Concurrent” areas, designated within the below referenced maps, allow for shared authority by both the landowner and Virginia Beach Police Department members as described by the associated mutual aid agreement*).

Proprietary Jurisdiction: exists where the federal government acquires ownership of land within a state but has not obtained any measure of legislative authority over the land. The federal government owns the land merely as a proprietor or housekeeper. Proprietary jurisdiction thereby provides for the enforcement of federal laws but not state laws by federal authorities in these areas. Furthermore, the responsibility for the investigation of any violation of State Law remains with the State or Local agency.

If jurisdiction issues are unclear the problems inherent to providing service to areas of concurrent jurisdiction can inhibit law enforcement operations. In order to clarify the role of Virginia Beach Police Department personnel in areas of concurrent jurisdiction, it shall be the policy of the Department to coordinate the delivery of police services with other agencies sharing jurisdiction.

* As this policy contains maps for reference, where the terms and descriptions of specific agreements come into conflict with the maps, the terms of the respective mutual aid agreements control.

The following relationships exist as they relate to jurisdictional matters:

**Federal Properties**

- Back Bay Fish and Wildlife Refuge
- Camp Pendleton State Military Reservation
- The Villas Quarterdeck -67th Street Housing
- Dam Neck Navy Base
- Fort Story Army Base
- Little Creek Navy Base
- Midway Manor Navy Housing
- Oceana Commissary
- Oceana Navy Air Station
- United States Coast Guard Radio Facility Pungo
- Wadsworth Navy Housing

**Institutions of Higher Education**

- Old Dominion University-Norfolk State Center for Higher Education
- Tidewater Community College
Virginia State Parks

- False Cape
- First Landing

Chesapeake Bay, Bay Bridge Tunnel and Atlantic Ocean
The Villas / Quarterdeck - Virginia Beach

Jurisdiction Type

- Concurrent
- Exclusive
- Proprietary
Little Creek NAB

Chesapeake Bay

JURISDICTION
Type
- Concurrent
- Exclusive
- Proprietary

Midway Manor Naval Housing
Institutions of Higher Education

ODU-Norfolk State Center for Higher Education

JURISDICTION
Type

Concurrent
Exclusive
Proprietary
Virginia State Parks

False Cape State Park

[Map of False Cape State Park with jurisdiction and mutual aid information]
Mutual Aid (CALEA 2.1.3 A, CALEA 2.1.3 B)

The Code of Virginia provides for reciprocal agreements between law enforcement agencies and grants authority to officers to enforce laws and perform other duties of a law enforcement officer. The Virginia Beach Police Department participates in mutual aid agreements with neighboring localities and members are responsible for working cooperatively in joint endeavors when the need arises. Procedures relating to requesting or providing mutual aid are located in chapter 13 of the Operations Manual.