



LEXINGTON DIVISION OF POLICE

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September 12th, 2012

Director Chris Townsend
Fayette County Public Schools Division of Law Enforcement
701 East Main Street
Lexington, KY 40502

RE: Mutual Aid Agreement

Dear Director Townsend:

The Lexington Division of Police has enjoyed a cooperative working relationship with regional law enforcement agencies for many years. Traditionally, when an agency requests assistance from us, it is readily available and rendered without hesitation. I recognize that major emergencies and events could overwhelm our community and require the assistance of agencies such as yours. In that vein, the Lexington Division of Police would like to establish a Mutual Aid Procedure with the Fayette County Public Schools Division of Law Enforcement. This agreement will ensure that our two agencies understand each other's capabilities and provide a framework for response.

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies requires our agency to establish and maintain mutual aid agreements as part of our continuing compliance with accreditation standards. We hope you will review this procedure and join us in this agreement.

If you have any questions about the language used in the attached agreement, please contact Commander Melissa Sedlaczek (859) 258-3614. Feel free to contact me personally if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronnie Bastin".

Ronnie Bastin
Chief of Police

Enclosure(s): Mutual Aid Agreement
 Resources Available

Mutual Aid Procedure - Lexington Division of Police and Fayette County Public Schools Division of Law Enforcement

This Mutual Aid Procedure outlines the procedure to be followed by the requesting and responding agencies in the event of a request for assistance pursuant to Section 23-9(j) (2) of the Code of Ordinances and KRS 431.007, and shall read as follows:

- I. In the event of an emergency, the highest-ranking officer of a law enforcement agency present at the site of an emergency may request assistance from another law enforcement agency when the officer has established the need for additional manpower or equipment.
- II. Unless otherwise agreed, the highest-ranking officer of the responding agency present at the site of the emergency may provide the aid and assistance requested when in his/her opinion; the manpower and equipment is available.
- III. If the responding agency agrees to provide mutual aid, all personnel of the responding agency shall report to and shall work under the direction and supervision of the highest ranking officer of the responding agency who is present at the site of the emergency.
- IV. All personnel and equipment may be recalled by the highest ranking on site officer of the responding agency when the officer determines that the emergency no longer exists, or the personnel and equipment are needed by the responding agency.
- V. Each law enforcement agency shall have primary jurisdiction and responsibility for the investigation of offenses and/or incidents:
- VI. The Division of Police shall assume primary jurisdiction and responsibility for the investigation of offenses and/or incidents:
 - a. When dispatched as the primary unit;
 - b. When the agency of the primary jurisdiction relinquishes control of the situations; and
 - c. The magnitude of the situation exceeds the capabilities of the requesting agency.
 - d. Any images (video and photographs) will be primary custody of the Lexington Division of Police and can be distributed through formal request.

The Division of Police will assume primary jurisdiction in the following incidents:

- a. Mass disorder and riot;
 - b. Barricade and hostage situations (active shooting incidents will be conducted per our joint training procedures); and
 - c. Natural and man made disasters which occur within the boundaries of Fayette County.
- VII. Communications between agencies shall be conducted on the Division of Police radio frequency. Users of this frequency shall use "plain language" and identify themselves with agency name and unit number when contacting other agencies.
- VIII. The Fayette County Division of Law Enforcement and the Lexington Division of Police shall be liable for the action of its employees as required by law.

Ronnie Bastin

Ronnie Bastin, Chief of Police
Lexington Division of Police

Christopher Townsend
Director of FCPS L.E.

Jim Gray
Mayor

10-05-2012
Date

Date

Date

Lexington Resources and Specialized Units

Vehicles:

All-Terrain Vehicles: 3
All Wheel Drive Vehicles (Explorer/Blazer): 35
Evidence Collection Vehicle: 1
Mobile Command Posts: 2
Motorcycles: 10

Special Units:

Canine Unit
Collision Reconstruction Unit
Emergency Response Unit (SWAT)
Hostage Negotiation Unit
Hazardous Devices Unit
Mounted Unit (6 mounts)

Sworn Strength:

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