



**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF POLICE
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM
POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**



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I. PURPOSE

This written directive defines the law enforcement authority and responsibility of individuals commissioned as The University of Texas System Peace Officers.

II. POLICY

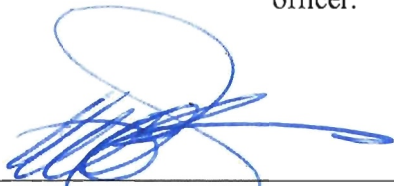
It is the policy of the University of Texas System Police that all employees and peace officers will bear strict adherence to the United States and Texas Constitutions when fulfilling the duties of their position, so that the Constitutional Rights of all persons are protected.

III. WHO ARE POLICE OFFICERS

- A. The Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 2.12, defines Peace Officers as: #8: Officers commissioned under Section 21.483 Education Code or Subchapter E. Chapter 51, Education Code.
- B. The Texas Education Code, Subchapter E., Section 51.203, defines Campus Police Officers:
 - 1. The Governing Boards of each state institution of higher education and public technical institute may employ and commission peace officers for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this subchapter. The primary jurisdiction of a peace officer commissioned under this section includes all counties in which property is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise under the control of the institution of higher education or public technical institute that employs the peace officer.
 - 2. Any person commissioned under this act must be a certified police officer under the requirements of The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

IV. DUTIES AND POWERS OF PEACE OFFICERS

- A. The Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 2.13, provides: "It is the duty of every peace officer to preserve the peace within his jurisdiction. To affect this purpose, he shall use all lawful means. He shall in every case where he is authorized by the provisions of this code, interfere without warrant to prevent or suppress crime. He shall execute all lawful process issued to him by any magistrate or court. He shall give notice to some magistrate of all offenses committed within his jurisdiction, where he has good reason to believe there has been a violation of the penal law. He shall arrest offenders without warrant in every case where he is authorized by law in order that they may be taken before the proper magistrate or court and be tried".
- B. The Texas Education Code, Subchapter E., Section 51.203, provides the powers, privileges and immunities of peace officer to include:
1. Within a peace officer's primary jurisdiction, a peace officer commissioned under this section:
 - a. Is vested with all the powers, privileges and immunities of peace officers;
 - b. May in accordance with Chapter 14, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, arrest without warrant any person who violates a law of the state; and
 - c. May enforce all traffic laws on streets and highways.
 2. Outside a peace officer's primary jurisdiction a peace officer commissioned under this section is vested with all the powers, privileges and immunities of peace officers and may arrest any person who violates any law of the state if the peace officer:
 - a. Is summoned by another law enforcement agency to provide assistance;
 - b. Is assisting another law enforcement agency; or
 - c. Is otherwise performing his duties as a peace officer for the institution of higher education or public technical institute that employs the peace officer.



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