I. PURPOSE

Define the jurisdiction of a University of Texas System Police Officer.

II. POLICY

The primary jurisdiction of peace officers commissioned by the University of Texas System Police includes all counties in which property is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise under the control of the University of Texas System. 2.1.2

III. DEFINITIONS

Texas Education Code Section 51.203 Campus Peace Officers - (a) 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.
(b) Within a peace officer's primary jurisdiction, a peace officer commissioned under this section:
   (1) is vested with all the powers, privileges, and immunities of peace officers;
   (2) may, in accordance with Chapter 14, Code of Criminal Procedure, arrest without a warrant any person who violates a law of the state; and
   (3) may enforce all traffic laws on streets and highways.

Reference Standards
TPCA: 105.1
CALEA: 2.1.1; 2.1.2
IACLEA: 2.1.1; 2.1.2
Texas Education Code 51.203
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(c) 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:
   (1) is summoned by another law enforcement agency to provide assistance;
   (2) is assisting another law enforcement agency; or
   (3) is otherwise performing his duties as a peace officer for the institution of higher education or public technical institute that employs the peace officer.

IV. PROCEDURES

A. The University of Texas System Police is charged with the responsibility of protecting the life and property of individuals who comprise the student body, faculty, and staff of the University of Texas System community.

B. Each institution chief of police shall be responsible for identifying the principal law enforcement focus, within the department's primary jurisdiction, of the agency's law enforcement efforts given the primary mission of the University of Texas System Police. 2.1.1

C. Each institution chief of police shall be responsible for coordination and management of the department's law enforcement efforts with other local law enforcement agencies sharing mutual, concurrent or secondary jurisdiction. 2.1.2

D. In addition to the provisions of Texas Education Code Section 51.203 (c) University of Texas System commissioned peace officers are authorized by Texas Education Code Section 51.203 (c) to function as peace officers outside their primary jurisdiction to assist another law enforcement agency in Texas, or to otherwise perform duties as a peace officer on official university business. 2.1.2

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University of Texas System Police Jurisdiction

Red – Primary Jurisdiction
Counties in which property is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise under the control of the University of Texas System

White – Secondary Jurisdiction
Commissioned peace officers are authorized to function as peace officers to assist another law enforcement agency or to otherwise perform duties as a peace officer on official university business
Primary Jurisdiction Counties

Anderson
Andrews
Bastrop
Bexar
Brazoria
Callahan
Cameron
Collin
Comal
Cooke
Crane
Crockett
Culberson
Dallas
Dawson
Ector
El Paso
Fannin
Fayette
Fort Bend
Gaines
Galveston
Goliad

Gonzales
Gregg
Hardin
Harris
Harrison
Hidalgo
Houston
Hudspeth
Irion
Jeff Davis
Jefferson
Lamar
Liberty
Loving
Martin
McLennan
Midland
Montgomery
Nacogdoches
Nueces
Orange
Pecos
Polk

Potter
Reagan
Schleicher
Shackelford
Shelby
Smith
Starr
Tarrant
Terrell
Travis
Upton
Uvalde
Victoria
Waller
Ward
Webb
Wharton
Wichita
Willacy
Winkler
Wood
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