1.0 Policy

The guidelines of this policy will establish the jurisdiction for the University of Pittsburgh Police Department and the procedures, duties and responsibilities for providing assistance to, or requesting assistance from other agencies.

2.0 Jurisdiction

The legal jurisdiction of the University of Pittsburgh Police Department is governed by statute and administrative rule of the University of Pittsburgh. Section 2416 and Section 2416.1 of The Administrative Code of 1929, 71 P.S. §§ 646 and 646.1, provides that campus police officers have legal authority to exercise their power upon the grounds to include; all lands and buildings owned, controlled, leased or managed by the University of Pittsburgh or within 500 yards of the grounds. The Municipal Police Jurisdiction Act allows the University of Pittsburgh Police to assist another law enforcement officer, outside of our Primary Jurisdiction, when requested or when there is probable cause to believe that the other officer may be in need of assistance (Title 42, Pa. C.S.A. Ch. 89, Subch. D).

For purposes of applying the provisions of Title 42, Pa. C.S.A, Ch. 89, Subch. D, the Primary Jurisdiction of the University of Pittsburgh Police Department shall be the grounds and within 500 yards of the grounds of the University Of Pittsburgh.

Geographic boundaries of the jurisdiction of the University of Pittsburgh Police Department are depicted on a map prepared by University of Pittsburgh Facilities Management Department. These boundaries vary upon acquisition of new grounds. Shown as the Campus Police Primary Jurisdiction map, it is located in the Investigation Office.

3.0 Concurrent Jurisdiction

Concurrent jurisdiction refers to state, county and/or federal agencies with geographical boundaries that encompass the jurisdiction of the University of Pittsburgh Police Department and does not involve any written inter-agency agreements.
4.0 Limits of Jurisdiction

Police officers of the University of Pittsburgh Police Department, though having concurrent jurisdiction in the City of Pittsburgh, must remember that our primary area of responsibility lies with University of Pittsburgh property, its students, faculty and staff. While in the regular course of duties in our primary jurisdiction, and not on University property, officers are authorized to respond to the following incidents:

A. Requests for assistance from the City of Pittsburgh Police Department
B. When an officer observes any felony or misdemeanor in progress
C. When an officer observes a situation where there is a danger to personal or public safety arising out of criminal or non-criminal circumstances and immediate action would help alleviate the danger
D. When an officer is involved in a criminal investigation
E. When enforcing traffic and parking laws on city streets (vehicle accidents on city streets will be investigated by the City of Pittsburgh Police).

In the event of the unavailability of the City of Pittsburgh Police to respond to an urgent call for services in our primary jurisdiction, but not in or on University property, University of Pittsburgh Police will dispatch its officers, if available, on request of the City of Pittsburgh Police to stabilize the situation and stand by, if necessary, until a City of Pittsburgh Police officer can respond.

5.0 Reference

1-9 Mutual Aid