1.0 Policy

Mutual aid is provided for by law under Title 71, § 646.1 Campus Police Powers and Duties as well as by Title 42, Ch. 89, Subch. D Municipal Police Jurisdiction. For purposes of this policy, mutual aid is defined as the short-term assistance given or asked for between the University of Pittsburgh Police Department and neighboring law enforcement agencies during emergency situations, such as civil disorders, fires, floods, or other public disasters. Typical law enforcement services required or provided may include arrest and transporting prisoners, building searches, traffic control and back-ups.

Mutual aid may be requested from or provided to another law enforcement agency by the University of Pittsburgh Police Department at the discretion of the shift supervisor. (It must be remembered that we still have the responsibility of providing law enforcement service to our jurisdiction).

Any long-term support between the University of Pittsburgh Police Department and neighboring agencies will be coordinated in advance by department heads. Title 71, § 646.1 Campus Police Powers and Duties, provides for cooperative police service agreements in accordance with the Municipal Police Jurisdiction Act (Title 42, subchapter D).

Occasionally, it may become necessary to request assistance from federal law enforcement agencies, such as, the FBI, DEA, State Department (Diplomatic Bureau), U. S. Secret Service, U. S. Customs, or the ATF, etc. when a crime has been committed. The determination to notify these agencies will normally be made by the Detective Lieutenant after consultation with the Chief of Police or his designee.

In the event that the University of Pittsburgh Police Department, and the neighboring police agency is unable to cope with an emergency, such as a riot or civil disturbance, it may then become necessary to call upon the National Guard for assistance. The state utilization of the Pennsylvania National Guard guidelines as outlined by the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veteran’s Affairs, and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency will be followed. The Chief of Police, in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Police Department and the Allegheny County Emergency Operations Center will contact the Pennsylvania Emergency Management
Agency (PEMA), (1-800-424-7362) or the office of the Governor of Pennsylvania. The Governor will contact the Adjutant General to deploy the National Guard (Title 51 Pa. C.S.A. § 508, Active State Duty for Emergency).

2.0 Statewide and Federal Law Enforcement Support

The University of Pittsburgh Police Department participates in the use of the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (CLEAN), National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation’s Bureau of Motor Vehicles (PENNDOT) computer databases. In addition the police department participates in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Pennsylvania State Police, and provides statistical information under the mandates of the Jeanne Clery Act.

3.0 Pittsburgh and Allegheny County Law Enforcement Support

Effective law enforcement and related support services are not a solitary effort, but require the cooperation and interaction of many agencies. The University of Pittsburgh Police Department supports this concept and is dedicated to agency interaction and networking for the effective provision of police services within the University of Pittsburgh Police Department.

In cases of emergency, when the City of Pittsburgh Police Department is called for assistance, the University of Pittsburgh Police will access the Pittsburgh police frequency to coordinate activities.

Certain law enforcement resources may be made available to this department for special use. Such resources, and the agencies to contact, include (but are not limited to):

- **Canine Teams** City of Pittsburgh Police Department canine teams, if requested, can be used to conduct building searches, woods/area searches, tracking, body searches, narcotic searches, crowd control and apprehension. Handlers will be responsible for compliance with their own agency policies, procedures and restrictions. Allegheny County Police Department canine teams, if used, can be used to conduct narcotic searches and searches for bombs and arson investigation.

- **Helicopter or fixed-wing aircraft** The Chief of Police or his designee normally requests this resource in advance through Pennsylvania State Police, Troop B Headquarters, Washington, PA who will notify the state police Bureau of Aviation. It may be available on an emergency basis also.

- **Polygraph** City of Pittsburgh Police Department or the Allegheny County Police Department.

- **Bomb Disposal** Allegheny County Police Department

- **Breath / BAC Testing** City of Pittsburgh Police Department’s Special Deployment Division- Traffic