

**PALMYRA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL ORDER**

**G.O. 3-17-2016**

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**Section: THREE  
Chapter: SEVENTEEN**

**SUBJECT:** Mutual Aid  
**ISSUE DATE:** 03-17-16  
**REFERENCE:** NYSA 58.1

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**I. POLICY**

- A. Members of the Palmyra Police Department have jurisdiction within the geographical limits of the Village of Palmyra, from which funding and political control are derived. Mutual aid to and from other law enforcement agencies outside the Village limits will be provided and requested as set forth in this Order.

**II. PROVIDING MUTUAL AID**

- A. Mutual aid will be provided to other agencies as set forth in any formal agreement(s) between the Village of Palmyra and the requesting jurisdiction.
- B. Aid and assistance from other agencies is often received without formal agreement, and shall be reciprocated.
  - 1. Officers may respond when necessary to preserve and protect life or to prevent serious physical injury to another **ONLY** when there is no other police agency in a position to respond to such threat in a timely or adequate manner, and **ONLY** when authorized by a supervisor.
  - 2. Any officer electing to respond to a situation covered by this policy shall make every effort to ensure that such assistance is not readily available from a closer or more appropriate police agency and shall immediately terminate such response at the earliest time at which the circumstances no longer justify a response or participation.
- C. Mutual aid shall be provided only with due regard for the safety and welfare of the residents of the Village of Palmyra and shall not be exercised when to do so would place the Village and its citizens in clear and predictable danger.
- D. Exception to this policy shall be at the discretion of the Chief of Police or his designee, for good and articulable cause.
- E. Personnel responding mutual aid to another jurisdiction must be aware of the Criminal Procedure Law, Article 140, which governs the powers of arrest outside an officer's geographical jurisdiction.

**III. MUTUAL AID REQUESTS**

- A. Short-term mutual aid requests from another agency (back-up, traffic control, etc.) shall be made by a command officer.
- B. Long-term requests for mutual aid (major cases, drug task force assignment, etc.) must be authorized by the Chief of Police.

- C. Mutual aid requests for specialized services can be made to any agency having the ability to provide the necessary service (e.g., helicopter-NYSP, canine-WCSO, etc.).

By the Order of:

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Chief of Police