



General Order 2.1 - Agency Jurisdiction and Mutual Aid

PURPOSE: Define geographical boundaries; concurrent jurisdiction; concurrent jurisdiction operations; mutual aid in emergency situations; request of federal law enforcement; request of National Guard; legal status of agencies acting under mutual aid; and use of mutual aid personnel.

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2.1.1 GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES

A. The jurisdiction of the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office extends throughout the county; however, in those areas of the county that have an established police department, the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office only provides assistance to those agencies.

1. In all other areas of the county, the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office is the primary provider of law enforcement services.

B. The geographical boundaries of Sedgwick County are:

1. Northern boundary: 125th St. N. (East of 311th W.)
29th St. N. (West of 311th W.)
2. Southern boundary: 119th St. S.
3. Eastern boundary: 159th St. E.
4. Western boundary: 311th St. W. (North of 29th N.)
407th St. W. (South of 29th N.)

2.1.2 CONCURRENT JURISDICTION

- A. **(R)** Because the sheriff has jurisdiction throughout the county, there are concurrent jurisdictions found within Sedgwick County. The concurrent jurisdictions are found in municipalities that have an established police department.
- B. It is the policy of the sheriff's office to allow those municipalities that have an established police department to handle law enforcement services within their respective jurisdictions. However, should any police department request assistance, the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office will freely assist them. Should a deputy see an offense committed anywhere, with the exception of C below, the deputy has the authority and responsibility to act.
- C. McConnell Air Force Base is a federal reservation outside the normal jurisdiction of the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office.
 1. [K.S.A. 22-2401a](#) does allow for "fresh pursuit".
 2. [K.S.A. 27-102](#) contains savings clauses that allow for service of criminal or civil process issued under the authority of the State of Kansas on federal lands within the state.
 3. When requested by McConnell Air Force Base Security Police to process an arrest (traffic or criminal misdemeanors) wherein the violation was witnessed by security police personnel, the department will freely assist, provided:
 - a. The violation occurred off the federal reservation in view of security police; and
 - b. A signed witness statement is secured from security police personnel observing the violation.

NOTE: Arrests must still comply with legal requirements as set forth in [K.S.A. 22-2402](#). See section [1.2.1\(C\)](#), "Legal Authority", of the policy and procedures.
- D. The department and the Kansas Highway Patrol have concurrent jurisdiction over the state and federal highways within Sedgwick County.
 1. By cooperative agreement, the Kansas Highway Patrol will work all accidents on a state or federal highway if troopers are available.

2. While deputies may be the first responding unit in such instances, the Kansas Highway Patrol, when available, will normally be the primary investigating agency.

2.1.3 CONCURRENT JURISDICTION OPERATIONS

- A. If the appropriate jurisdiction has no officer available, deputies will respond to calls:
 1. Considered "in progress";
 2. Where the possibility of injury, death, or property damage might result;
 3. Suspicious activity; or
 4. Any other call a supervisor designates.
- B. "Report-only" calls will be held until an officer from the appropriate jurisdiction is available.
 1. At times, circumstances may result in a jurisdiction not having law enforcement services available for an extended time.
 2. When such circumstances arise, the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office will provide all law enforcement services, to include the taking of reports.
 3. Full law enforcement service must be authorized by the sheriff or designee.
- C. When deputies respond to calls under part A above, deputies will generate an outside-assist case (see Section [82.1.6](#)), of the appropriate classification.
 1. If a deputy makes an arrest while responding under part A above, an "S" case will be made and the sheriff's department will handle all case follow-up.
- D. When an agency requests the sheriff's department to assist them in an investigation, the department will freely assist them.
- E. The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office will investigate criminal offenses within concurrent jurisdictions upon request from the community or any police officer.
- F. A cooperative agreement exists between the department and other law enforcement agencies within Sedgwick County to provide any requested backup on a reciprocal basis.
- G. Communication between the various law enforcement agencies within Sedgwick County is coordinated through the Sedgwick County Emergency Communications Center when direct radio communications are not possible.

2.1.4 MUTUAL AID IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

- A. Legislation exists ([K.S.A. 48-929](#)) that directs counties to prepare and keep current disaster emergency guidelines.
 1. The sheriff is a signatory to these mandated guidelines, binding the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office to their content.
 2. These guidelines are concerned with all types of emergency situations that may develop.

3. In emergency situations, these guidelines will be implemented using all available resources countywide to address the situation.

2.1.5 OPEN

2.1.6 REQUEST OF FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

- A. Requests for federal law enforcement assistance in other than emergency situations will be handled through the appropriate division.
- B. Requests for federal law enforcement assistance in emergency situations will be made with the permission of the sheriff, or designee thereof.

2.1.7 REQUEST OF NATIONAL GUARD

- A. Requests for Kansas National Guard is regulated by [K.S.A. 48-242](#).
 1. See Section [46.1.7](#) (C3) for specifics.

2.1.8 LEGAL STATUS OF AGENCIES ACTING UNDER MUTUAL AID

- A. Agencies providing mutual aid in an emergency situation as specified in [K.S.A. 48-929](#) have their legal status defined under [K.S.A. 48-934](#), which states:
 1. [K.S.A. 48-934](#) provides that law enforcement officers, military personnel, or other persons authorized to assist them during the time while engaged in maintaining or restoring the public peace or safety or in the protection of life or property during a state of disaster emergency proclaimed under [K.S.A. 48-924](#) shall have all powers, duties, and immunities now otherwise provided by law and shall be immune from civil and criminal liability for acts reasonably done by them in the performance of their duties so long as they act without malice and without the use of excessive or unreasonable force.

2.1.9 USE OF MUTUAL AID PERSONNEL

- A. Although legislation exists to provide mutual aid in an emergency situation, consideration should be given to using personnel from other agencies, primarily where detailed knowledge of Sedgwick County geography and departmental policies and procedures are not essential.
 1. To the extent possible, direct supervision of personnel or utilization of equipment provided should be supervised by personnel from the assisting agency.