

NIAGARA FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDER

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/02/2013	SUBJECT: MUTUAL AID	Number 339.00 (NYSLEAP O-58-1)
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I. Purpose:

- A. Situations may arise which will require the Niagara Falls Police Department to request immediate temporary assistance from another law enforcement agency or to provide such assistance.
- B. Requests of a longer duration may exist in certain investigations or other emergency situations that may require select officers/units to be assigned to the detail on other agency.

II. Policy:

- A. Requests For Mutual Aid for the Niagara Falls Police Department shall be made by the Superintendent of Police or designee.
- B. A Shift Commander may initiate a temporary request for aid and assistance for the City by other police agencies when situations and circumstances warrant such actions. The Superintendent of Police or designee shall be notified in all such cases.
- C. Upon a request from an outside agency, the Shift Commander shall authorize the appropriate response. A full report of the incident will be made to the Superintendent of Police in regards to nature of the complaint, amount of officers and equipment sent and final disposition, e.g., arrests, injuries, damages, property loss as soon as possible.
- D. The Niagara Falls Police Department routinely receives assistance from other agencies without a formal agreement and shall reciprocate.
 - 1. For mutual aid that involves the utilization of specialized units and/or officers, the Superintendent of Police or designee shall be notified immediately and will either approve or disapprove of the assignment.
 - 2. Long-term assignment of this Department's personnel or support people for extended periods of time may only come from the Superintendent of Police or designee.

III. Article 10 5209-M, General Municipal Law:

A. "Officers in performance of their duty and rendering services to other local governments have the same powers, duties, rights, benefits, privileges and immunities as if they were performing their duties in the local government in which and by which they are normally employed."