

Mutual Aid

351.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and deployment policy for mutual aid agreements between the San Leandro Police Department and other public safety agencies. This policy and procedure applies to all members.

351.2 POLICY

The San Leandro Police Department engages in and accepts the responsibilities where mutual aid agreements express the authority to assist and provide certain law enforcement services (i.e., staffing, equipment, etc.). The establishment of agreements for law enforcement services by one agency to another agency is very important where limited resources or emergency situations warrant more equipment and/or staffing. Cooperative agreements among neighboring agencies allow for quick and efficient augmentation of resources.

351.3 MUTUAL AID DEFINED

Mutual aid is the voluntary sharing of personnel and resources when an agency cannot deploy, sufficiently, its own resources to respond to an unusual occurrence. Resources are then requested by the affected agency through a recognized system established by the Master Mutual Aid Agreement and Emergency Services Act.

This cooperative system may be executed on a local, countywide, regional, statewide, and interstate basis. The state has been divided into seven mutual aid regions to more effectively apply, administer and coordinate mutual aid. Mutual aid can become mandatory at the option of the Governor. Generally, there is no reimbursement for providing mutual aid.

351.3.1 AUTHORITIES

The California Law Enforcement Mutual Aid System and Plan derives its authority from the California Emergency Services Act (Govt. Code §8850, §8569, §8615 - 8619, §8632, §8668) and the Master Mutual Aid Agreement.

351.4 MUTUAL AID PROCESS

Local - Chief of Police determines an unusual event is beyond department resources, requests mutual aid assistance from the Sheriff.

Alameda County - If the event is beyond the resource capability of the Sheriff's Office and other in-county law enforcement resources, the Sheriff requests mutual aid from the Regional Mutual Aid Coordinator.

Region - A Sheriff in the region, who is designated as the "Regional Mutual Aid Coordinator" fulfills the mutual aid request from other Operational Areas and their respective law enforcement resources.

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State - If the law enforcement resources within the impacted region are not sufficient, the Mutual Aid Regional Coordinator may request additional mutual aid assistance from the State Mutual Aid Coordinator. Other mutual aid regions may be called upon to assist.