

# Truro Police Department

## JURISDICTION

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**REFERENCE:**

*Accreditation Standards: 2.1.2*

*Mass. Gen. Law Chap.*

*Other: Memorandum of Understanding (National Park Service)*

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### **I. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS AND GUIDELINES**

The boundaries of the Town of Truro encompass both federal and state law enforcement jurisdictions. A detailed road map, located in the Communications Center, depicts the physical jurisdictional boundaries of the Town of Truro.

To avoid conflicting jurisdictional problems, the following policy shall be followed in conjunction with other department policies, rules and regulations, memos, orders, and the Memorandum of understanding between the Town of Truro and the National Park Services regarding the provision of law enforcement services.

### **II. POLICY**

- A. Officers of the Truro Police Department shall investigate all calls for service within the Town of Truro, including calls for service which are located on state roads, (Route 6), and including all calls for service that are reported within the boundaries of the National Park Service.
- B. Officers of the Truro Police Department shall patrol all areas of the Town of Truro, including state and federal areas and roadways, and shall enforce state and local laws.
- C. The following exceptions shall apply:
  - 1. Burglar/Fire Alarms that are activated by residences within the jurisdictional boundaries of the National Park Service, in areas that are remote (such as the ponds area in South Truro) shall be referred to a National Park Ranger by radio. The Shift

Commander shall determine if a Truro Police Officer shall respond. If no ranger is on duty, than a Truro Police Officer will respond.

2. Calls of a routine and/or non-emergency nature received by the Truro Police Department located in areas located in the National Park, such as High Head Beach, High Head Beach access road, ocean side beaches not owned and/or controlled by the National Park Service, and National Park Service controlled properties, such as the FAA site (old U.S. Air Force Base) and the Mitre Site, shall be referred to a National Park Ranger. The Shift Commander shall determine if a Truro Police Officer shall respond.
    - a. Calls such lock outs, car alarms, parking complaints, traffic complaints, etc are considered non-emergency and routine for the purposes of this policy only.
  3. All calls for service on all state highways, including Route 6, shall be investigated, regardless of the nature.
    - a. The Massachusetts State Police shall have concurrent jurisdiction, but shall not be the primary law enforcement agency for response.
    - b. Calls shall not be referred to the Massachusetts State Police, unless their expertise is warranted.
  4. If all on duty Truro Police Officers are handling other calls, and cannot be released to take another call in Truro, the Shift Commander shall:
    - a. Assess the urgency of the pending call in relationship with the reason why a Truro Police Officer cannot respond, and make an appropriate determination.
    - b. Contact the nearest police department for a response to the call.
    - c. Ensure that an entry is made in the log detailing why the response was not made.
- D. Communications personnel shall log all calls made to the department, including all referrals made to other agencies.
1. Shift Commanders shall check the log to ensure accuracy.