



# Jurisdiction Policy

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## Purpose:

To ensure EPS members operate within appropriate jurisdictional boundaries when responding to an event or incident.

## Statement of Principle:

The EPS is one of several law enforcement agencies in the City of Edmonton and the Province of Alberta. Effective law enforcement requires agencies to work together to deliver results to the community.

## Definitions:

*Definitions listed in this section apply to this document only with no implied or intended organization-wide or EPS Policy and Procedure Manual wide use.*

**Institution** – Facility that has lawful custody of an individual, Sherriff Personnel, remand facility and correctional facility within the City of Edmonton.

**Major Incident** – An anticipated or unanticipated event that is prolonged or unusual and outside the normal operating environment of the EPS.

**Non-Major Incident** – Provision of policing services within the normal operating environment of the EPS.

## Policy Statement:

To the best of their abilities and within their mandate, EPS members must respect the jurisdiction of other law enforcement agencies and fully cooperate with their representatives in the discharge of their duties.

Members are authorized by section 38(2) of the *Police Act*, 1988 to exercise authority as police officers throughout Alberta. This legal jurisdiction, therefore, permits members to assume or exercise any police or investigative duty with respect to any offence or suspected offence committed within the province. While engaged in such police duties, members are also peace officers for all purposes.



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While authorized throughout Alberta EPS members will limit the performance of their duties to matters related to the City of Edmonton and falling within those boundaries. If requested to assist by other law enforcement agencies within the province of Alberta the EPS will look to do so when practicable and with proper authorization as described in the procedures that make up this policy suite.

If an instance arises where a matter originates in Edmonton's boundaries but leaves those boundaries, every effort shall be made to inform and work with other police agencies pursuant to the respective jurisdictional boundaries involved. Conversely similar actions will be taken by other policing agencies for matters that originate outside of Edmonton, but during the course of events enter Edmonton.