

**Stevensville Police Department
General Orders**

Chapter 2 Agency Jurisdiction, Mutual Aid, And Regional Services

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The Stevensville Police Department shall provide mutual aid assistance to neighboring law enforcement agencies in accordance with Montana Code Annotated, Title 44, Chapter 11.

2.1.1 GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES

CALEA Standard 2.1.1

The Stevensville Police Department shall provide law enforcement services to the boundaries of Town of Stevensville within Ravalli County as established by the Stevensville Town Council and to extraterritorial boundaries as designated by the Montana Code Annotated, Title 44, Chapter 11 when assistance is requested.

2.1.2 CONCURRENT JURISDICTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

CALEA Standard 2.1.2

The Stevensville Police Department acknowledges that other law enforcement offices have concurrent jurisdiction within Ravalli County and the State of Montana.

The Stevensville Police Department has jurisdiction to enforce the laws of The State of Montana, and to carry out all duties and responsibilities assigned to the agency, except as provided by state or federal law.

2.1.3 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS

CALEA Standard 2.1.3

Montana Code Annotated, Title 44, Chapter 11 is the controlling statute governing cooperation between law enforcement agencies in Montana. In accordance with this statute, The Stevensville Police Department:

- Participates in the Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement.

- May enter into agreements with other agencies in Montana as deemed appropriate by the Chief of Police, the Mayor and Stevensville Town Council.

General Provisions

Request for mutual aid shall be met in accordance with all official agreements, legislation, and with the following general provisions:

- The Chief of Police shall determine the available resources and answer the request accordingly, provided law enforcement obligations to the Agency are fully upheld.
- In emergency situations, the on-duty Field Supervisor, shall have the authority to assign Officers to assist neighboring law enforcement in Ravalli County, provided the law enforcement obligations to the Agency are fully upheld.
- Mutual Aid requests from law enforcement agencies outside of Ravalli County must be put in writing and the conditions agreed upon prior to the assignment of Officers of the Stevensville Police Department. The Chief of Police must approve such requests.
- Personnel from other law enforcement agencies assisting The Stevensville Police Department during emergency situations, special events, and at other times shall work under the supervision of The Stevensville Police Department.

Ravalli County Mutual Aid Agreement

The Ravalli County Mutual Aid Agreement shall be written in accordance with controlling legislation and shall contain language to address at least the following elements:

- Legal status of agency and agency personnel responding to mutual aid request.
- Procedures for vesting provider agency personnel with the legal authority to act with the receiver agency's jurisdiction.
- Procedures for requesting mutual aid.
- Identifying those persons authorized to request mutual aid.
- Identifying those persons to whom outside personnel are to report.
- Procedures for maintaining radio communication with outside personnel
- Expenditures, if any, which should be borne by the receiver agency to compensate for the use of the provider agency's resources.
- Procedures for review and revision.

2.1.4 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

CALEA Standard 2.1.4

Emergency Federal Law Enforcement Assistance

Requests for Federal Law Enforcement Assistance will be coordinated through the Office of the Mayor, Stevensville Town Council and the Emergency Management Coordinator for Ravalli County.

Requests for National Guard Assistance

The Ravalli County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is a Division of the Ravalli County Sheriff's Office. The Division of Emergency Management of the Ravalli County Sheriff's Office collaborates with law enforcement, emergency managers, and medical personnel throughout the region to coordinate response efforts when disaster strikes. All requests for National Guard Assistance are coordinated through the Office of Emergency Management

Statewide Criminal Information System

The Stevensville Police Department participates in the Montana Criminal Justice Information Network. The Stevensville Police Department has access to a centralized multi-area fingerprint identification system.

The Stevensville Police Department, at the direction of the Chief of Police and with the approval of the Office of the Mayor may enter into contracts for the provision of law enforcement services.