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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to establish guidelines for matter of Office jurisdiction, mutual aid, and regional services.

II. DISCUSSION

This directive shall apply to all Sheriff's personnel. It is beneficial that law enforcement agencies both within the boundaries of Monroe County, Florida and in adjoining jurisdictions be in a position to assist each other as the situation arises. For this purpose it is important for all personnel to know the jurisdiction of this Office, mutual aid and available services from other agencies.

III. POLICY AND PROCEDURE

A. Jurisdiction of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office

The legally authorized geographical area acting under the Sheriff of Monroe County, Florida is Monroe County, Florida. The enforcement of the Florida State Statutes and Monroe County Ordinances is authorized in Monroe County, Florida unless specifically prohibited or specifically allowed elsewhere by law.

B. Concurrent Jurisdictions - Assistance of Local, State, and Federal Agencies

1. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office possesses concurrent jurisdiction with the Cities of Key West, Marathon and Key Colony Beach. In addition, the Sheriff's Office retains concurrent law enforcement jurisdiction in Monroe County, Florida with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Highway Patrol, Florida Marine Patrol, Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, and the Florida National Guard.
2. There are also several Federal law enforcement agencies assigned to Monroe County, Florida. They include the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Customs, United States Department of Immigration, United States Wildlife Service, and the United States Coast Guard.
3. The Sheriff, as well as other local law enforcement agencies, have concurrent jurisdiction on all military property in Monroe County. As such;
 - a. The Navy will adopt the Domestic Abuse Preferred Arrest Policy for all military housing.
 - b. The Sheriff's Office will, on the basis of the Navy's criminal investigation, in which probable cause is shown, arrest for violations of Florida State Statute which occurred on military property.
 - 1) Misdemeanor violations will be referred to the State Attorney's Office by complaint affidavit.
 - 2) Felony violations will be referred to the Sheriff's Office by complaint affidavit, the responding Deputy will make the arrest, complete all related paperwork and transport the prisoner.
 - c. In major cases, if requested, the Sheriff's Office will assist Navy Investigators in crime scene processing, Homicide Team assistance, case preparation, and court presentation.

- e. Key West Police Department - to be contacted when requests for service are received for inside the city limits of Key West, unless the caller requests the Sheriff's Office respond. However, in instances involving a Key West City ordinance(s), the Police Department must be contacted. This should be fully explained to the complainant. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit any Deputy Sheriff certified pursuant to the State Statute from taking appropriate account in any situation for which he/she is authorized within the City of Key West. The Sheriff's Office will respond to requests for law enforcement assistance from the Key West Police Department. In such events, the Deputy(s) responding will report to the highest ranking officer at the scene. Communications between the two agencies will be via inter-agency radio or telephone, whichever assumes the prompt and appropriate response.

1) Limitations

This plan only applies to unusual occurrences that require the commitment of resources beyond the on-duty shift.

2) Authorization

- a) The Office member receiving a request for aid from the City of Key West Police Department in an unusual occurrence will inform the Division I Commander of said request.
- b) The Division Commander will begin mobilization of Office personnel as per the Emergency Mobilization Plan.
- c) Notification will be made via the chain of command to the Sheriff.

3) The Unusual Occurrence Plan Implementation

- a) The appropriate plan will be instituted with the following exceptions.
 - (1) The Station Commander will assume field command of all Office personnel responding to the request for aid.
 - (2) The Division Commander will report to the Key West Police Department's Officer in Charge, and coordinate the direction of Office personnel through the Station Commander as the situation requires.

4) Assuming Command

- a) In the event the Division Commander feels that the Office should assume command of the incident to protect the citizens of Monroe County residing in the City of Key West, such a request shall be directed to the Undersheriff.
- b) The final decision to assume command of an incident Sheriff, who shall notify the Key West Police Chief of such a decision.
- c) Office response plans will be initiated to the fullest extent.
- d. Key Colony Beach Police Department - to be contacted when requests for service are received for inside the city limits of Key Colony Beach, unless the caller requests the Sheriff's Office respond. However, in instances involving a Key Colony Beach City Ordinance(s), the Police Department must be contacted. This should be fully explained to the complainant. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit any Deputy Sheriff certified pursuant to the State Statute from taking appropriate account in any situation for which he/she is authorized within the City of Key Colony Beach. The Sheriff's Office will respond to request for law enforcement assistance from the Key Colony Beach Police

Department. In such events, the Deputy(s) responding will report to the highest ranking officer at the scene. Communications between the two agencies will be via inter-agency radio or telephone, whichever assumes the prompt and appropriate response.

1) Limitations

This plan only applies to unusual occurrences that require the commitment of resources beyond the on-duty shift.

2) Authorization

- a)** The Office member receiving a request for aid from the City of Key Colony Beach Police Department in an unusual occurrence will inform the Division II Commander of said request.
- b)** The Division II Commander will begin mobilization of Office personnel as per the Emergency Mobilization Plan.
- c)** Notification will be made via the chain of command to the Sheriff.

3) The Unusual Occurrence Plan Implementation

- a)** The appropriate plan will be instituted with the following exceptions.
 - (1)** The Station Commander will assume field command of all Office personnel responding to the request for aid.
 - (2)** The Division Commander will report to the City of Key Colony Beach Police Department's Office in Charge, and coordinate the direction of Office personnel through the Station Commander as the situation requires.

4) Assuming Command

- a)** In the event the Division Commander feels that the Office should assume command of the incident to protect the citizens of Monroe County residing in the City of Key Colony Beach, such a request shall be directed to the Undersheriff.
 - b)** The final decision to assume command of an incident lies with the Sheriff, who shall notify the City of Key Colony Beach Police Chief of such a decision.
 - c)** Office response plans will be initiated to the fullest extent.
- e.** Florida National Guard - to be contacted only by the Sheriff for matters deemed necessary. Generally the National Guard will be requested in the event of a natural disaster or great law enforcement emergency. In the event of a pending natural disaster, such as a hurricane, continual weather and condition reports will be forwarded to the Sheriff by telephone, teletype, or radio, whichever assures prompt and appropriate information. It will then be the decision of the Sheriff and Director of Disaster Preparedness to contact the Governor's Office requesting the National Guard, as well as other appropriate agencies. In the event of a great law enforcement emergency, the Sheriff shall be continually informed of the situation by telephone, teletype, or radio, whichever assures prompt and appropriate information. It will then be the decision of the Sheriff to contact the Governor's Office requesting the National Guard, as well as other appropriate agencies.
- f.** Federal Bureau of Investigation - to be contacted for bank robberies or when information or an investigation deems it appropriate. The Sheriff's Office will respond to requests for assistance

from the FBI. In such events, the Deputy(s) responding will report to the highest ranking agent at the scene. Communications between the two agencies will be via inter-agency radio or telephone, whichever assures prompt and appropriate response. When assistance is needed from the FBI, requests will be routed through the appropriate field officers. Requests for assistance will be made by command personnel.

- g.** United States Customs - To be contacted when assistance is needed in the investigation of illegal substances or products entering or about to enter the boundaries of Monroe County, Florida. When assistance is needed from U.S. Customs, request will be routed through the appropriate field office. Requests for assistance will be made by command personnel. The Sheriff's Office will respond to requests for assistance from U.S. Customs. In such events, the Deputy(s) responding will report to the highest ranking agent at the scene. Communications between the two agencies will be via inter-agency radio or telephone, whichever assures prompt and appropriate response.
- h.** United States Department of Immigration - to be contacted when illegal aliens enter or are about to enter the boundaries of Monroe County, Florida. When assistance is needed from the U.S. Department of Immigration, requests will be routed through the appropriate field office. Requests for assistance will be made by command personnel. The Sheriff's Office will respond to requests for assistance from the United States Department of Immigration. In such events, the Deputy(s) responding will report to the highest ranking agent at the scene. Communications between the two agencies will be done by whatever means assures a prompt and appropriate response.
- i.** United States Wildlife Service - to be contacted concerning situations dealing with wildlife or any United States lands in Monroe County, or for any situations dealing with wildlife under the jurisdiction U.S. Wildlife Service in Monroe County, Florida. When assistance is needed from the U.S. Wildlife Service, requests will be made by supervisory personnel. The Sheriff's Office will respond to requests for assistance from the U.S. Wildlife Service. In such events, the Deputy(s) responding will report to the highest ranking officer at the scene. Communications between the two agencies will be done by whatever means assures a prompt and appropriate response.
- j.** United States Coast Guard - to be contacted concerning missing boats, boats in distress, or boating accidents outside the boundaries of Monroe County, Florida, with the exception of the areas west of Key West not covered by the Florida Marine Patrol. Also the U.S. Coast Guard should be notified, when deemed appropriate by investigating personnel, of illegal drugs headed for the boundaries of Monroe County by way of the Atlantic Ocean or Gulf of Mexico. This should be done as soon as possible after receiving information that the illegal drugs are en route. Information and requests will be forwarded by supervisory personnel to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard station.

C. Mutual Aid

The Sheriff of Monroe County and Dade County, Florida have entered into a Mutual Aid agreement pursuant to the Florida Mutual Aid Act, Section 23,1225 (l), Florida Statute.

- 1.** The purpose is to provide mutual aid and assistance in law enforcement situations involving crimes in progress, injuries, or officers in need of assistance, excluding routine patrol, on and adjacent to those portions of Card Sound Road and US Highway 1 bounded as follows:

 - a.** Card Sound Road - From the intersection of Card Sound Road with US Highway 1 in Dade County to the intersection of Card Sound Road with the 4-way stop in Monroe County.
 - b.** US Highway 1 - From the intersection of US Highway 1 with Card Sound Road in Dade County to the northern end of the Jewfish Creek bridge in Monroe County.

2. Source of Police Authority

- a. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 23.127 (1), Florida Statutes, whenever the members of any law enforcement agency who are parties to this agreement are rendering aid outside their jurisdiction and pursuant to the authority contained in this agreement, such members shall have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities as if they were performing their duties in the political sub-division in which they are normally sworn.
- b. A Deputy Sheriff of either of the participating counties shall be considered to be operating under the provisions of the Mutual Aid Agreement when appropriately dispatched within the delineated area in response to a request for assistance by an agent or Deputy Sheriff of the other law enforcement agency.

D. Regional Services

1. Statewide Radio Frequency
2. The Sheriff's Office utilizes the authorized statewide general radio frequency of 155.370 in all its base radios. This statewide radio frequency is a specifically designated communication network for general law enforcement inter-jurisdictional communication.
3. Statewide Fingerprint Records System - The Florida Department of Law Enforcement is the agency responsible for the statewide centralized fingerprint system. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office fingerprints all persons arrested by Monroe County Sheriff's Office members AND also those arrested by any other law enforcement agency, and forwards these fingerprint cards to this agency. Also, fingerprints of suspects and unidentified deceased or alive individuals are forwarded to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for possible identification.
4. Statewide Criminal Information System - The Monroe County Sheriff's Office participates in the Florida Crime Information Center (FCIC). This computerized system allows the Sheriff's Office to enter or inquire about stolen property, missing or wanted persons and vehicle information.
5. Statewide Uniform Crime Reporting System - The Monroe County Sheriff's Office participates in the Florida Uniform Crime Reporting System managed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Criminal information is forwarded monthly and an annual report is returned depicting crime rates and yearly comparisons.