

Law Enforcement Authority

100.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to affirm the authority of the members of the Reno Police Department to perform their functions based on established legal authority.

100.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Reno Police Department to limit its members to only exercise the authority granted to them by law.

While this department recognizes the power of peace officers to make arrests and take other enforcement action, members are encouraged to use sound discretion in the enforcement of the law. This department does not tolerate abuse of law enforcement authority.

100.3 PEACE OFFICER POWERS

Sworn members shall be considered peace officers pursuant to NRS 289.150. The authority of any such peace officer extends to any place in the State of Nevada and assigns the duty to every peace officer to preserve the peace within the State of Nevada and his/her jurisdiction through all lawful means. A peace officer shall perform those duties necessary as part of the regular and permanent performance of the public power, trust or duty, including those functions that may involve the use of force and the arrest or detention of a person (NRS 169.164; NRS 171.076 to NRS 171.079; NRS 277.110 to NRS 277.180; NAC 289.040).

100.4 CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

All members shall observe and comply with every person's clearly established rights under the Constitutions of both Nevada and the United States.

100.5 INTERSTATE PEACE OFFICER POWERS

Peace officer powers may be extended within other states as applicable under interstate compacts and memorandums of understanding in compliance with the laws of each state. Peace officer powers may also be extended when an officer enters another state in fresh pursuit of a felony subject (ARS 13-3831, et seq., California Penal Code § 852, et seq., Idaho Code 19-701, et seq., ORS 133.410, et seq. and Utah Code 77-9-1, et seq.).