


TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATIONS POLICY

	CHAPTER: 01	POLICY: 01.02.01	CALEA STANDARDS:
	TITLE: Jurisdiction and Authority		STATE STATUTE:

PURPOSE

To provide a written directive that defines the jurisdiction and authority of Texas State University police officers.

POLICY

In accordance with the provisions of the [Texas Higher Education Code, Title 3, Subchapter E, Section 51.203](#):

The primary jurisdiction of a peace officer commissioned under this section includes all counties in which property is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise under the control of the institution of higher education that employs the peace officer.

In this context, the term primary jurisdiction refers to the area within which a campus peace officer is legally vested with the powers, privileges and immunities of a peace officer.

University police officers shall not personally file any criminal charge in any court of law against any person for any criminal offense against them personally, while off-duty. Such offenses shall be reported to the law enforcement agency having responsibility for investigation of such offenses. University police officers also shall not personally file any criminal charge in any court of law against any person for a criminal offense committed against a member's family.