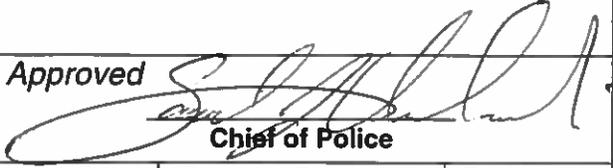


**LANCASTER POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL**

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Subject Peace Officer Authority					
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SECTION 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to state the authority by which officers of the Lancaster Police Department are authorized to act as Peace Officers.

SECTION 2 POLICY

- A. The City of Lancaster exists as authorized by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, including specifically those powers made available to the cities of more than 5,000 inhabitants, Home Rule Amendment to the Constitution of Texas, Article XI, Section 5 and the Home Rule Enabling Act, Chapter 13, Title 28 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas.
- B. In accordance with the powers granted to the City of Lancaster, the police department was created in the Lancaster City Charter, Article II Powers of the City, Section 2.15, Police Department, which states, "The city shall have the power, by ordinance, to establish and maintain a police department."
- C. By the authority vested in the City of Lancaster the Peace Officers employed by the Lancaster Police Department are granted their authority by the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 2.12, Who are Peace Officers, which states, "marshals or police officers of an incorporated city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701 of the Texas Occupations Code".
- D. It is the policy of the department that Lancaster Police Officers act as Peace Officers by the authority granted by the statutes cited in this directive.

E. SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

- 1. All members of the department shall know and comply with all aspects of this directive.
- 2. All Division Commanders and supervisory personnel are responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions and intent of this directive.