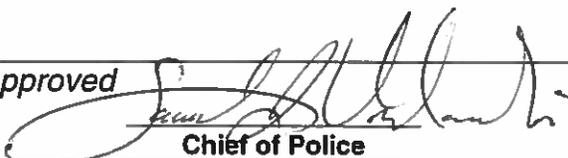


**LANCASTER POLICE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL**

<b>Effective Date</b> August 12, 2015		<b>Amended Date</b>		<b>Directive</b> 1.07.1	
<b>Subject</b> Authority of the Agency Director					
<b>Reference</b>			<b>Approved</b>  Chief of Police		
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**SECTION 1 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to state the authority granted to the Chief of Police to act as the Agency Director.

**SECTION 2 POLICY**

A. It is the policy of the department that we recognize the authority of the Chief of Police to serve as the Agency Director as provided for by the following provisions and statutes.

1. 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.
2. In accordance with the powers granted to the City of Lancaster, the 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."
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4. Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 143, Municipal Civil Service for Firefighters and Police Officers provides specific authority and assigns specific responsibilities to the Department Head of any Texas Municipal Civil Service Police Department.

**B. 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.