PURPOSE
The purpose of this General Order is to explain the law enforcement authority of the Yale University Police Department.

HISTORY
The department has a long and proud tradition of service to the Yale and New Haven communities. The department traces its roots to 1894 when two New Haven police officers were assigned to patrol the Yale campus. From this modest beginning, the department grew into the professional police organization it is today.

POLICY
All actions taken by members of this department must be correct and proper under the law. It is absolutely essential that all members thoroughly understand their authority and jurisdiction. An illegal arrest or other inappropriate action may lead to legal action and liability against the officer, the department and the University.

POLICE AUTHORITY
The Yale University Police Department is a full service police agency in the State of Connecticut and receives its authority under Section 3 of Public Act No. 83-466 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("An Act Concerning Police Mutual Aid Agreements and Appointment and Duties of Yale University Police Officers.")

"The City of New Haven, acting through its board of police commissioners, may appoint persons designated by Yale University to act as Yale University police officers. Such officers having duly qualified under section 7-294d of the general statutes, and having been sworn, shall have all the powers conferred upon municipal police officers for the city of New Haven. They shall be deemed for all purposes to be agents and employees of Yale University, subject to such conditions as may be mutually agreed upon by the city of New Haven, acting through its board of police commissioners, and Yale University."

All Yale University police officers must be certified and must renew such certification as required by the Connecticut Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC).

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CTLEA 3.1.3
The relationship between the department, the City of New Haven and the New Haven Police Department is defined in a Memorandum of Understanding. The memorandum of understanding defines the duties, responsibilities and authority of the respective parties.
• The University may designate and the Board may appoint as Yale University police officers persons who have successfully completed training in a municipal police training academy meeting the requirements of Section 7-294d of the Connecticut General Statutes.

• Sworn Yale University police officers have and exercise the powers and authority conferred upon municipal police officers of the City of New Haven. **CTLEA 3.1.2**

• The Chief or Assistant Chief of Police of the New Haven Police Department, in coordination with the Chief of Police of the Yale University Police Department or his designee, may summon Yale University police officers for emergency service.

• Personnel policies and procedures established by the University apply to Yale University police officers in all matters of promotion, termination, discipline and employment and are administered solely by the University.

• University police officers are agents and employees of the University and are paid for their services, including while in emergency services for the City of New Haven, and receive any benefits to which they are entitled by law, from the University.

• The University maintains insurance and indemnifies its police officers.

**MEMORANDUM OF OPERATIONS**

The memorandum of operations describes the coordination of police operations and support services between the New Haven and Yale University Police Departments. In order to promote the most efficient operation of the two police departments, certain support services are provided by the New Haven Police Department to the Yale University Police Department including, but not limited to, the following:

• Criminal investigation, follow-up and supervision of major cases;

• Records processing and crime analysis services;

• Communication liaison and assignment of case numbers for incident reports;

• Identification and crime scene services;

• Prisoner transportation and detention;

• Prisoner processing and tracking and record keeping of court dispositions;

• Property and evidence services;

• Juvenile offender services;

• Assistance upon the request of the Yale Police Chief or his designee, in specific incidents, including, but not limited to, special events and demonstrations;

• Joint patrols, as agreed to by the Chiefs of the New Haven and Yale Police Departments;

• Joint Hazardous Devices response; and other specialized police services.

PER ORDER OF

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