

**POLICY
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**Eugene
Police Department**



Law Enforcement Authority

100.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Law enforcement officers are granted the authority to perform their function based on established legal authority. This department does not tolerate abuse of law enforcement authority.

100.2 PEACE OFFICER POWERS

Peace officers are granted authority by *Oregon Revised Statutes* to prevent and deter crime; arrest offenders; issue citations in lieu of custody; take custody of evidence of a crime, contraband, or recovered stolen property; control the flow of traffic; and preserve the peace and safety of the public.

Sworn members of this Department are peace officers pursuant to *ORS 161.015*. Peace officer authority extends to any place in the State of Oregon.

100.2.1 AUTHORITY TO ARREST

The authority of Eugene police officers to arrest is derived from statutory law (including, but not limited to, provisions of *ORS Chapters 133, 153, 161, and 810*) and relevant case law. These statutes specify, among other things, circumstances when arrests may be made without a warrant and certain procedures to be followed in making arrests.

100.3 CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

All employees shall observe and comply with every person's clearly established rights under the United States and Oregon Constitutions.

**Chris Skinner
Chief of Police**