


POLICY 114.3	STATUS OF OFF-DUTY OFFICERS	
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- A. Laws of the State of Florida provide that all full-time police officers and part time officers (Reserves) will have the right to carry functional firearms on their person during off-duty hours and may perform on-duty law enforcement functions while off-duty.
- B. The Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale provides that Department members have the duty to make arrests without warrant for violation of municipal ordinances and State Statutes within the City, and anywhere in the County, upon hot pursuit.
- C. Being off-duty will not be deemed as relieving an employee from taking official action in matters within the Department's mission.
- D. Employees of the Department will, within the boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale's lawful jurisdiction, preserve the public peace, prevent crime and fires, coordinate Civil Defense activities, protect life and property, respect and enforce the laws of the United States, laws of the State of Florida, and the ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, which the Department is required to enforce by law or policy.
- E. All off-duty police personnel and part time officers (Reserves) may have in their immediate possession their firearms, badges, and identification cards unless the off-duty activity or circumstances make it impractical, unsuitable, or unnecessary. Refer to Policy 103, Court Policy, for restrictions for carrying weapons in the Broward County Courthouse and Satellite Courthouses.
- F. All off-duty non-sworn personnel certified to carry Subject Control Spray (SCS) may have their issued SCS in their immediate possession while off duty. They must also have in their immediate possession their badge and identification card. Non-sworn personnel must take into consideration the off duty activity or circumstances which may make it impractical, unsuitable or unnecessary. Refer to Policy 103, Court Policy, for restrictions for carrying weapons in the Broward County Courthouse and Satellite Courthouses.
- G. When Department personnel, while off-duty or performing off-duty employment, observe a violation of the law and take affirmative action, they will automatically be transferred to on-duty status, provided that the violation is within the jurisdiction of this Department or falls within the guidelines of the Mutual Aid Agreement and/or the County Wide Arrest Power policy.