

TRANSIT POLICE, TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR ITS PATRONS, PERSONNEL, AND TRANSIT FACILITIES. THE METRO TRANSIT POLICE SHALL HAVE THE POWERS AND DUTIES AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH HEREIN. IT SHALL BE COMPOSED OF BOTH UNIFORMED AND PLAIN CLOTHES PERSONNEL AND SHALL BE CHARGED WITH THE DUTY OF ENFORCING THE LAWS OF THE SIGNATORIES, AND THE LAWS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS THEREOF ENCOMPASSED WITHIN THE TRANSIT ZONE, AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE AUTHORITY. THE JURISDICTION OF THE METRO TRANSIT POLICE SHALL BE LIMITED TO ALL THE TRANSIT FACILITIES OWNED, CONTROLLED OR OPERATED BY THE AUTHORITY, BUT THIS SHALL NOT LIMIT THE POWER OF THE METRO TRANSIT POLICE TO MAKE ARRESTS IN THE TRANSIT ZONE FOR VIOLATIONS COMMITTED UPON, TO OR AGAINST SUCH TRANSIT FACILITIES COMMITTED FROM WITHIN OR OUTSIDE SUCH TRANSIT FACILITIES~~[[, TO MAKE ARRESTS IN THE TRANSIT ZONE]]~~ WHILE IN HOT OR CLOSE PURSUIT, OR TO EXECUTE TRAFFIC CITATIONS AND CRIMINAL PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) BELOW. THE MEMBERS OF THE METRO TRANSIT POLICE SHALL HAVE CONCURRENT JURISDICTION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES WITH THE DULY CONSTITUTED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OF THE SIGNATORIES AND OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS THEREOF IN WHICH ANY TRANSIT FACILITY OF THE AUTHORITY IS LOCATED OR IN WHICH THE AUTHORITY OPERATES ANY TRANSIT SERVICE. NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL EITHER RELIEVE ANY SIGNATORY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR AGENCY THEREOF FROM ITS DUTY TO PROVIDE POLICE, FIRE AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE AND PROTECTION, OR LIMIT, RESTRICT OR INTERFERE WITH THE JURISDICTION OF OR THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES BY THE EXISTING POLICE, FIRE AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES.

(B) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN, A MEMBER OF THE METRO TRANSIT POLICE HAS THE SAME POWERS, INCLUDING THE POWER OF ARREST, AND IS SUBJECT TO THE SAME LIMITATIONS, INCLUDING REGULATORY LIMITATIONS, IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES AS A MEMBER OF THE DULY CONSTITUTED POLICE FORCE OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN WHICH THE METRO TRANSIT POLICE MEMBER IS ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES. HOWEVER, A MEMBER OF THE METRO TRANSIT POLICE IS AUTHORIZED TO CARRY AND USE ONLY SUCH WEAPONS, INCLUDING HANDGUNS, AS ARE ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY, ~~[[BUT]]~~ AND ONLY IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES OR WHILE ON THE AUTHORITY'S TRANSIT FACILITIES IN DIRECT TRANSIT TO AND FROM A DUTY ASSIGNMENT. A MEMBER OF THE METRO TRANSIT POLICE IS AUTHORIZED TO CARRY SUCH WEAPONS ONLY WHILE IN DIRECT TRANSIT TO AND FROM A DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND IS SUBJECT TO SUCH ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS IN THE USE OF WEAPONS AS ARE IMPOSED ON THE DULY CONSTITUTED POLICE FORCE FOR THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN WHICH HE IS ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES.

(C) MEMBERS OF THE METRO TRANSIT POLICE SHALL HAVE