POLICY/PURPOSE:
The City of Cedar Rapids’ geographic boundaries are clearly depicted on the map maintained in the Joint Communications Agency. In order to provide for efficient, effective and responsive policing, the city is further divided into three (3) community based, strategic policing districts (East, West, Central).

BEAT BOUNDARIES:
Boundaries are clearly defined on a map that is available to all personnel on their MDCs and/or computers.

Beat boundaries are re-evaluated on an as-needed basis to ensure that needs of the community are being met. Beat configurations will be established based on any or all of the following:

- Number of calls for service;
- Types of calls for service;
- Response times;
- Traffic and crime pattern;
- Population density; and
- High-risk commercial development.

DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS:
Every officer on patrol will be assigned a clearly defined district as part of their responsibility. Based upon shift staffing, or other variables, the watch commander will give those officers an assignment. Districts that abut the fringe of Cedar Rapids city boundaries are clearly defined and city limits are understood by members to avoid overlapping or ambiguous territorial jurisdiction.