

Common Questions about Nova Agency Company Police

What are Company or Private Police?

Company Police or "Private Police" officers are sworn police officers of the State of North Carolina that have the power to make arrest for felonies and misdemeanors. We are authorized to issue citations for infractions and motor vehicle violations on private contracted property. Company Police Officers have the same legal arrest authority as any municipal police officer with the exception of the officer must be assigned and contracted to the specific property or jurisdiction.

What is the territorial jurisdiction?

Nova Agency Company Police Officers have power of arrest and jurisdiction on any real property that our clients or agency own, possess and or control. Nova Agency Company Police also have jurisdiction under the following conditions:

- 1) On any real property while in continuous and immediate pursuit of a person for an offence committed upon any property described above. Our officers may pursue and arrest outside North Carolina in Virginia, South Carolina, or Tennessee for a Felony committed within our jurisdiction.
- 2) May investigate in-state or out-of-state any implied consent offence (DWI) or vehicle crash that occurred within our jurisdiction as described above, and make an arrest any place in the state.

Are Company Police authorized to contract with any town, city (municipality), state or other governmental agency?

Nova Agency Company Police Officers can work or contract with any governmental agency or entity (federal, state, local town or city, housing authority, lake authority, water/sewer etc...) in the State of North Carolina under conditions or certain circumstances. Nova Agency Company Police Officers cannot replace, augment or act as your local town, city or county police force. We can however work by providing private contracted law enforcement services on real property owned by or in the possession and control of your governmental agency/entity. This would be the town hall, town parks, any governmental owned buildings/facilities and property, public housing communities, hospitals, financial institutions and similar areas. Nova Agency Company Police Officers cannot enforce city ordinances, or traffic laws on public streets, highways or those areas specifically not contracted with our company.

Who Governs and Oversees Authority Given to Company Police Officers?

North Carolina Department of Justice is the governing and regulatory agency that defines the laws and criteria for the Company Police offices with regards to arrest powers. North Carolina General Statute Chapter 74E authorizes the State Attorney General Office to oversee the Company Police Program and to certify individuals who perform and meet the basic law enforcement standards to becoming Company Police officers. The agency also oversees and determines those best suited to qualify as Company Police Agencies and can be certified to hold a Certification of Company or Special Police. Nova Agency Company Police officers are approved, certified and have the full authority to be sworn police officers through this program.

Are Special Police Officers Armed and Licensed To Carry Firearms?

Nova Agency Company Police Officers are trained and certified to carry firearms openly or concealed during the performance of their assigned police duties. Nova Agency Company Police Officers are also authorized to carry concealed firearms off duty when authorized by agency policy or superior officer in charge. In addition to firearms our officers carry OC spray ("Pepper Spray"), impact weapons such as an ASP batons and Tasers. Our officers conduct their annual firearms training by attending in-service training and advance training through any North Carolina certified police training academy.

Do Nova Agency Company Police Officers Drive Marked Police Cars With Blue Lights, Siren and Identified Markings?

All Nova Agency Company Police Officers drive marked and unmarked police cars. Marked patrol cars must be identified with the wording of "Company Police" on the vehicle. We are authorized to use blue lights and the sirens in the same method as any municipal or other law enforcement agency. The use of such emergency equipment does not allow our officers to disregard for the traffic laws of the state, but allows the officer to enforce a traffic stop or to respond to a call of service on our contracted properties in a reasonable and prudent manner.

What Kind Of Police Work Does Nova Agency Company Police Provide?

Our officers are contracted for many types of services that includes and not limited to providing police services for housing authority, hospitals, responding to burglary and security alarm systems, both businesses and residential, patrol services for business, commercial centers, apartment and residential communities (both gated and open), office buildings, office complexes, private public schools, churches and religious facilities, construction projects and any governmental agency that contract for our services.

Where are Nova Agency Company Police and what areas can they work?

Nova Agency Company Police Corporate Offices will be located in, NC, and we are authorized to work at any location within the state.

Are Nova Agency Company Police Officers Similar to Off Duty Municipal Police Officers?

No. The primary difference between the "off duty" municipal police officers hired to perform security services and the "contracting" of a private police/law enforcement officer is that Nova Agency works full time for you. As already noted in our introduction our officers "are" police officers with the full power and authority to perform police services within your contracted property. The advantage of contracting with Nova Agency Company Police is that our company is required to be insured with our own workers compensation, liability and automobile insurance. When you as the customer "hire" an off duty municipal police officer you are most likely going to be responsible or liable for any additional workman's compensation or claims due to the actions the officer you are employing. Nova Agency Company Police officers work full time, this is his/her primary job and that means that your company/business contracting for our services provides you with a alert and full time police officer. This is not a second or sideline job and is responsible to you - the customer.

Are Nova Agency Company Police Officers Private Security Guards?

The answer to that question is NO. Nova Agency Company Police Officers are sworn police officers of the State of North Carolina that have the power to make arrest for felonies and misdemeanors.

Are Nova Agency Company Police Officers Trained and Do They Complete a Thorough Hiring Process?

Nova Agency Company Police applicants are required and expected to complete a full scale of academic and practical exercises during the basic law enforcement police candidate academy (B.L.E.T.) training program. The academy is twenty six weeks of introduction to basic law enforcement with both practical and situational exercises, firearms and many other specialized police related courses. Each year our officers are required to receive twenty-four hours of in-service training by the NCDOJ (Please refer to the training site to review all the North Carolina Department of Justice Training and Standards Division requirements.)

Background investigations of all applicants/officers are thorough and completed by the Internal Affairs department, reviewed by our Chief and then sent to NC DOJ for final review. Lateral transfers from other municipal or private police agencies are treated in the same manner and complete backgrounds are conducted of each individual who applies for a position as a police officer. All completed backgrounds are forward to the North Carolina Department of Justice Training and Standards for final review and approval of the employment of that officer.