

61.887 Powers of TVA and commission peace officers.

- (1) (a) Each TVA or commission peace officer appointed and commissioned pursuant to KRS 61.886 to 61.892 throughout every county in the Commonwealth in which TVA or the commission operates or owns or controls property, including leasehold interests:
1. Shall have and exercise the powers of sheriffs in making arrests for public offenses committed upon, about, or against such property or on public roads and the rights-of-way passing through or over such property;
 2. Shall have and exercise the powers of sheriffs in making arrests in any situation in which a person is placed in imminent danger of death or serious injury;
 3. Shall have authority to carry weapons for the reasonable purposes of his or her office and in performance of his or her assigned duties;
 4. While in pursuit of a person fleeing after committing an act described in subparagraph 1. or 2. of this paragraph, may pursue the person and make arrest anywhere in the Commonwealth; and
 5. Shall be subject to all the liabilities of sheriffs.
- (b) In addition to the powers enumerated in paragraph (a) of this subsection, commission peace officers shall have the power to enforce the rules and regulations of the commission.
- (2) TVA officers or commission peace officers appointed and commissioned pursuant to KRS 61.886 to 61.892 may, throughout any county in the Commonwealth in which TVA or the commission operates or owns or controls property, including leasehold interests, have and exercise the powers of sheriff in that county if the sheriff of that county provides prior written authorization to the TVA or commission defining the extent of supplemental authority being granted. Any supplemental authority granted pursuant to this subsection shall expire with the officer's commission granted under KRS 61.886 and may be renewed, as provided in this subsection, upon renewal of the commission authorized under KRS 61.886.
- (3) When countywide authority has not been granted under subsection (2) of this section, a sheriff of a county in which the TVA or commission has property, the chief of police of a city within the county, or the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police may extend peace officer authority within the city or county, as appropriate, during a disaster or other emergency.

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