

**Lower Providence Township Police Department
Eagleville, Pennsylvania**

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 Personnel Order

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- 1. General Order Manuals**
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I. MISSION

It is our mission to improve the quality of life by providing the highest level of professional police services through a partnership with the community. We are committed to creating a safe, crime free environment by enforcing the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States Constitution. We will accomplish this by practicing our core values of integrity, professionalism and respect. We are committed to achieving excellence. We have **Integrity**. We commit ourselves to the highest moral and ethical standards. We maintain the public trust through the performance of our duty without favor or prejudice. We conduct ourselves in our professional and personal lives in a manner beyond reproach. The honor amongst us serves as an example to all. We show **Respect**. We commit ourselves to uniting the public and the police by treating each other with dignity, compassion and without bias. We value the diversity of our community by providing timely, impartial and courteous service to everyone. We are **Professionals**. We commit ourselves to providing the highest quality service to the community through training, discipline and an innovative work force with a strong dedication for continuous improvement.

II LIMITS OF AUTHORITY

- A. The Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure and the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code define our limits of law enforcement authority. The limit subsequently pertains to the enforcement of laws, statues and local ordinances.
- B. Lower Providence Township was established in accordance with the Act of May 1, 1933 (Pennsylvania Law 103, Number 69), cited as "The Second Class Township Code" as reenacted and amended. The Second Class Township Code, in Article XV, "Corporate Powers," section 1506, "General Powers", grants to the elected

Board of Supervisors the corporate powers of Townships of the Second Class to make and adopt all ordinances, by-laws, rules and regulations which may be deemed necessary for proper management, care and control of the Township, its finances, and maintenance of the peace. Under Article XIX, "Township Police", Section 1901, "Appointment of Police", provides specifically for Township Police, including "Appointment of Police", section 1902, "Powers", section 1905, "Shield", section 1906, "Equipment", section 1907, and "Lockups", section 1908.

- C. The Lower Providence Township Police Department is a legally constituted police department of a political subdivision having been organized on October 9, 1942 through a Resolution enacted by the Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors to petition the Montgomery County Court of Quarter Sessions for authority to appoint a policeman in Lower Providence Township under the authority of the Act of Assembly of 1917, P.L. page 47. On November 12, 1942 the Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors authorized the issuance of payment by way of check number 127 to David J. Burns for Police Patrol Work in the amount of twenty-five dollars.
- D. Officers of the Lower Providence Township Police Department are authorized to carry firearms during the performance of their duties. This authorization arrives from Pennsylvania Crimes Code Section 505 Use of Force in Self-Protection, Section 506 Use of Force for the Protection of Other Persons, Section 507 Use of Force for the Protection of Property and Section 508 Use of Force in Law Enforcement.
- E. As employees of a municipal police department, Lower Providence Township Police Department officers are certified as "Municipal Police Officers" under L. 1974, Act 120, effective June 18, 1974, establishing the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission (MPOETC). The Act provides for the minimum training and certification requirements with respect to academic standards, physical standards, psychological examinations, firearms proficiency and periodic recertification of municipal police officers. Police officers who are certified by the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission are eligible to carry and use weapons in the performance of their duties, make arrests and otherwise enforce the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and their respective municipalities.
- F. The authority and jurisdiction of municipal police officers is provided for in the "Municipal Police Jurisdiction Act" (42 Pa. C.S. 8952, et. seq.) which delineates the specific powers of a police officers in their primary jurisdiction, that is, the geographic area within the territorial limits of the municipality that employs the police officer. The Act further defines the authority and specific powers of a municipal police officer anywhere within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania but outside of the primary jurisdiction of the municipal police officer.

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