



Sworn Officer Descriptions

.01 Policy

It is the policy of the Bladensburg Police Department to delegate authority and responsibility commensurately with rank or position. Officers assigned to a rank on an "acting" basis will return to their former permanent rank upon completion of temporary duties.

.02 Terms

.03 Governing Legislation and Reference

Governing Legislation: N/A

Forms: N/A

.04 Procedure

Police Lieutenant

An officer with the rank of Lieutenant is a command level officer who may command and supervise a section, squad, or unit. A Lieutenant performs administrative and supervisory duties under the direction of the Chief of Police.

Police Lieutenants will advise and consult with the Chief of Police on all incidents which are of a magnitude requiring command decisions or which have special significance to the Chief of Police.

The rank of Lieutenant is appointed by the Chief of Police and is a permanent rank upon satisfactory completion of a six month probationary period following promotion.

A Lieutenant may designate a sergeant or civilian supervisor to serve in an acting command position during periods of extended absence to handle day-to-day administrative duties under the guidance of the Chief of Police.

Police Sergeant

An officer with the rank of Sergeant is a superior officer who may be directly responsible for supervision of members.

A Sergeant generally supervises activities at an operational level, under the direction of a Lieutenant.

The rank of Sergeant is appointed by the Chief of Police and is a permanent rank upon satisfactory completion of a six month trial period following promotion.

A Sergeant may designate a Corporal to serve in an acting position during periods of extended absence.

Police Corporal

An officer with the rank of Corporal is a superior officer who may be directly responsible for supervision of members.

A Corporal generally supervises squad members, under the direction of a Sergeant.

The rank of Corporal is appointed by the Chief of Police and is a permanent rank upon satisfactory completion of a six month trial period following promotion.

A Corporal may designate an officer to serve in an acting position during periods of extended absence.

Police Officer First Class

A Police Officer First Class is responsible for the field training of recruit officers consistent with the Field Training Program.

The rank of Police Officer First Class is a permanent rank upon satisfactory completion of two years of service.

Police Officer

Police Officers are to fulfill the duties of their assignment and obey the orders of their supervisors. They will, to the best of their abilities, protect the rights of citizens and conduct their duties as provided for in the Constitution of the United States, the Statutes of the State of Maryland, and the Ordinances of the Town of Bladensburg.

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HISTORY: Adopted January 1, 2014

This General Order supersedes all other orders and memoranda in conflict therewith.

Authority:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles L. Owens". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with large, connected letters.

Charles L. Owens
Chief of Police