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PURPOSE:

Anderson City Reserve Officers, State Constables and Auxiliary personnel are a valuable asset to the Anderson City Police Department. This policy outlines procedures regarding Reserve Officers, State Constables and Auxiliaries.

RESERVE OFFICERS:

By law, Reserve Officers shall serve and function as law enforcement officers only on specific orders of the Anderson City Chief of Police. Accordingly, a Reserve Officer's law enforcement authority exists only when "ON DUTY" in conformity with such orders. The Reserve Officer Program is coordinated through the Police Departments Training Unit. The Training Unit conducts and maintains training records for reserves, as well as records concerning duty hours worked by each reserve.

Reserve Officers are:

- Selected using the same requirements as applicants for full-time Police Officer.
- Bonded and insured against tort liability in the same manner as full-time Police Officer.
- Provided worker's compensation coverage pursuant to state law while performing their duties.
- Commissioned after successful completion of the required training program promulgated by the Law Enforcement Training Council.

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- Required to perform a minimum of twenty (20) hours of duty per month or sixty (60) hours a quarter, in order to maintain their reserve status.
- Primarily assigned to Uniform Patrol but may be assigned throughout the Police Department.
- Authorized to receive uniforms and equipment equivalent to those issued to full-time Police Officer performing like duties.
- Required to attend monthly training sessions to maintain their skills and knowledge in law enforcement. Absences of more than three months, in a twelve (12) month period, may constitute grounds for dismissal.
- Entitled to attend any training sessions conducted for full-time
- Trained in use-of-force policies and tested for firearms proficiency with the same frequency as full-time Police Officer.
- Issued approved firearms.
- Issued less-lethal impact weapons and/or chemical spray after certification in their proper use.
- Trained in presenting courtroom testimony.
- Encouraged to participate in public awareness programs such as Ident-I- Kid, Crime Watch, and other related programs.
- Representatives of the Anderson City Police Department in the same manner as full-time Police Officer, and are thus accountable at all times to the Anderson City Police Chief for the exercise of their authority and use of discretion.
- Entitled to carry concealed handguns off-duty pursuant to §16-23-20.

Reserves must be accompanied by a full-time, certified Police Officer for a minimum of 240 hours of duty following completion of the training mandated by the Law Enforcement Training Council. Thereafter, application may be made to the Chief of Police for approval to work unaccompanied. If approval is granted, a "solo" reserve officer must maintain radio contact with the agency throughout the duty period. Reserves are subject to the command authority of a full-time, certified Police Officer.

Reserve Officers may operate patrol vehicles following successful completion of the in-service Emergency Vehicle Operation (EVO) training course.

Reserves are allowed to obtain employment in certain situations, where law enforcement security is needed (EXTRA DUTY ASSIGNMENT). The Reserve Officer's employment must be approved by the Chief of Police.

BASIC STATE CONSTABLES:

Basic State Constables are commissioned by the Governor and regulated by the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) to assist Police Department personnel. SLED is responsible determining required yearly training and maintaining the training records of state constables. However, with the approval of the Training Unit, State Constables may attend regularly scheduled training offered to Anderson City Police officers.

Basic State Constables shall primarily be used to bolster the Uniformed Patrol Division. While serving in a patrol capacity, Basic State Constables must be

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accompanied by **and in the presence of** and are subject to, the command authority of a full-time, certified Police Officer.

No Basic State Constable shall:

- Sign search or arrest warrants;
- Issue citations or receive an assigned state ticket book;
- Serve civil papers;
- Make independent traffic stops;
- Investigate traffic collisions;
- Independently investigate criminal cases; nor
- Obtain employment in any law enforcement or security capacity.

Basic State Constables may work solo during special events such as parades and festivals but must be in proximate or radio contact with a full time on duty LEO. Basic State Constables can also drive patrol vehicles during these events as long as they have completed the required drivers training provided by the Anderson City Police Department.

ADVANCED STATE CONSTABLES:

Advanced State Constables are those persons who have over one year experience as a basic state constable, 240 hours of documented service, and have received additional training and designated by SLED with the status of Advanced State Constable. No other persons may represent themselves as Advanced State Constables.

Advanced State Constables shall primarily be used to assist and bolster the Uniformed Patrol Division. Advanced State Constables who desire to work in a solo or class 1 capacity must obtain approval from the Chief of Police prior to class 1 assignment. While serving in a patrol capacity, Advance State Constables are subject to the command authority of a full-time, certified Police Officer.

Advanced State Constables may perform law enforcement activities:

- As directed by Chief of Police.
- Under the supervision of and in proximate or radio contact with a full-time, on duty law enforcement officer.
- For which they have successfully completed training approved by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.
- During an imminent, urgent, and continuing threat to public safety.
- During an imminent and urgent threat to the safety of a law enforcement officer.

Advanced State Constables must document at least 240 hours per year of duty time to law enforcement agencies. Duty time consists of:

1. Routine patrol and response activities;
2. Court proceedings;
3. Special events;
4. Administrative duties at law enforcement agencies;
5. Training attended with local agency law enforcement officers;
6. Annual in-service training;
7. Additional training approved in advance by SLED; and

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8. Commuting to and from duty.

Advanced State Constables may operate APD patrol vehicles following successful completion of the in-service Emergency Vehicle Operation training course, and may respond to routine calls for service and patrol activities in conformity with the above restrictions and must maintain radio contact with a full-time, on duty law enforcement officer.

Advanced State Constables who generate criminal charges must cooperate fully in the disposition of those charges, including cooperation as a witness and appearances before investigative bodies and courts.

Actions taken by Advanced State Constables must be reasonable and prudent according to the circumstances, be in compliance with their training, Police Department policy, federal and other laws governing such law enforcement actions, and in compliance with SLED policy.

State Constables are to be preapproved by SLED to assist the Police Department for a six month time period. State constables approved by SLED are covered by the same tort liability protection as full-time Police Officer. Workers' compensation coverage is provided by the State of South Carolina.

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