



Town of Truro Police Department Policy and Procedures	<i>Number:</i> 1-5
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**I. PURPOSE**

This directive establishes guidelines concerning levels of sworn employees within the Department and their authority.

**II. POLICY**

Members of the Truro Police Department will carry out their duties within the scope of their authority.

**III. PROCEDURE**

**Legally Mandated Authority**

**LEGAL AUTHORITY DEFINED.** The Department is comprised of the following 5 categories of sworn agency personnel:

**1.2.1**

- a. Chief of Police: The Chief of Police is appointed by the Truro Board of Selectmen and derives his sworn authority from MGL Chapter 41 Section 97. The Chief is responsible for the administrative and operational control of the Police Department as outlined in Manual of rules and Regulations for the Government of the Police Department of the Town of Truro, dated March 21, 2012 and the Chief of Police’s Employment Contract. He exercises all lawful powers of that office and issues such lawful orders as necessary to assure the effective performance of the Department.

- b. Full Time Permanent Police Officers (FTPPO): All FTPPOs shall have, within the territorial limits of the municipality the powers and duties conferred or imposed upon Police Officers by M.G.L., Chapter 41, Section 97. These officers are tenured in conformance with Article 33, Section 1 of the Truro Police Employee's Federation Contract, dated January 12, 2016.
- c. Full Time Police Officers Non- Tenured: Shall have, within the territorial limits of the municipality the powers and duties conferred or imposed upon Police Officers by M.G.L., Chapter 41, Section 97. These officers are appointed for a 1- year term and are eligible for tenure in conformance with Article 33, Section 1 of the Truro Police Employee's Federation Contract, dated January 12, 2016.
- d. Officers from other communities may be also appointed as Special Police Officers in this community (IE: Full-Time National Park Law Enforcement Rangers) or officers from this Department may be appointed Special Police Officers for such purposes as the appointing authority determines.

#### IV. SUMMARY

The above stated policy and procedure is meant to provide general guidelines to Truro Police employees concerning their authority under state laws. Particular facts or circumstances may require an officer to take actions not necessarily outlined in this directive.

This policy and procedure is for Truro Police use only and is not meant to enlarge an employee's criminal or civil liability in any way. It should not be construed as the creation of a higher standard of safety or care in an evidentiary sense, with respect to third party claims. Violations of this directive, if proven, can only form the basis of a complaint by this department, and then only in an administrative proceeding.