

Chapter 27
TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN

POLICE

SECTION 1. Appointment of Police Chief, Deputy Chief, and the Officers.

The chief of police, deputy chief, and the officers shall be appointed annually by the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 2. General Duties of the Police Chief.

The chief of police shall be charged with the responsibility of the enforcement and maintenance of law and order and the protection of public safety and welfare, and shall be further charged to:

- 1) Superintend the overall administration of the police department as may be defined in the department's policies and procedures or organizational plans, including but not limited to the assignment of personnel throughout the department.
- 2) Provide for the effective investigation of any violations of criminal law and Town ordinances.
- 3) Provide for the effective patrol of the Town.
- 4) Provide for the operation and maintenance of the police communications and central records system.
- 5) Any other duties which are prescribed by law and ordinance.

SECTION 3. Police Chief's Authority

The chief of police shall have all powers necessary and proper to execute the duties of his office as established procedure and need may direct.

The chief of police is authorized to represent the Town in district court in the prosecution of alleged violations of those ordinances which the police department is empowered to enforce, if duly certified in accordance with 25 M.R.S.A. §2803(3)-(A), or successor statute. The chief of police may designate any officer under his/her command, if so certified, to perform this prosecutorial function.

SECTION 4. Deputy Chief's Authority.

The deputy chief of police shall have all powers necessary and proper to execute the duties of his office as established procedure and need may direct

The deputy chief of police shall perform the duties of the chief of police, if and when the chief is on vacation, incapacitated due to illness or injury or during the absence of the chief from the Town.

SECTION 5. Officer's Authority

Full-time police officers for the Town of Skowhegan are authorized to enforce Town ordinances, State laws, civil violations and traffic infractions.

Reserve police officers for the Town of Skowhegan are authorized to enforce Town ordinances, State laws, civil violations and traffic infractions while on duty.