

Policies Pertaining to the Town of Canterbury Constables

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Policy 1. There is hereby established, pursuant to the authority conferred by Section 7-148 of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS), a group serving the Town of Canterbury to be designated as the "Town of Canterbury Constables". The duties and responsibilities for Town of Canterbury Constables are outlined below.

Policy 2. The goals of the office of the Constables of the Town of Canterbury is to maintain efficient, professional, sensitive, compassion in a respectful manner while performing the responsibilities and duties as Constable. Work closely with Canterbury Fire Department in case of need for additional manpower. The Canterbury Constables shall support the local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in the event of a natural or manmade disaster which may affect the Town of Canterbury. The Canterbury Constables will provide traffic control when requested for events in the community through the Town of Canterbury's First Selectman's Office. Canterbury Constables shall support all commissions when requested by memo through the Office of the First Selectman.

Policy 3. The Town's Chief Executive Officer (First Selectman) shall be a member of the commission, as an ex officio, but shall have no vote in the proceeding of said commission, except in the case of a tie vote of the entire membership of the commission.

Policy 4. Connecticut General Statute 9-12: to run for the office of Canterbury Constable, each must be a citizen of the United States who has attained the age of eighteen years, and who is a bona fide resident of the town to which the citizen applies for admission as an elector shall on approval by the registrars of voters or town clerk of the town of residence of such citizen.

Policy 5. Canterbury Constables must be a resident of town Canterbury to hold the position of Constable for term of two years. If during their term, he/she is no longer a resident of Canterbury, he/she must resign the position of constable. (Example: when a constable moves out of town during his/her term of office).

Policy 6. If a Canterbury Constable is not re-elected, or he/she resigns, all equipment issued must be turned in to the First Selectman's Office as soon as possible.

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Policy 7. Connecticut General Statute 9-200: seven (7) Constables may be elected/re-elected every two years.

Policy 8. The Town's Chief Executive Officer may appoint such number of Special Constables as he or she deems necessary to preserve the public peace within the municipality, who may serve for terms of not more than two years or the until the next election for constables. The First Selectman can set the length of the term as necessary if less than two years.

Policy 9. Connecticut General Statute Charter 95 Sec. 7-97: Constables may receive pay for their services as authorized by the Board of Selectmen.

Policy 10. Canterbury Constables have limited arrest authority, and are not permitted to carry/use firearms in the conduct of their official duties. Their authority in a Neighborhood Watch Program extends only to visual examination, and does not include encroachment onto private property.

Policy 11. A background check shall be required (if he or she is an active elected member) of the Constables in the Town of Canterbury. The background check shall be conducted by the Office of the First Selectman.

Policy 12. Mandatory training shall be required as Traffic Control, Basic First Aid, CPR and any other training as deemed appropriate.

Policy 13. The Town's Chief Executive Officer (First Selectman) shall authorized Safety Lights by permit for the Constables to use in their vehicles while stationary in the performance of their assigned duties. The Town's Chief Executive Officer (First Selectman) determines what type of emergency lights are required.

Policy 14. The Town of Canterbury Constables duties will encompass, but not limited to, the following activities: (1) preservation of public order, (2) enforcement of the traffic laws, and (3) the protection of life and/or property.