




ARLINGTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVE MANUAL

<i>Chapter: 5</i> Procedures	<i>Effective Date:</i> October 6, 2017	<i>Amends/Supersedes:</i> March 1, 2005	By Authority of the Chief of Police  Charles A. Penn
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512.10 Auxiliary Police Program

I. Policy

The Arlington County Code mandates the establishment of an auxiliary police force that is equipped and maintained for the further preservation of the public peace, safety and good order of the community. Under state and county code auxiliary officers have all the powers, authority, and immunities of constables at common law. The exercise of that authority is limited by this policy to exigent circumstances when an immediate arrest is required and no full-time sworn police officer is available.

Each auxiliary police officer shall conform to and be subject to all the rules and regulations governing police officers of Arlington County, Virginia, including disciplinary regulations and to such additional rules and regulations concerning auxiliary police. The total number of auxiliary police officers will not exceed fifty persons. Each auxiliary police officer appointment may be revoked at any time.

II. Code Requirements

- [Code of Virginia, §§ 15.2-1731 through 15.2-1736](#)
- [Arlington County Code, Chapter 53 - Auxiliary Police Force](#)

III. Procedure

A. Auxiliary Police Program

1. Members of the Auxiliary Police Program are unpaid citizen volunteers, organized and trained for specific police activities. Auxiliary police officers represent a source of support personnel and are not a substitute for full-time sworn police officers of the Arlington County Police Department. Auxiliary police officer assignments shall be limited to those functions that do not require arrest authority.
2. Auxiliary police officers are to be assigned primarily to community service functions. They are utilized in times of public emergency and special events and receive ongoing training through field training, ride-a-longs and monthly meetings. Auxiliary police officers are not issued firearms. The following functions are examples of what auxiliary officers may undertake but this list is not all-inclusive:
 - a. Special events and details.
 - b. Traffic direction and control.

- c. Public Information Counter.
 - d. Crime prevention.
 - e. Community relations.
 - f. Administrative duties.
- B. Calling Auxiliary Police, Into Service - The Chief of Police may call into service auxiliary police officers as may be deemed necessary:
- 1. In time of public emergency.
 - 2. At such times as there are insufficient numbers of regular police officers to preserve the peace, safety, and good order of the community.
 - 3. At any time for the purpose of training such auxiliary police officers.
- C. Auxiliary Police Uniforms - An auxiliary officer's uniform is the same as the standard duty uniform, with the following exceptions and modifications:
- 1. The uniform shirt is the standard duty uniform shirt bearing the word "Auxiliary" clearly sewn onto the shirt immediately above the shoulder patches.
 - 2. No firearm or holster is worn on the auxiliary officer's duty gear.

These modifications are indented to reduce the hazard to the auxiliary officer and any confusion to the public which may expect assistance for which the Auxiliary is not trained or empowered to act.