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		Section Title ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT	
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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Order is to establish a written directive, which describes the organizational structure, functions, and staffing of the Bridgeport Police Department.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the Bridgeport Police Department to organize the agency's personnel and functional responsibilities into a structure that reflects individual, unit, division, bureau, and department responsibilities. This directive will describe the Department's organization and major functions and include an organizational chart that reflects the formal lines of authority within the agency. Both of these will be made accessible to all employees and shall be reviewed and updated as necessary.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Organizational Structure and Functions

1. Introduction

- a. The Bridgeport Police Department is organized to accomplish mandated responsibilities and to ensure efficient, effective delivery of services. Subdivisions of the Department are grouped by function to enhance performance, accountability and communication.
- b. Some functions are assigned as they relate directly to the primary

duties of the specific Division or Unit, and some are assigned due to specific skills, knowledge, abilities, and expertise of their Commanders or members. The organizational structure and functional responsibilities are periodically reviewed and reorganized if necessary to improve the efficiency and/or effectiveness of the overall operation of the department. Components are interrelated with each other, and operations may be coordinated in combination with other components. Each component may be further subdivided into units and/or functions as best meets operational needs.

- c. Positions that do not require sworn personnel are specified as civilian positions and staffed accordingly.
- d. The Chief of Police or designee will coordinate with Civil Service Director to review and update job task analysis documents for each position on a three-year schedule, or as needed.
- e. The Chief of Police or designee will coordinate with the Civil Service Director to maintain a classification plan for agency personnel that includes:
 - 1) Categorization of every job class with similar duties;
 - 2) Responsibilities and qualification requirements;
 - 3) Class specifications for each job within the class;
 - 4) Provisions for relating compensation to classes; and
 - 5) Provisions for reclassification.
- f. The Department will maintain a list of specialized assignments. As deemed necessary, the Command Staff will conduct a review of each assignment to determine whether the position should be continued. The report to the Chief will include, but not be limited to, a statement outlining the reason the position was created and an evaluation of the initial problem to determine the program's effectiveness.

2. Organizational Structure

The Department's structure is organized as follows:

- a. Office of the Chief: The Office of the Chief is under the direction of the Chief of Police who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Police Department. The Chief exercises authority and responsibility for the administration of the entire Department. The Chief of Police reports directly to the Mayor. The Chief of Police receives his/her authority from Chapter 13 § 4 of the City Charter. The Powers and Duties of the Chief of Police are described in Chapter 13, § 5 of the City Charter.

- b. Division: The primary subdivisions of the Department. All Divisions report to the Office of the Chief.
- c. Units: Units are smaller subdivisions of Divisions with responsibility for specialized functions. The number of Units varies as per the needs of the Department.

3. Office of the Chief

The Office of the Chief of Police consists of:

- a. Chief of Police
- b. Executive Staff

4. Operations – Deputy Chief

The Operations Division Commander reports directly to the Chief of Police and serves as the Executive Officer. This unit includes the following functions and components:

- a. Central Command
- b. West Command
- c. East Command
- d. Special Services
- e. Crime Analysis
- f. Animal Control

Special Services

The Special Services Division Commander reports directly to the Deputy Chief of Operations. This unit includes the following functions and components:

- a. Canine Unit
- b. Marine Unit
- c. Traffic Division
- d. Scuba Team

5. Support Services – Deputy Chief

The Support Services Division Commander reports directly to the Chief of Police and serves as the Executive Officer. This unit includes the following functions and components:

- a. Training

- b. Technology
- c. Tactical Narcotics Team/Narcotics and Vice
- d. Detective Division
- e. Admin Services
- f. Department Clerk
- g. Planning and Inspections
- h. Central Staffing
- i. Outside Overtime Office

Administrative Services

The Administrative Services Commander reports directly to the OIC of Support Services. This unit includes the following functions and components:

- a. Community Services
- b. SROs
- c. Records Division
- d. Garage
- e. Permits
- f. Alarm Administration

6. Assistant Chief's Aide

The Assistant Chief's Aide reports directly to the Assistant Chief / Chief of Police. This unit includes the following functions and components:

- a. Professional Standards
- b. Accreditation
- c. Discipline
- d. Sick/Injured Management
- e. Mobile Video Unit

7. Internal Affairs

The Internal Affairs Unit reports directly to the Board of Police Commission. The staffing needs are determined by the Board of Commissions.

B. Organizational Chart

The organizational structure of the Bridgeport Police Department is depicted on a chart that is reviewed and updated as needed or on an annual basis, whichever occurs first. This chart reflects the formal lines of authority and communication within the agency, and the authorized and actual strength of the department at the time of publication. The chart is available to all personnel through the electronic directive

system; and is posted at various locations in the police building. (Click here <https://public.powerdms.com/BRIDGEPORT/documents/832443> view the Bridgeport Police Department's Organizational Chart)

C. Temporary Assignments

1. In order to maintain job growth and development and increase job satisfaction and performance, the Bridgeport Police Department maintains the following temporary or rotational assignments:
 - a. Narcotics and Vice
2. Prior to selecting employees for a temporary or rotational assignment the Chief of Police will advertise the position opening to include the criteria for selection and the selection process.
3. The following information will be retained and advertised for each temporary or rotational position:
 - a. The duration of the assignment;
 - b. The criteria for selection of personnel; and
 - c. A description of the selection procedures.

D. Job Task Analysis, Employee Classification and Assignment

1. The BPD will coordinate procedures with the City's Civil Service Department to maintain a Job Task Analysis for every classification of employee in the agency and review the documents every three years and make revisions when necessary.
2. Personnel will be allocated and distributed to organizational components in accordance with documented periodic workload assessments.
3. In those cases where it is determined that the responsibilities of a position may be handled by civilian personnel the position will be specified as a civilian position and staffed accordingly, except in those instances where it becomes a negotiable item with the collective bargaining unit.
4. The Department will coordinate with the Bridgeport Civil Service Department to maintain a classification plan for all personnel. The plan will include the following information:
 - a. Categorization of every job by class based on similarities in duties;
 - b. Responsibilities and qualification requirements;

- c. Class specifications for every job within a class
- d. Provisions for relating compensation to classes; and
- e. Provisions for reclassification.

E. Planning and Research Function

1. The Professional Standards Division is responsible for the Planning and Research function.
2. The Professional Standards Division will have access to information from other divisions to the extent necessary to complete planning and research projects.
3. For planning and research purposes the Professional Standards Division will have direct access to the Chief of Police.

F. Specialized Assignments

1. A Specialized Assignment is often characterized by increased levels of responsibilities and specialized training, but within a given position classification. The Chief of Police shall determine the selection process and have the sole discretion over appointment to and transfers from such assignments. The criteria for the selection of personnel for such specialized assignments shall be based upon the skills, knowledge and abilities required for the assignments. The selection criteria may also include educational requirements, training requirements and minimum experience requirements. The following positions are considered "Specialized Assignments" within the Bridgeport Police Department:
 - a. FBI Safe Street Task Force
 - b. DEA Task Force
 - c. Connecticut State Police Statewide Narcotics Task Force
 - d. Connecticut State Police Urban Violence Cooperative Crime Control Task Force
 - e. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF)
2. Prior to selecting employees for a Specialized Assignment, the Chief of Police may advertise and post the position opening to include the criteria for selection and the selection process.
3. The following information will be retained and advertised for each position:
 - a. The criteria for the specialized position;
 - b. Details concerning the selection process; and
 - c. Selection criteria is made available when the process is posted

4. The Assistant Chief of Police is responsible for completing an annual report concerning Specialized Assignments that will be forwarded to the Chief of Police in February of each year for the past calendar year. The report will contain, at a minimum:
 - a. A statement of purpose for each of the listed assignments; and
 - b. The evaluation of the initial problem or condition that required the implementation of the Specialized Assignment.