



MAINE STATE POLICE GENERAL ORDER

E-16

SUBJECT: MAINE STATE POLICE POLICY REGARDING SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT TO THE MAINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (MDEA)

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SIGNATURE OF COLONEL:

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I. PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this General Order is to establish the policy of the Maine State Police governing special assignment of Maine State Police sworn officers to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency ("MDEA").

II. POLICY

1. The policy of the Maine State Police is to specially assign sworn officers to the MDEA based on the needs of the Maine State Police and the MDEA, as well as the qualifications of those sworn officers who request such assignment.

III. DEFINITIONS

1. For the purposes of this General Order, the terms included in this section are defined as follows, unless otherwise indicated in the order.
 - A. Colonel. "Colonel" means the Chief of the Maine State Police, or his or her designee.
 - B. MDEA. "MDEA" means Maine Drug Enforcement Agency.

IV. PROCEDURE

1. GENERAL
 - A. Being specially assigned to the MDEA affords sworn officers with an opportunity for individual and professional growth, as well as improved job satisfaction and importance.
 1. As officers specially assigned to the MDEA acquire additional skills, knowledge, and abilities, they and the organization of the Maine State Police mutually benefit.
2. REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT TO THE MDEA
 - A. An officer having at least three (3) years of experience as a Trooper and who is interested in being specially assigned to the MDEA may submit a written request for such assignment through his or her Chain-of-Command, to the Colonel.
 1. The request for special assignment must include:
 - a. A brief narrative discussing the officer's career with the Maine State Police;
 - b. A list of the skills, knowledge, and abilities the officer has that are related or relevant to drug enforcement;
 - c. A brief explanation of the reason or reasons why the officer wants to be specially assigned to the MDEA; and

- d. A description of the general geographic location or locations where the requesting officer would want to work if specially assigned to the MDEA.

3. LENGTH OF SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT TO THE MDEA

- A. A sworn officer may be specially assigned to the MDEA for up to three (3) years.
 - 1. A sworn officer who was specially-assigned to the MDEA may request re-assignment to that agency.

4. SELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT TO THE MDEA

- A. The Colonel shall review all requests for special assignment to the MDEA when assigning or reassigning personnel to the MDEA, taking into consideration the performance evaluations and the Commander Officer recommendations of each officer who has requested or re-requested special assignment to the MDEA .
- B. The Colonel may meet with the Director of the MDEA, or his or her designee, to review and discuss requests for special assignment to the MDEA.
- C. The Colonel may require that an officer who has requested special assignment to the MDEA to participate in an oral interview as part of the process of determining whether he or she will be specially assigned to the MDEA.
- D. The decision of whether an officer requesting special assignment to the MDEA is so assigned or not shall be the Colonel's.

NOTICE

THIS GENERAL ORDER IS FOR USE OF THE MAINE STATE POLICE AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER AGENCY. THE GENERAL ORDER IS NOT INTENDED TO BE RELIED UPON BY ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL OR PRIVATE OR PUBLIC AGENCY. THE GENERAL ORDER EXPRESSLY DOES NOT CREATE, AND IS NOT INTENDED TO CREATE, A HIGHER LEGAL STANDARD OF SAFETY OR CARE IN AN EVIDENTIARY SENSE WITH RESPECT TO THIRD-PARTY CLAIMS. VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDER ONLY MAY FORM THE BASIS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS BY THE MAINE STATE POLICE.