

Chapter 117

POLICE DEPARTMENT

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of La Pointe at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. III). Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Alarm systems — See Ch. 188.

§ 117-1. Department established; organization.

- A. Under authority of § 60.56, Wis. Stats, the Town of La Pointe hereby establishes the La Pointe Police Department.
- B. The Town Board shall appropriate funds to provide for vehicles, equipment, facilities, training, and operational costs of the Police Department and law enforcement services.
- C. The Town Board shall determine and establish compensation for all persons serving in the Police Department.
- D. The Police Department shall consist of a Chief of Police, who shall be appointed by the Town Board, and police officers who are recommended by the Chief of Police and approved by the Town Board.
- E. The Town Board may terminate, suspend, or take disciplinary action against the Chief or police officers for cause.

§ 117-2. Duties and responsibilities of Chief of Police.

- A. The Chief of Police shall be the officer in charge of the Police Department. The Chief shall:
 - (1) Exercise supervisory control over all Department personnel and adopt rules, regulations and policies for day-to-day operations of the Department and personnel.
 - (2) Keep complete and accurate records of all complaints, arrests, traffic violations, convictions, and dispositions of the Department.
 - (3) Deposit with the Clerk of Circuit Court or Clerk of the Town of La Pointe all fees, bail deposits and any other special remuneration or funds collected or received by Police Department.
 - (4) Make reports as required by the Town Board or any other county, state, or federal agency.

- (5) Obey or cause to be obeyed by Department personnel all lawful written orders of the Town Chairperson or Town Board.
 - (6) Prepare financial reports and submit detailed budget estimates and recommendations to the Ashland County Board of Supervisors and La Pointe Town Board as required.
 - (7) Have oversight and be responsible for the maintenance of qualifications and training of all Department personnel in accordance with Town, county, state, and federal requirements for peace officers.
- B. The Chief is responsible for oversight of the care, custody, control, maintenance and repair of all Department vehicles and equipment.

§ 117-3. Authority of police officers.

- A. Each officer of the Police Department shall possess the powers conferred by law on marshals and constables and shall preserve the peace and enforce the federal and state laws and the ordinances of the County of Ashland and Town of La Pointe. Each officer shall have the power to apprehend and arrest any person for felony or breach of peace in accordance with these laws and ordinances. Each officer may direct and regulate traffic and make arrests for violation of traffic regulations. Each officer shall be familiar with the laws and ordinances and attend to enforcement by lawful means.
- B. With the jurisdiction of the Town, police officers may serve any writ, order or notice and execute any order, warrant, or execution lawfully directed to or required to be executed by any court.
- C. This section does not preclude the Town of La Pointe from conferring specific ordinance enforcement authority on other Town officers as deemed appropriate.