CHAPTER 5

OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES POLICE

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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

10:5-1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to establish the Office of Human Services Police within the Department of Human Services. The Office of Human Services Police shall have written policies and procedures in the form of a Code of Conduct and Standard Operating Procedures supplementing and implementing the provisions of this chapter and the applicable laws.

10:5-1.2 Scope

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The Office of Human Services Police established by this chapter, within the Department of Human Services' central office, has, through the Commissioner or his or her designee, the responsibility and commensurate authority for professional police operations throughout the Department and other facilities, offices or operations where the Human Services Police is the designated police agency.

10:5-1.3 Definitions

The following words and terms, as used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Chief of Police" means the senior commanding officer of the Human Services Police.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services.

"Commissioner's designee" means the senior staff member delegated supervisory authority over the Human Services Police.

"Department" means the Department of Human Services.

"Facility, office or operation" means a Department of Human Services psychiatric hospital, developmental center, residential treatment center, or office or program operated by the Department, or where the Human Services Police is the designated police agency.

SUBCHAPTER 2. POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

10:5-2.1 Office of Human Services Police

(a) The Office of Human Services Police is established at the discretion of the Commissioner to function as the organized professional police force of the Department.

(b) At the direction of the Commissioner or his or her designee, the Chief of Police of the Office of Human Services Police shall adopt and promulgate a thorough Code of Conduct and Standard Operating Procedures, that shall be reviewed on a regular basis, for Human Services Police operations.

(c) At the direction of the Commissioner or his or her designee, the Chief of Police of the Office of Human Services Police shall be responsible for and shall have commensurate authority for the day-to-day operations of the office and all police personnel.

(d) The police personnel of the Office of Human Services Police shall report through the chain of command to the Chief of Police.

(e) The police personnel of the Office of Human Services Police shall be aware of the particular needs of each facility, office and operation under their jurisdiction in accord with the policy and direction that shall be provided by the Chief of Police. (f) At the direction of the Commissioner or his or her designee, the Chief of Police of the Human Services Police shall be responsible to ensure security coverage at each facility, office or operation and to ensure that each police officer meets certain educational requirements as determined by Departmental policy.

(g) The police personnel of the Human Services Police shall be responsible to ensure and preserve order in and about each facility, office and operation subject at all times to Department policy and procedures and the applicable laws. (h) The police personnel of the Human Services Police shall promptly alert the administrative personnel of a facility, office or operation as to their knowledge of any criminal acts, violations of the law, or suspicious acts or incidents that may infringe upon the orderly and proper administration of the facility, office or operation.

(i) The administrative personnel of a facility, office or operation shall promptly alert the police personnel of the Human Services Police as to their knowledge of any criminal acts, violations of the law, or suspicious acts or incidents that may infringe upon the orderly and proper administration of the facility, office or operation.