

CHAPTER 1E

DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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SUBCHAPTER 1. ORGANIZATION

13:1E-1.1 Attorney General

The Attorney General is the chief executive officer of the Department of Law and Public Safety. The Attorney General is a constitutional officer who is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate to serve during the term of office of the Governor. The Attorney General functions as the sole legal advisor to State agencies and the chief law enforcement officer for criminal matters.

13:1E-1.2 Divisions and offices within the Department

(a) The Office of the Attorney General provides administrative support to the Attorney General and coordinates the administration of the divisions and agencies in the Department that are subject to the supervision of the Attorney General. The Office is responsible for establishing Departmental policies and procedures and acts as liaison with the Legislature. The Office of Government Integrity and the Office of Counter-Terrorism are also located in the Office of the Attorney General. The Office of State Police Affairs is also located in the Office of the Attorney General. The telephone number for the Office of the Attorney General Citizens Services is (609) 984-5828.

(b) The Division of Law provides legal advice and representation to State officers, departments, boards, bodies, commissions and instrumentalities. The telephone number for the Division of Law is (609) 984-3900.

(c) The Division of Criminal Justice directs the enforcement and prosecution of criminal matters of the State. The Division Police Training Commission sets the standards for and approves all aspects of police training and certification. The Office of the State Medical Examiner enforces the State Medical Examiner Act and supervises county medical examiners. The telephone number of the Division of Criminal Justice is (609) 984-6500.

(d) The Division of State Police has general law enforcement jurisdiction throughout the State. State Police provide primary law enforcement in municipalities that do not have their own police force. State Police provide Statewide enforcement of motor vehicle, criminal, marine and alcoholic beverage control laws. The Division regulates the business of private detectives and the operation of motor vehicle race tracks. The Office of Emergency Management operates under the direction of the Governor and the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police. The telephone number of the Division of State Police is (609) 882-2000.

(e) The Division of Gaming Enforcement investigates all applications for casino or casino-related licenses, certificates and permits. The Division also reviews and audits casino operations, provides the Casino Control Commission with information necessary for the Commission's enforcement proceedings and prosecutes criminal violations of the Casino Control Act and violations of casino regulations. The State Athletic Control Board regulates boxing and other combative sports. The telephone number of the Division of Gaming Enforcement is (609) 292-9394.

(f) The Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control supervises and regulates the manufacture, distribution and sale of alcoholic beverages. The telephone number of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control is (609) 633-6078.

(g) The Division of the New Jersey Racing Commission has jurisdiction over thoroughbred and harness racing tracks and has the authority to regulate racing and licensing of all persons engaged in the racing industry. The telephone number of the Division of the New Jersey Racing Commission is (609) 292-0613.

(h) The Division on Civil Rights enforces the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination and is empowered to prevent and eliminate unlawful discrimination in employment, housing and places of public accommodation. The Director of the Division is empowered to order remedial action and award damages to successful claimants. The telephone number of the Division on Civil Rights is (609) 292-4605.

(i) The Division of Consumer Affairs administers and enforces the Consumer Affairs Act of 1971 and other laws related to consumer protection. The Bureau of Securities enforces State law concerning the registration and sale of

securities and the licensing of brokers. The Office of Weights and Measures enforces State laws concerning packaging and weighing of commodities and the certification of scales and other delivery mechanisms. The Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission supervises the administration of the Bingo Licensing Law, the Raffles Licensing Law and the Amusement Games Licensing Law. The Division also includes professional boards that license and regulate professions and occupations. The telephone number of the Division of Consumer Affairs is (973) 504-6200.

(j) The Office of Highway Traffic Safety is responsible for establishing a Statewide highway traffic safety program and for coordinating State and local efforts to reduce highway deaths and injuries. The telephone number of the Office of Highway Traffic Safety is (609) 633-9300.

(k) The Division of Elections oversees mandated voter registration agencies in the State and reports to the Federal Elections Commission. The Division of Elections is the filing office for nomination petitions for Federal and State elective offices and certifies all such candidates to the 21 county clerks for placement on the primary and general election ballots. The Division is the repository for counties' vote totals and prepares the certifications of the general election results for the Board of State Canvassers. The Division acts as liaison to the United States Census Bureau regarding election district maps that are prepared by the county boards of election. The Division administers the regulatory authority of the Attorney General regarding voter registration, absentee ballots, election district maps and polling place accessibility. The telephone number of the Division of Elections is (609) 292-3760.

(l) The Boat Regulation Commission promulgates rules concerning the operation, equipment and safety of vessels on the waters of the State. Administrative support to the Commission is provided by the Division of State Police Marine Services Unit.

(m) The Commission to Deter Criminal Activity educates the general public regarding the State's criminal laws and the consequences of committing criminal acts in the State. The Commission provides funding for crime prevention and deterrence advertising campaigns directed to juveniles and adults. Administrative support to the Commission is provided by the Office of the Attorney General.

13:1E-1.3 Other agencies

(a) The following agencies are allocated to the Department of Law and Public Safety, but are not subject to the supervision of the Attorney General:

1. The Human Relations Council develops policy proposals for the State and assists with coordinating efforts to promote prejudice reduction and prevention and deter crimes based upon the victim's race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender or physical or cognitive disability;

2. The Executive Commission on Ethical Standards initiates, receives, hears and reviews complaints regarding violations of the New Jersey Conflicts of Interest Law. The Commission also reviews and approves codes of ethics issued by executive branch agencies and is responsible for enforcing sections of the Casino Control Act concerning pre-employment interests and post-employment restrictions on members of the Casino Control Commission and employees of the Division of Gaming Enforcement;

3. The Election Law Enforcement Commission enforces the New Jersey Campaign Expenditures and Reporting Law;

4. The Victims of Crime Compensation Board administers the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act. The Board provides Statewide victim-witness assistance programs and information and conducts a victim counseling service; and

5. The Juvenile Justice Commission is responsible for the management and operation of all State facilities and programs for juveniles involved in the juvenile justice system, adopts a Statewide Master Plan for effective provision of juvenile justice services and sanctions at the State, county and local level, administers the State/Community Partnership Grant Program, establishes county youth services commissions to implement the Partnership, and adopts standards for county juvenile detention facilities and programs.