

Chapter 50, POLICE DEPARTMENT

§ 50-1. Purpose; objectives.

The purpose of this chapter is to create and establish a County police department to promote and protect the safety and welfare of the citizens of Carroll County.

§ 50-2. Chief of Police.

The Chief of Police shall be appointed and dismissed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners. The Chief of Police shall head the police department. The Chief of Police shall have comprehensive knowledge of the elements of police administration and of law enforcement standards and practices, including prevention, detection, and investigation of crimes.

§ 50-3. Law enforcement.

The Chief of Police shall serve as the primary law enforcement officer for the County. The Chief of Police shall take such measures as will ensure prompt and vigorous enforcement of all statutes, laws, regulations, and ordinances which come properly within the scope of the police function and power.

§ 50-4. Powers and duties of Chief of Police.

- A. The Chief of Police shall be responsible for the hiring, efficiency, good conduct, and discipline of the employees of the police department.
- B. The Chief of Police shall order and direct such assignments to duty, detail, and transfers as deemed necessary in the interest of public service.
- C. The Chief of Police, subject to the approval of the County Commissioners, shall adopt such rules and regulations as necessary to promote the efficiency and direction of the police department.
- D. The Chief of Police shall perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the County Commissioners or by law.

§ 50-5. Police mutual aid agreements.

The Chief of Police, subject to the approval of the County Commissioners, may enter into police mutual aid agreements with the federal government, State, counties, municipal corporations, and other jurisdictions or entities as deemed necessary.

§ 50-6. Police officers.

- A. It shall be the duty of each County police officer to preserve the public peace, prevent crime, protect the rights of persons and property, and to arrest all offenders against the laws of the State and Carroll County.
- B. County police officers shall receive the training required by the State Police Training Commission and additional training in law enforcement, community relations, and related subjects as determined by the Chief of Police.
- C. County police officers shall comply with all rules, regulations, policies, and procedures adopted by the Chief of Police regarding attendance, conduct, training, and procedure.
- D. County police officers shall be entitled to the rights provided under the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights (LEOBR).