

BYLAWS
OF
SOUTH CENTRAL CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be:

South Central Chiefs of Police Association, Inc.

and to which it is sometimes referred in these Bylaws as the Corporation.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

1. The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are those set forth in its Certificate of Incorporation, as from time to time amended. Namely, to develop a closer personal and working relationship between the Chiefs of Police in South Central Connecticut; to improve the level of cooperation among its members and their departments; to facilitate the articulation and advancement of uniform police policies in the South Central region; to explore regional and metropolitan approaches to problems in law enforcement activities; to cooperate with the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association in establishing statewide law enforcement policies, projects and other endeavors; and to seek and encourage the adoption of measures useful in fighting crime and improving the administration of justice.
2. The Corporation is not formed for pecuniary or financial gain, and no part of the assets, income, or profit of the Corporation is distributable to, or inures to the benefit of its directors or officers except to the extent permitted under Chapter 602 of the Connecticut General Statutes on Non-stock Corporations. The Corporation shall not participate or intervene, whether through the publication or distribution of statements or other means, in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

3. The purposes of the Corporation are promoted through educational programs and

training directed toward uniform and civilian personnel of law enforcement agencies in South Central Connecticut and throughout the State; are pronounced to the general public through educational/informational media exposure of preventive and protective services available through local police departments; are developed through committees, projects, programs and conferences; and are governed and qualified by the basic policies set forth in Article III, below.

ARTICLE III

BASIC POLICIES

The following are the basic policies of the Corporation:

1. The Corporation shall be non-commercial, non-sectarian and non-partisan.
2. The name of the Corporation or the names of any members in their official capacities shall not be used in any connection with a commercial concern or with any partisan interest or for any purpose not appropriately related to the promotion of the objectives of the Corporation.
3. The Corporation shall cooperate with all public and private agencies, commissions and administrations to support the improvement of law enforcement and the criminal justice system in a manner that will not interfere with the supervision of those entities' concerns, and shall not pursue to prescribe their policies.
4. The Corporation shall adopt policies as required by law and as needed for the effective functioning of the organization.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

1. The Corporation, being an organization serving the South Central region in Connecticut, is composed of the following active members: The Chiefs of Police of the authorized law enforcement agencies of Ansonia, Branford, Cheshire, Derby, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Meriden, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Seymour, Wallingford, West Haven and Woodbridge, Southern Connecticut State University, University of New Haven, Yale University, the Director of the South Central Criminal Justice Administration and any other Chief of Police

or Commanding Officer of a law enforcement agency who subscribes to the

purposes and policies of the Corporation, subject to the majority approval of the members of the Corporation. Active members shall have all powers and privileges of membership in the Corporation, including the privilege of voting.

2. The Corporation is also be comprised of the following associate members: The Commanding Officers of Troops I, F, and G of the Connecticut State Police, the Commanding Officer and Deputy Commanding Officer of the Central District of the Connecticut State Police, the Commanding Officer of the Statewide Narcotics Task Force, the Resident Agent of the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Resident Agent of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms; the Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and the Resident Agent in Charge of the United States Secret Service. Associate members shall have all powers and privileges of membership in the Corporation except they shall not have the privilege of voting and may not serve in any elective position. Associate members may, in their absence, designate persons from their respective agencies to attend business meetings of the Corporation.
3. Persons may be admitted to membership in the corporation at any time. Active and associate members of the Corporation shall be eligible to participate in its business meeting. Only active members may serve in any of the Corporation's positions.
4. Each active member of the Corporation shall pay annual dues to the Corporation in the amount as set by majority vote of the membership.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

1. Officers. (a) The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

(b) Officers shall be elected by ballot annually at the Corporation's regular meeting in the month of June. However, if there is but one nominee for any office, it shall be in order to move that the Secretary cast the elective ballot of the Corporation for the nominee.

(c) Officers shall assume their official duties following the close of the monthly meeting in June and shall serve for a term of one year and until the election and qualification for their successors.

(d) A person shall not be eligible to serve consecutive terms in the office of President.

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2. Election. (a) There shall be a nominating committee composed of three members, one of whom shall be selected by the Board of Directors from its body, and two of

whom shall be elected by the Corporation at the monthly meeting in May. It shall be determined by the members of the nominating committee as to who shall serve as Chairman.

(b) The nominating committee shall nominate one eligible person for each office to be filled and report its nominees at the monthly meeting in June at which time additional nominations may be entertained from the floor. Only those persons who have signified their consent to serve if elected shall be nominated for or elected to such office.

3. Vacancy. A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled for the unexpired term by a person elected by a majority vote of the remaining officers of the Corporation, adequate notice of such special election having been given. In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the First Vice-President shall serve notice of the special election.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Corporation and to the Board of Directors at which he may be present; shall appoint all committees of the Corporation for the performance of assignments as determined by a vote of the membership; shall perform such duties as may be prescribed in these Bylaws or assigned to him by the Corporation or its Board of Directors; and shall coordinate the work of the officers and committees of the Corporation in order that the purposes may be promoted.
2. The First Vice-President shall act as aide to the President, shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of that officer to act, and shall oversee the Corporation's standing committee on police training.
3. The Second Vice-President shall assure the orderly conduct of the Corporation meetings; shall assure that proper procedures are followed with respect to the security and confidential nature of the business at Corporation meetings; and shall assure the proper representation of South Central police departments in corporate executive session.

4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for the recording of minutes of all meetings of the Corporation and of its Board of Directors; shall have custody of the funds of the Corporation; shall keep a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures; and shall make disbursements in accordance with the approval of the Corporation membership. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for the maintenance of such books of accounting and records as conform to the requirements of the Bylaws. The Secretary-Treasurer shall make a full financial report to the membership at the Corporation's February meeting noting receipts and disbursements during the previous twelve-month period and the budget for the upcoming calendar year. The Secretary-Treasurer shall also make a financial report to the membership when requested by the Board of Directors and shall ensure that a financial review is performed periodically as directed by the Board of Directors.
5. All officers shall:
 - (a) Perform the duties prescribed in the parliamentary authority in addition to those outlined in these Bylaws and those assigned from time to time.
 - (b) Deliver to their successors all official material necessary for performance in that office not later than two weeks following the election of their successors.

ARTICLE VII

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Corporation and a Director at Large elected by majority vote of the membership. The members of the Board of Directors shall serve until the election and qualification of their successors.
2. The duties of the Board of Directors shall be:
 - (a) To transact the necessary business in the period between meetings of the Corporation and such other business as may be referred to it by the Corporation membership.
 - (b) To create standing committees as required.
 - (c) To approve the plans of work of the standing committees.

(d) To prepare and submit to the Corporation for approval items of budgetary and fiscal importance, and to appoint, as needed, such person or committee to review the records and accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer.

3. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by a majority of the members of the Board. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. The affirmative vote of a majority of the full Board of Directors is required to take action.
4. In case a vacancy shall occur in the Board of Directors, the vacancy shall be filled through an appointment by the Board of Directors. The person chosen to fill such vacancy shall hold office until the June meeting following thereafter at which the election of officers is in the regular order of business.

ARTICLE VIII

STAFF

1. The staff of the Corporation shall be the planning staff of the South Central Criminal Justice Administration. The staff shall not be members of the Corporation, except as otherwise provided for membership under Article IV, above.
2. The staff shall receive and transmit all correspondence on behalf of the Corporation; shall prepare and distribute the agenda for the regular monthly meetings of the Corporation at least five days prior to such meetings; shall perform administrative and operational assignments as directed by the President or the Board of Directors; and shall assist the Secretary-Treasurer in the performance of his duties under Article VI, and such other tasks as may be delegated to him.

ARTICLE IX

MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings of the Corporation shall be held monthly, with the exception of July, August, and scheduled training, at a date and location determined by the membership. Police departments of Corporation members may be called upon to act as host to the regular meetings on a need basis. When possible, five days' notice shall be given for the cancellation or re-scheduling of a regular meeting, or a change in a meeting's location. When possible, the Secretary-Treasurer shall poll the members of the Corporation to establish a new meeting date or location.

2. Special meetings may be called by the President or upon the request of at least five Corporation members, the five days' notice requirement being waived. The Secretary- Treasurer shall notify all members of any special meeting and its purpose.
3. Members of the Corporation retain the right to designate seconds-in-command from their departments to attend any regular or special meeting that the member is unable to attend and to vote on any matter which may be considered at said meeting.
4. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any meeting of the Corporation. All matters brought to a vote before the members shall require a simple majority of those members present and voting for passage. Upon the request of any members, a written record shall be made of any vote taken by the Corporation. At any meeting of the Corporation, the President, upon approval of two-thirds of the members present and voting, may raise for consideration a matter not listed on the agenda.
5. Members of the Corporation who also sit on committees of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association shall present reports at the regular meeting of the Corporation on committee activities since the last regular meeting. Where more than one Corporation member sits on such a committee a decision shall be made among those representatives as to which will present the committee's report.
6. Upon the request of any member, the President shall authorize the Corporation to enter into Executive Session. Attendance in Executive Sessions shall be limited to active members of the Corporation, their authorized representatives, and such other person as may be requested by the President. Except where varied due to emergency, Executive Sessions shall be conducted at the end of any regular meeting. The purpose of the member requesting to enter into Executive Session shall conform with the Connecticut General Statutes governing the conduct of such sessions.
7. The February monthly meeting shall be considered for all purposes the annual meeting.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or part by a majority vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Corporation. Any such proposed amendment shall be presented for a first reading at any special or regular meeting of the Corporation and may be placed on the floor for a vote of the Corporation members at the regular meeting next following the meeting of the first reading.

(As Amended Through June, 2010)

- Article III Add Section 4 To empower the corporation to adopt policies.
- Article IV Madison has been removed as an Active Member due to its decision to withdraw
- University of New Haven added based admission by the body
- Connecticut State Police transferred due to having new conflict of interest statements-may pose issues with state policies
- Article VI Omit quarterly financial reports and replace with as requested by the
Board of Directors
- Allows flexibility with training schedule
- Change to February allows sufficient time to prepare report
- Article VII Since business is transacted at monthly meetings takes away need for report from Board of Directors and for quarterly meetings
- Article IX Changing to monthly allows for flexibility and avoids conflicts with other professional groups or training

