

 <p>NEW YORK STATE OF OPPORTUNITY.</p> <p>Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Section: Law Enforcement</p>	<p>Policy Title: Establishing and Managing the Division of Law Enforcement</p> <p>Directive: ENF-POL-001</p> <p>Effective Date: 11/18/2014</p>
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Summary

Section 13.17 of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law (PRHPL) recognizes the New York State Park Police as the law enforcement agency within the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) that advances the Agency mission. This policy guides the organization, development, and management of the Division of Law Enforcement and the New York State Park Police.

Policy

The official title of the Agency’s police force is the **New York State Park Police**.

A sworn member of the “state regional park police,” as that term is used in Section 1.20(34) (e) of the Criminal Procedure Law to define a police officer, is hereby designated a sworn member of the New York State Park Police.

Section 3.09(5) of the PRHPL directs the Agency to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public using facilities under its jurisdiction. The New York State Park Police assist in this mandate by providing law enforcement and public safety services to the visiting public and Agency employees, and by safeguarding the Agency’s facilities and natural, historic and cultural resources. OPRHP is committed to safety, integrity, and accountability in providing law enforcement services.

Section 3.07 of the PRHPL authorizes the Commissioner to create divisions, bureaus, and other units within the Agency and to appoint deputies and directors. The Division of Law Enforcement (the Division) is established within the Agency, consisting of all sworn members of the New York State Park Police and all Agency employees the Commissioner or her/his designee assigns to the Division.

The position of Director of Law Enforcement is established within the Agency to manage the Division. The Director shall manage the Division and the New York State Park Police and shall report to the Commissioner, or the Commissioner’s designee, in the performance of his or

her duties.

The Director of Law Enforcement shall develop and issue law enforcement directives and procedures applicable to members and employees of the Division. These directives and procedures shall be incorporated into the New York State Park Police Manual and maintained by the Director in a file at Agency headquarters in Albany. Directives and procedures issued under this authority remain subject to review by the Commissioner, or her/his designee, and shall be rescinded or modified as directed by the Commissioner or her/his designee.

Other Related Information

Section 3.07; 3.09(5); 9.05(4); 13.17 of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law; Section 1.20(34)(e) of the Criminal Procedure Law

History

- 09/09/2010 This policy is effective immediately and replaces the policy issued on September 9, 2010 entitled, "Establishing and Managing the Division of Law Enforcement."
- 11/18/2014 The 2010 policy was reviewed and has been reissued with formatting changes and references to the Commissioner's designee and related laws. No material revisions to the policy were made.