

POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Town of Redding is empowered to provide police protection within its borders by Section 7-148 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and;

WHEREAS, the Town heretofore in providing such police protection has contracted with the State Police under the provisions of Section 29-5 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and;

WHEREAS, the Town employs municipal police officers who have the use of the Town's police building, who are served by the emergency communications center operated by the Town, and who patrol in Town police vehicles, but who are supervised by a Resident State Trooper, and;

WHEREAS, the Town deems it desirable to improve the management, control, administration, continuity, supervision, operation, and morale of its police and public safety services, and;

WHEREAS, the Town believes that these improvements can be accomplished by the establishment of an autonomous Redding Police Department, under the administration and direction of a Chief of Police who will be a department head reporting directly to the Board of Selectmen and daily to the First Selectman;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF REDDING THAT:

1. The Town will prepare a job description for a Chief of Police responsible for administrative control and direction of the activities of the Redding Police Department and related public safety functions, and for establishing policies, procedures and programs consistent with ordinances, the Connecticut General Statutes, and the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and Redding Police Union Local 2907, and Connecticut Council of Police Unions No. 15 (the "Collective Bargaining Agreement"). The Chief of Police shall be a Town department head and shall report to the Board of Selectmen and daily to the First Selectman.

2. The Town will appoint a Chief of Police, who will be a Town employee and will be subject to a contract of employment and to applicable sections of the General Statutes pertaining to Chiefs of Police.

3. Upon selection of a Chief of Police, the Town will give the required 30 days notice to the Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police, State of Connecticut, that the resident state trooper contract will be cancelled.

4. Upon cancellation of the resident state trooper contract, the Redding Police

Department will be considered a duly established municipal police department, with all the authority provided by the General Statutes.

5. The officers of the Redding Police Department shall have all such authority with respect to service of criminal process and the enforcement of criminal laws as is vested by the Connecticut General Statutes in police officers and constables. In creating the Redding Police Department, the Town will exercise its managerial rights and will not materially affect the terms and conditions of employment provided for in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The persons currently employed as police officers will become and remain members of the Police Department without loss of or prejudice to rank, seniority, pay, pension or any other existing rights or benefits held by them.

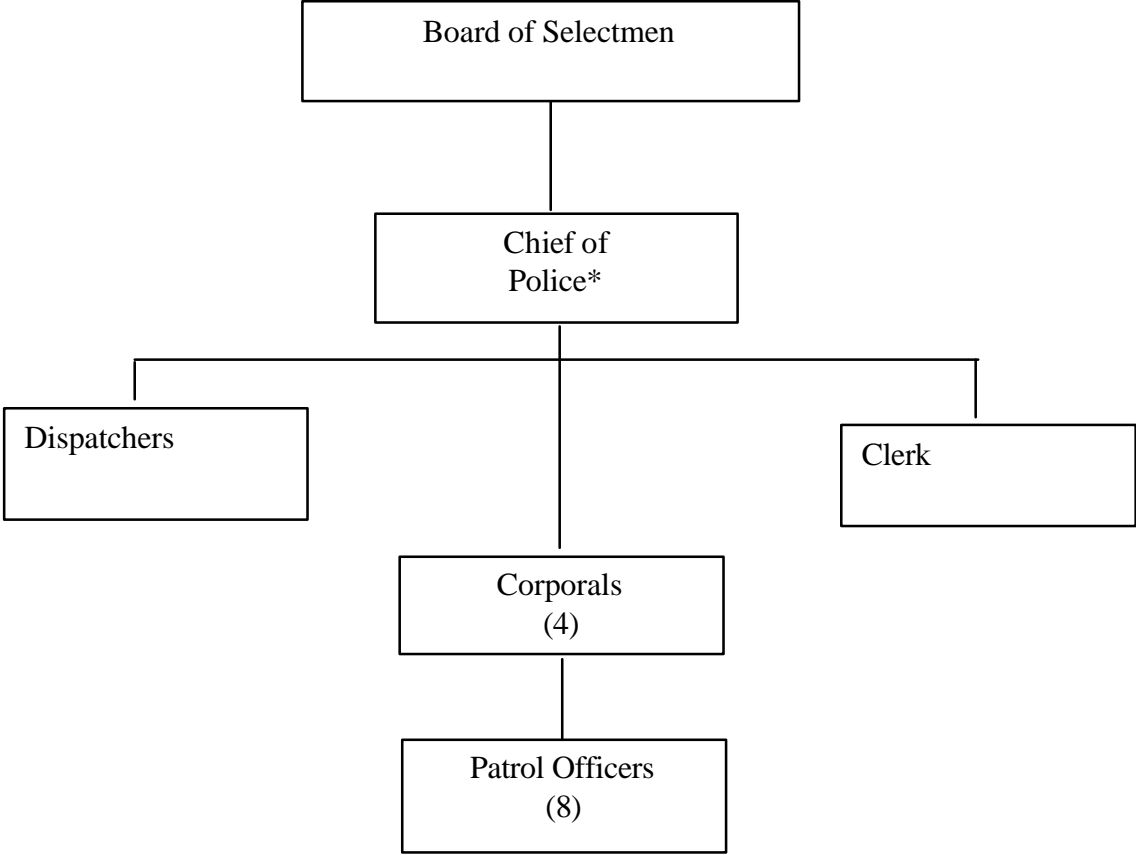
6. The Public Safety Ordinance of July 30, 1997, as amended, and the Resolution to Establish a Police Advisory Board of March 31, 1967, are repealed and replaced with this ordinance. The Town will continue to maintain its emergency communication center to operate an E-911 public safety answering service. The Chief of Police will be the manager and department head of the emergency communications center. The Town will continue to be a party to the inter-local agreement with Redding Fire District 1, West Redding Fire Department District 2, and Georgetown Fire District for the purpose of emergency communications. The Public Safety Commission will be eliminated as of the effective date of the appointment of the Chief of Police, and the Chief of Police will become the Town's representative with respect to the inter-local agreement with the fire districts. The position of emergency communications center supervisor is eliminated, and the duties of the position will be executed by the Chief of Police.

7. The Town may continue to appoint special police officers or auxiliary police officers as it shall deem necessary. Such special officers shall not be employees of the Town or members of the Police Department, but shall be under the supervision of the Chief of Police.

8. The operations of the Police Department will be financed from the general revenues of the Town, and the Police Department shall appear as an item in the annual budget.

9. The Town is authorized to enter into police assistance agreements as provided by Section 7-277a of the Connecticut General Statutes.

**Tale of Organization
Redding Police Department**



*Reports to First Selectman on a daily basis
Future year staffing need, such as full time clerk or one detective, may be considered during annual budget deliberations.