

# Abington Township Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual

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## I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this general order is to provide members with guidelines on the legal authority to carry and use weapons.

## II. POLICY

N/A

## III. PROCEDURE

A. The provisions of this Chapter 203 issued under section 5(15) of the act of June 18, 1974 (P. L. 359, No. 120) (53 P. S. ' 744(15)), defines the legal authority to carry and use weapons by agency personnel in the performance of their duties.

1. ' 203.13. Certification as a municipal police officer.

a. General

(1) The Commission will supply written verification to the applicant's employing police department upon the applicant's completion of the Commission's requirements for certification as a police officer.

(2) Verification shall be valid only in the department identified on the document provided by the applicant. Upon termination of

employment in a department, certification for that department shall be void and shall be returned to the Commission by the department.

- (3) If the certification document has been lost or destroyed, a notarized statement shall be provided to the Commission concerning the certification.

b. Initial Certification

- (1) Initial certification is valid for 2 years from the date of issuance. The document provided by the Commission shall contain the dates of issuance and expiration in addition to a certification number for identification purposes.
- (2) Upon receipt of certification a police officer is authorized to enforce 18 Pa.C.S. (relating to the Crimes Code) and moving violations of 75 Pa.C.S. (relating to the Vehicle Code), and to carry a firearm.

c. Renewal of Certification

- (1) The Commission will issue a renewal certificate only to police officers who have satisfied the mandatory in-service training requirements set forth under § 203.52 (relating to mandatory in-service training courses). Mandatory in-service training schools shall provide written notice to the Commission of all police officers who have successfully completed the mandatory in-service training course.
- (2) Certification shall be renewed every 2 years.