

ARTICLE 26

Field Training Officers

Section 1. Field Training Officer Program.

The Chief shall continue the Field Training Officer Program (FTOP) as a section of the Police Academy. The FTOP function will be to reinforce and update training given in the Academy in field operations. The primary purpose of the Program is to complete the education and training of probationary Officers. Additionally, the program may be used to conduct continuing or remedial education or training for other Department personnel. While patrol officers may be used as Field Training Officers (FTO's) to conduct such training and education, they may not be used to supervise, investigate, or perform other duties performed by higher-ranking Officers.

Section 2. FTO Minimum Requirements.

The minimum requirements for FTO's shall be established by the Chief, and any Officer meeting such requirements shall be considered for a position in the program. Positions will be filled from qualified Officer applicants based upon the standards enunciated by the Chief. The selection and removal of an Officer from the FTO program shall be at the discretion of the Chief and not subject to the grievance procedure. There shall be a minimum of eighty (80) Patrol Officer FTO's in the Department.

Section 3. Hours and Assignment, Emblem, and Voluntary Service.

The hours and assignment of FTO's shall be at the discretion of the Chief, realizing the need to accomplish the training and education of bargaining unit members as the primary purpose of the program. Officers assigned to the program shall be identified by an appropriate badge and/or emblem. Service as an FTO shall be voluntary.

Section 4. FTO Coordinator.

The program will be headed by a "Coordinator" who shall hold the rank of Lieutenant or above. The Coordinator shall have the power to recommend to the Chief the dismissal of any officer from the program on the basis of the Officer's record while serving as an FTO.

Section 5. Field Training Permanent Supervisors ~~Officer~~ Pay.

All Officers permanently assigned to the FTO program, including the Coordinator, shall receive a \$300265.00 per month pay supplement, ~~in lieu of any compensatory time as previously provided.~~

Section 6. Field Training Support Staff.

All Officers assigned to assist with field training records and administrative duties for the field training officer program shall receive a \$50 per month pay supplement.

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