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|  | KENOSHA POLICE DEPARTMENT | | | |
| | POLICY AND PROCEDURE | | | |
| | 11.3 Chain of Command; Cross Division of Authority for Sworn Personnel | | | |
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I. PURPOSE

To define the lines of authority and establish a clear chain of command for the Kenosha Police Department.

II. CHAIN OF COMMAND

The relative rank in position of officers of the department shall be as designated.

- A. Chief of Police
- B. Deputy Chief
- C. Inspector
- D. Captain
- E. Lieutenant
- F. Sergeant
- G. Safety Officer,
- H. Crime Prevention Officer
- I. Court Officer
- J. Detective
- K. Patrol Officer

In the absence of the Chief of Police, the Deputy Chief will be in command of the Police Department. In the absence of both the Chief of Police and the Deputy Chief the Inspector will be in command. In the absences of the Chief of Police, the Deputy Chief and the Inspector the Ranking Captain on duty shall be in command. In the absence of an on duty Captain the Patrol Shift Commanding Officer will be in command. In the event of a planned absence the Chief of Police may appoint a senior staff member to assume command in his/her absence.

II. CROSS DIVISION AUTHORITY

It is intended that a Court Officer or Detective shall exercise the functional authority of their designated rank only when necessary in the investigation of criminal cases and in such other emergencies where conditions require that, they use such authority. However, they shall not countermand any orders of superior officers above their rank, or needlessly interfere with the specific duties of any members of lower rank.

When a superior officer issues orders to any subordinate members that are not attached to their Bureau or Division, they should, if possible, avoid issuing orders that conflict with those of the commanding officers of the Division to which such members are assigned. Whenever, due to an emergency situation, such orders are issued the superior officer giving such orders shall, as soon as practicable, inform such subordinate's commanding officer of the action taken.

Detectives do not have the authority to give orders to police officers, except as would be necessary to preserve evidence at a crime scene or complete an investigation.

In the event that uniformed personnel from the patrol division are required to assist personnel in civilian clothes, such as the execution of a search warrant, arrangements are to be made through the Patrol Shift Commander on duty at that time.