

Police Chaplain Description & Qualifications

Position created:

The position of Police Chaplain for the Franklin Township Police Department is hereby created in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141. The position shall be under the Director of Public Safety and subject to the control of the Chief of Police.

Qualifications:

Any person appointed as Chaplain shall be a clergyman in good standing in the religious body from which he/she is selected. Chaplains may be subject to applicable residency requirements in the discretion of the Chief of Police. The Chaplain shall have basic training and shall be a certified Police Chaplain credentialed in accordance with rules and regulations of the Franklin Township Police Department and shall be qualified in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141.

Duties of Police Chaplain:

The duties of Police Chaplain shall include, but not be limited to, assisting the Franklin Township Police Department in death notifications, station house adjustments and any other duties that may be assigned by the Chief of Police.

Rank and Salary:

Any person appointed as Chaplain shall serve in that capacity without rank and salary.

Term of Office:

A person appointed as Chaplain shall serve for a period of one year from date of appointment and shall continue to serve in that capacity until he/she is either terminated or reappointed with the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Appointment:

The Chief of Police may recommend to the governing body persons that he/she believes meet the qualifications of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141 as well as the rules and regulations of the Franklin Township Police Department with reference to chaplains, if any. All applicants for the position of Chaplain shall be reviewed by the Chief of Police who may, in his or her discretion, consult with other Department Chaplains for their input. The Chief will determine the applicant's qualifications in accordance with this section and shall make recommendations to the governing body regarding the appointment as Chaplain. The governing body shall appoint chaplains in accordance with this article.