WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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1.2.1 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

A. Legally Mandated Authority

1. The Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedures, and the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code define the limits of law enforcement authority as it pertains to the enforcement of laws, statutes, and ordinances.

2. On November 15, 1924 the Montgomery County Court of Quarter Sessions decreed West Norriton Township to be a Township of the First Class.

3. Section 1401 of Act of June 24, 1931 (P.L. 1206, No. 331) the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code states that "the board of township commissioners shall, subject to the civil service provisions of this act, appoint and fix the number, rank and compensation of the members of the township police force."

4. Section 1403 of Act of June 24, 1931 (P.L. 1206, No. 331) the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code states "policemen shall be ex-officio constables of the township and may, without warrant and on view, arrest and commit for hearing any and all persons guilty of a breach of the peace, vagrancy, riotous or disorderly conduct or drunkenness or who may be engaged in the commission of any unlawful act tending to imperil the personal security or endanger the property of the citizens, or violating any of the ordinances of the township for the violation of which a fine or penalty is imposed."

5. The West Norriton Township Police Department was first established as a full-time police department in 1936.

6. Officers of the West Norriton Township Police Department are authorized to carry firearms during the performance of their duties as authorized under Pa. Crimes Code Sections 505, 506, 507 and 508 relating to Use of Force. Pa. Crimes Code Section 6106 relating to Firearms not to be carried without a license specifically exempts police officers from having to have a license to carry a firearm in public.