

CHAPTER 1
ORGANIZATION
OF THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT

**101 AUTHORIZATION AND EXERCISE OF POWER OF THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

Chapter 4, S. I of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts grants to cities and towns of the State the right to function as governmental bodies, exercising the various types of powers common to governments. The cities and towns are given the authority to make contracts in the exercise of their corporate powers (G.L. C.40 S.4), and to appropriate money for the salaries of officials whose positions are established by law (G.L. C.40 S.5).

More specifically, the cities and towns are allowed to make any orders and by-laws necessary for the preservation of peace and good order, and for the maintenance of an internal police (G.L. C.40, S.21).

Under a Plan B type of government, as is chartered to the City of New Bedford, the Mayor is given general supervision over all departments of the city which includes the Police Department (G.L. C. 43,S. 56).

The jurisdiction of the Police Department is limited to the City limits of New Bedford and members of the department shall not exercise the police powers so regulated to them outside that jurisdiction except as provided by law and so authorized by the Chief of Police.

102 DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The New Bedford Police Department is established to protect all life and property, preserve the peace, and prevent criminal activity within the city limits of New Bedford.

The police department shall be organized into such Sections, Divisions, Bureaus, Platoons, Units, Offices or other subdivisions as may be deemed necessary and established by the Chief of Police.

The police department shall consist of such police officers and civilian employees as deemed necessary by the Mayor and City Council for the proper administration of the responsibilities assigned to the department.

103 DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

The department shall consist of the Executive Office of the Chief of Police, with such supporting personnel as may be necessary to accomplish its mission.

The department shall further be divided into two groups according to function and purpose and subdivided as follows.

- 1./ Line operations.
 - (a) Uniform Patrol Section
 - (b) Investigation Section

2. Staffing and Support Functions
 - (a) Auxiliary Service Division
 - (b) Training, Inspection and Planning Division

103.1 The Uniform Patrol Section

The Uniform Patrol Section will consist of the following Divisions, Bureaus and Special Force.

1. Division #1, Central, Headquarters Station
2. Division #2, South End Station
3. Division #3, North End Station
4. Traffic Bureau
5. Civil Defense Liaison Officer
6. Tactical Patrol Force

103.2 The Investigation Section

The Investigation Section will consist of the following Divisions and Bureaus.

1. Criminal Investigation Division
2. Organized Crime Intelligence Bureau
3. Juvenile Control Bureau
4. Firearm License and Investigation Bureau
5. Identification Bureau
6. Policewomen Bureau

103.3 The Auxiliary Service Division

The Auxiliary Service Division will consist of the following Bureaus, Units, Officers and Special Services.

1. Records Bureau
2. Motor Vehicle Maintenance Unit
3. Building Maintenance Unit
4. Budget, Accounts and Payroll Clerk
5. Supplies and Printing
6. Bicycle Registration Officer
7. Civilian employee assignments for telephone switchboard, dispatching and clerical positions

103.4 The Training, Planning and Inspection Division

The Training, Planning and Division will consist of the following Bureaus.

1. Training Bureau
2. Planning and Inspection Bureau