



Department Supervision & Direction

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2.2.1 POLICY

The Crofton Police Department will adopt and follow generally accepted principles of command, direction and control. It is the responsibility of all members of the police department to ensure these principles are followed.

2.2.2 COMMAND

A. Chain of Command

Except as indicated with in this index code, all members of the Crofton Police Department are expected to observe the established chain of command.

Article 26, Section 5 of the Annotated Code of Maryland designates the Chief of Police as being responsible for managing the operations and administration of the police department; therefore all members of the Crofton Police Department are accountable to Chief of Police, Crofton Police Department.

B. Absence of the Chief of Police

1. Whenever the Chief of Police is absent from duty, whether long term vacation or incapacitation, the Chief of Police will appoint an acting chief.
2. The Acting Chief will receive NO monetary compensation but will possess all powers, authority and duties subject to the following provisions:
 - a. The Acting Chief may not promote nor demote any member of the department
 - b. The Acting Chief may not hire or terminate an employee
 - c. The Acting Chief may make temporary shift changes however; such changes will not be considered permanent unless approved by the Chief of Police
 - d. The Acting Chief may not change any department rule, regulation, policy or procedure.

2.2.3 ORDER OF RANK

The order of rank within the Crofton Police Department is as follows:

Chief of Police	Three gold stars for collar device, Gold badge w/eagle with "CHIEF" in the ribbon.
Police Corporal	Two stripes on shirt sleeve, Silver badge w/eagle with "CORPORAL" in the ribbon.
Police Officer	Silver badge.

The order of rank for the Anne Arundel County Police Department is as follows:

Chief of Police	Four gold stars, Gold badge with "CHIEF"
Deputy Chief of Police	Three gold stars, Gold badge with "DEPUTY CHIEF"
Police Major	Gold oak leaf, Gold badge with "MAJOR"



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Police Captain	Two gold bars side by side, Gold badge with "CAPTAIN"
Police Lieutenant	One gold bar, Gold badge with "LIEUTENANT"
Police Sergeant	Three blue stripes (on shirts), Silver badge with "SERGEANT"
Police Corporal	Two blue stripes (on shirts), Silver badge with "CORPORAL"
Police Officer 1 st Class	One blue stripe (on shirt), Silver badge with "OFFICER"
Police Officer	Silver badge with "OFFICER"

2.2.4 COMMAND PROTOCOL

1. The Chief of Police, Crofton Police will assume command of any incident's within the Crofton "Triangle". If the Crofton Chief of Police is not available or not on duty at the time, command will be relinquished to the Anne Arundel County Police supervisor on duty. The Crofton Police Officer on scene will make notification of the incident to the Crofton Chief of Police.
2. In the event the Anne Arundel County Police assumes command immediately, due to the nature of the call, the Crofton Police Officer on scene will follow the directions of the Anne Arundel County Police supervisor on duty and will advise the Crofton Chief of Police.
3. Police Officer's are required to obey any lawful order of a supervisor, be it Crofton Police or Anne Arundel County Police, including an order relayed by another police officer of the same or lesser rank.
4. In the event a police officer is given two different orders or directives that are in conflict, the officer will point out the conflict to a supervisor issuing the conflicting order. In the event the conflicting order is not altered or retracted, the officer will obey the order and will not be held responsible for disobedience of the original order. The Crofton Police Chief will be advised of the conflicting order and actions taken by the officer immediately or as soon as possible after the incident.