

******ADOPTED OCTOBER 16, 2017******

**TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO
ORDINANCE 2017-13**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF POLICE CHAPLAIN FOR THE
DELANCO TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 48:14-141 provides that the governing body of the Township of Delanco by Ordinance may provide for the appointment of one or more Chaplains to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Police Chaplains serve an integral role in providing comfort to members of the Police Department as well as the public and aid in community policing; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds it in the best interest of the Township of Delanco to appoint one or more police chaplains;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 10-6 Police Department of the Code of the Township of Delanco, Paragraph I – Other Personnel, is hereby amended to add a new item (5) as follows:

(5) Police Chaplain

(a) Position Created. The position of Police Chaplain for the Township of Delanco Police Department is hereby created in accordance with 40A:14-141. The position of Chaplain shall be under the Director of Public Safety and subject to the control of the Chief of Police.

(b) Appointment. The Chief of Police may recommend to the Township Committee candidates the Chief believes meet the qualifications of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141 as well as the rules and regulations of the Township of Delanco Police Department with reference to Chaplains, if any. All applicants for the position of Chaplain shall be reviewed by the Chief of Police to determine his/her qualifications in accordance with this Ordinance and shall make recommendations to the Township Committee regarding the appointment as Chaplain. The Township Committee shall appoint Chaplains in accordance with this Ordinance.

(c) Term. A person appointed as Chaplain shall serve for a period of one (1) 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.

- (d) Qualifications. Any person appointed as Chaplain shall be an ordained clergyman in good standing in the religious body from which he/she is selected. The Chaplain shall have basic training and shall be a certified Police Chaplain credentialed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Township of Delanco Police Department and shall be qualified in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141.
- (e) Rank. Any person appointed as Chaplain shall serve in that capacity without Rank.
- (f) Compensation. Any person appointed as a Police Chaplain shall receive an annual salary as determined by the Township and incorporated in the Township's annual salary ordinance.
- (g) Duties. The duties of Police Chaplain shall include, but not be limited to assisting the Township of Delanco Police Department in death notifications, station house adjustments, and any other duties that may be assigned by the Chief of Police.
- (h) Shared Services. The Township may enter into shared service agreements with other governmental entities for the use of the Police Chaplain.

Section 2. Repealer. Any Ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of its inconsistency.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance is deemed unlawful by a Court is found to be contrary to law by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be of no force or effect; but the remainder of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 4. Effective date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage in accordance with the law.