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A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORGANIZATION, DISCIPLINE, POWERS
AND DUTIES OF THE CYPRUS POLICE FORCE AND FOR MATTERS
INCIDENTAL THERETO.

HUGH FOOT,]
Governor.

[19th March, 1958

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor and
Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as
follows :—

PART I.—PRELIMINARY.

1. This Law may be cited as the Police Law, 1958, and shall come into operation on such date as the Governor may by notice in the *Gazette* appoint.

Short title
and com-
mencement.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meaning hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say—

“Assistant Chief Constable” means an Assistant to the Chief Constable ;

“Chief Constable” means the Chief Officer of the Cyprus Police Force ;

“Chief Fire Officer” means the officer-in-charge of the Fire Service ;

“Court” means a Court of competent jurisdiction ;

“Deputy Chief Constable” means the Deputy to the Chief Constable ;

“Division” and all cognate expressions means a Police Division ;

“Divisional Commander” means the police officer in charge of a Division and includes the police officer in charge of any department of Police Headquarters and the Chief Fire Officer ;

“finger print” includes thumb print ;

“Force” means the Cyprus Police Force and includes the Fire Service, the Mobile Reserve, the Auxiliary Police Force, Special Constables and Women Police ;

“Force Order” means any order issued by the Chief Constable for the good order and government of the Force and for the guidance of police officers in the execution of their duties ;

“Gazetted Officer” means a police officer of and above the rank of Assistant Superintendent and includes the Chief Fire Officer, the Deputy Chief Fire Officer, the Fire Prevention Officer and the Director of Music ;

“Inspector” means an Inspector of Police and includes Chief Inspector and Sub-Inspector ;

“Law” means the Police Law, 1958, and includes any Law amending or substituted for the same ;

“licence” includes a permit, certificate or any other document whatsoever relating to any article or thing ;

“means of conveyance” means any aircraft, animal, carriage, vessel, railway waggon, bicycle, motor vehicle of any description or any other vehicle used for the purpose of conveyance of persons or goods ;

“member of the Force” means any police officer and includes Auxiliaries and Special Constables and any Woman Police officer ;

“officer in charge of Police” means the police officer appointed by the Chief Constable to be in charge of the Police in any place ;

“police officer” means any member of the Force other than Auxiliaries and Special Constables ;

“Regulations” means any Regulations made under the provisions of this Law ;

“Sergeant” includes an Acting Sergeant ;

“station” means a Police station ;

“Superintendent” means a Superintendent of Police and includes Chief Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent ;

“trade union” has the same meaning as in the Trade Unions Law or in any Law amending or substituted for the same; Cap 172
15 of 1952
3 of 1954.

“Unit Commander” means the police officer in charge of the Mobile Reserve, Training School or Mounted Units.

(2) The area to which a constable is assigned for duty either generally or for a particular period of hours shall be known as a beat; a number of beats grouped for supervision by a Sergeant or an Inspector shall be known as a section; a number of sections grouped for supervision by an officer shall be known as a sub-division; a number of sections or sub-divisions grouped for supervision by an officer or by a member of the Force directly responsible to the Chief Constable shall be known as a Division.

PART II.—CONSTITUTION AND ADMINISTRATION.

3. There shall continue to be established in the Colony a police force to be known as the Cyprus Police Force. Establishment of Force.

4. The Force shall be formally enrolled and shall consist of such members of the following ranks as the Governor may direct, that is to say— Constitution of Force.

Chief Constable
Deputy Chief Constable
Assistant Chief Constable
Chief Superintendent
Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent
Chief Inspector
Inspector
Sub-Inspector
Sergeant
Constable :

Provided that the rank of Acting Sergeant may be adopted in cases where the Chief Constable deems it necessary :

Provided further that the Governor may from time to time, by notice in the *Gazette*, amend or vary such ranks.

5. The Force shall be employed in and throughout the Colony for the maintenance of law and order, the preservation of peace, the prevention and detection of crime, and the apprehension of offenders; and shall be entitled for the performance of all such duties to carry arms. Functions of the Force.

6. The Governor may, in the case of war or other emergency, employ the Force or any part thereof in the defence of the Colony and, whilst so employed, the Force or such part thereof as may be so employed shall be subject to military law. Employment of the Force in times of emergency.

7. The Chief Constable, subject to any order or direction from the Governor, shall have the command and superintendence of the Force and shall be responsible to the Governor for good order throughout the Colony, for the efficient administration and government of the Force and for the proper expenditure of all public moneys appropriated for the service thereof. General powers of the Chief Constable.

Deputy
Chief
Constable.

8. The Deputy Chief Constable shall act as the Deputy to the Chief Constable in the performance of his duties, in respect of the Force, and shall have power to exercise any authority or perform any duty which may by law be exercised or performed by the Chief Constable.

Adminis-
tration of
the Force.

9.—(1) The administration of the Force throughout the Colony shall be vested in the Chief Constable.

(2) The control of the police in any place shall be vested in such police officers as may be appointed by the Chief Constable to be in charge thereof. Such officers shall be subordinate to, and carry out the orders of, the Chief Constable in all matters connected with the discipline, interior economy and training of the members of the Force under him.

Police
Regula-
tions.

10.—(1) The Chief Constable may, with the approval of the Governor, from time to time, make regulations, for the good order, administration and government of the Force.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by sub-section (1), the regulations may make provision for all or any of the following matters :—

- (a) appointments ;
- (b) enlistments ;
- (c) service, including hours of duty ;
- (d) discharges ;
- (e) offences against discipline and disciplinary procedure ;
- (f) promotion and reduction in rank ;
- (g) suspension and interdiction from duty ;
- (h) places of residence and payment of rent allowances ;
- (i) payment of allowances ;
- (j) leave, including weekly rest days and public holidays ;
- (k) Police Fines and Rewards Fund ;
- (l) Special Constabulary ;
- (m) Fire Service and Auxiliary Fire Service ;
- (n) Auxiliary Police ;
- (o) award or deprivation of good conduct or merit allowance ;
- (p) uniform and accoutrements, including arms ;
- (q) training including drilling ;
- (r) sick leave ;
- (s) Women Police ;
- (t) personal records ;
- (u) private employment of police ;
- (v) restrictions on activities of members of the Force ;
- (w) welfare.

(3) Any regulations made under this section may provide for the following punishments of any member of the Force for breach of such regulations :—

- (i) dismissal ;
- (ii) requirement to resign ;
- (iii) reduction in rank or grade ;
- (iv) withholding, stoppage or deferment of increment ;

- (v) a fine not exceeding ten days' pay ;
- (vi) severe reprimand ;
- (vii) reprimand ;
- (viii) admonition with or without extra duties and parades, including confinement to barracks.

11. Every member of the Force shall keep such books and records and shall render such returns to the Chief Constable as the Chief Constable may, from time to time, direct.

Books, records and returns by members of the Force.

12. Every police officer shall be responsible for all public stores and public moneys issued to him or under his care and shall account for the same to the Chief Constable.

Stores and public moneys.

PART III.—APPOINTMENT, ENLISTMENT, SERVICE AND DISCHARGE.

13.—(1) Gazetted Officers shall be appointed, promoted and discharged by the Governor with the approval of the Secretary of State and in such manner as the Secretary of State may direct :

Appointments etc. of Gazetted Officers.

Provided that in the absence of such directions, such officers shall be appointed and promoted by the Governor on the recommendation of the Chief Constable.

(2) Appointments, enlistments, promotions and discharges of all ranks up to and including Chief Inspector shall be made by the Chief Constable.

Appointments etc. of non-Gazetted ranks.

(3) Conditions of appointment, enlistment, promotion, service and discharge of all police officers below the rank of Gazetted Officer shall be in accordance with provisions contained in regulations made under this Law, and of Gazetted Officer shall be in accordance with the provisions of Colonial Regulations and the Cyprus General Orders.

Conditions of Appointment etc.

14.—(1) Every police officer other than a constable shall, upon first appointment or re-engagement, take and subscribe the Oath of Allegiance as set out in Part I of the First Schedule hereto before the Chief Constable or such other officer as may be authorised by the Chief Constable and in the presence of a witness :

Oath of allegiance.

Provided that the Chief Constable shall take and subscribe the oath before the Governor.

First Schedule Part I.

(2) Every constable shall, on enlistment and on re-enlistment, take and subscribe an oath, as set out in Part II of the First Schedule hereto, before a police officer of or above the rank of Superintendent and in the presence of a witness.

First Schedule Part II.

15.—(1) When a member of the Force ceases to belong to the Force, he shall forthwith deliver up to the person appointed by the Chief Constable for that purpose, or to the officer in charge of police at the place at which he was last stationed, all arms, ammunition, accoutrements, uniform and other appointments which have been supplied to him and which are the property of the Government.

Arms and accoutrements to be delivered up on member ceasing to belong to the Force.