

13d of Commissioners
Helen Keeling

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A POLICE
RESERVE UNIT IN LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined that it is appropriate and in the public interest to authorize the Sheriff of LaPorte County, Indiana, to appoint Special Deputies to assist the Sheriff and his regularly appointed Deputies to carry out various duties and functions of the LaPorte County Police Department.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA, that

Section 1. There is hereby established in LaPorte County, Indiana a LaPorte County Police Reserve Unit. The purpose and functions of said Police Reserve Unit is to complement and support the LaPorte County Police Department. Duly appointed members of the LaPorte County Police Reserve Unit shall be known as a "Special Deputy Sheriff".

Section 2. The Sheriff of LaPorte County, Indiana is authorized and may appoint, with the approval of the LaPorte County Sheriff's Merit Board, Special Deputy Sheriffs in such numbers as the Sheriff deems necessary to assist him in promoting the public safety and preserving the peace in and throughout LaPorte County, Indiana. The Sheriff shall determine the length of time each appointment shall remain in effect, but in no event shall the duration of the appointment be extended past the appointing Sheriff's own term of office.

Section 3. Such Special Deputy Sheriffs shall have all of the same Police powers as regular Deputy Sheriffs of the LaPorte County Police Department, except as may be limited by the rules, regulations, and directives of the LaPorte County Police Department. Such limitations may be imposed collectively or individually.

Further the Sheriff is additionally free to adopt whatever rules, regulations and directives from time to time he deems appropriate to govern the activities of such Special Deputy Sheriffs and may limit the authority of each such Special Deputy Sheriff as he deems appropriate including the limitations of the geographical area in which such Police powers may be exercised.

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Section 4. The Sheriff shall fix the prerequisites of training, education and experience for such Special Deputy Sheriffs, subject to certain minimum requirements perscribed herein. Applicants must:

- 1) Be twenty-one (21) years of age or over:
- 2) Never have been convicted of a felony, or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude:
- 3) Be of good moral character; and
- 4) Have sufficient training to insure the proper performance of their authorized duties:
- 5) Set out in writing their personnal acknowledgement that as a Special Deputy they serve at the expressed pleasure of the Sheriff of LaPorte County, Indiana and that the individual's commission as Special Deputy Sheriff may be revoked by the Sheriff of LaPorte County, Indiana for any reason or for no given reason at all at any given time.

Section 5. To the extent that monies may be appropriated by the County Council of LaPorte County, Indiana, said Special Sheriff Deputies may:

- 1) Receive wages for authorized duty time.
- 2) Receive a uniform allowance.
- 3) Receive compensation for time lost from other employment, because of Court appearances.
- 4) Receive life, accident, sickness and liability insurance coverage.

Section 6. Under no circumstances are such Special Deputy Sheriffs eligible to participate in the pension program provided for the regular members of the LaPorte County Police Department.

Section 7. An individual may not be appointed as a Special Deputy Sheriff of the LaPorte County Police Reserve until such time that such person has completed the training and any probationary period which shall be deemed appropriate prior to the appointment by the rules, regulations and directives of the LaPorte County Police Department.

Section 8. This Ordinance is to be in full force and effect from and after it's enactment and any publication as may be proscribed by law.

Section 9. This ordinance is to be in full force and governed appointments as a Special Deputy to the LaPorte County Sheriff's Mounted Posse and LaPorte County Lake Patrol.

Section 10. The Sheriff of LaPorte County is also authorized and may appoint two persons, 18 years of age and older to assist him in law enforcement in such duties as he deems appropriate in promoting the public safety and preserving the peace in and throughout LaPorte County.

Dated this 1st day of November, 1982.

The Board of Commissioners of the
County of LaPorte, Indiana

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Kenneth Swanson, Board President

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Richard Knoll, Commissioner

Attest:

Sherry K. Waters

Sherry Waters, Auditor
of LaPorte County, Indiana

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