

**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
MANUAL OF GENERAL ORDERS**

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**DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATION: ARREST/ENFORCEMENT
AUTHORITY**

By statute and departmental policy, the authority to enforce various provisions of the law is limited in scope. Only those positions listed possess any enforcement authority. Other members, whose position is not included in those below, shall not exercise or attempt to exercise any arrest or enforcement authority. These restrictions do not impede any member's ability to initiate criminal process through a judicial officer (usually a magistrate) when necessary. Members may only carry those weapons authorized.

- A. **Sworn Police Officers** – Sworn police officer (“sworn members”) possess all the powers conferred upon them by virtue of § 15.2-1704 *et al*, *Code of Virginia*, including the authority to make full custodial arrests. Sworn members are permitted to carry those weapons as permitted by policy and/or specialized assignment.

- B. **Animal Control Bureau** – Animal Control Officers and Investigators possess investigative and enforcement authority with respect to the animal control and protection laws of the Commonwealth as defined by § 3.2-6555, *Code of Virginia*. They do not possess the authority to make full custodial arrests, but may initiate criminal process on summonses for on-view animal-related offenses. Animal Control Officers are authorized to carry OC spray and the ASP baton.

- C. **Crossing Guards** possess the authority to direct and control traffic at school crossings as authorized by § 46.2-834, *Code of Virginia*. Crossing Guards do not possess the authority to make full custodial arrests. Crossing Guards are not authorized to carry any weapons.

- D. **Parking Enforcement Officers** possess the authority to enforce parking regulations as permitted by Prince William [County Code 13-7](#), as amended. Parking Enforcement Officers do not possess the authority to make full custodial arrests but may issue parking citations. Parking Enforcement Officers are not authorized to carry any weapons.