



ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS

SOP 3-15

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3-15 SWORN PERSONNEL POSITIONS

Related SOP(s): None

3-15-1 Purpose

It is the purpose of the Department to establish ranks among the sworn personnel of the Department.

3-15-2 Policy

It is the policy of the Department to adhere to the chain of command of the established ranks.

3-15-3 Descriptions

A. Police Lieutenant

1. A commanding officer who may supervise a section, unit, or area. A lieutenant performs administrative and supervisory duties under the direction of a commander or civilian equivalent.

B. Police Sergeant

1. A superior officer who may supervise personnel. A sergeant may also be designated as a commanding officer.
2. Supervises activities at an operational level under the direction of a lieutenant or civilian equivalent.

C. Police Officer

1. Personnel who are certified law enforcement officers through the New Mexico Department of Public Safety.
2. Police officers will be under the direct supervision of a sergeant or first-line supervisor.

D. Reserve Officer

1. A part-time, unsalaried, certified civilian volunteer who has police authority while on duty and under the supervision of a sworn full-time officer.