



East Norriton Township Police Department

GENERAL ORDER 1.2.1

STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION

Subject:

Limits of Authority

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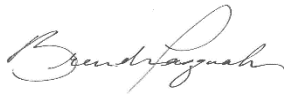
1.2.1 Statutory Authorization

- A. The Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, and the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code define the limits of law enforcement authority as it pertains to the enforcement of laws, statutes and ordinances.
- B. The Township of East Norriton was established in accordance with the Act of May 1, 1933 (Pennsylvania Law 103, No. 69), cited as "The Second Class Township Code"; Reenacted and Amended November 9, 1995 (P.L. 350, No. 60) as Amended.
- C. The Second Class Township Code, in Article XV: Corporate Powers, Section 1506, General Powers, grants to the elected Board of Supervisors the corporate powers of Townships of the Second Class to make and adopt all such ordinances, by-laws, rules, and regulations which may be deemed necessary for proper management, care and control of the Township, its finances, and the maintenance of peace.
 1. Article XIX: Township Police, Section 1901, Creating or Disbanding Police Force, provides specifically for Township Police; including Appointment of Police (Section 1902), Powers (Section 1905), Shield (Section 1906), and Equipment (Section 1907), Lockups (Section 1908).
- D. Officers of the East Norriton Township Police Department are authorized to carry firearms during the performance of their duties as authorized under Pa. Crimes Code, Sections 505, 506, 507 and 508 relating to Use of Force. Pa. Crimes Code Section 6106 relating to Firearms not to be carried without a License specifically exempts police officers from having to have a license to carry a firearm in public.
- E. The East Norriton Township Police Department is a legally constituted police department of a government entity, having been organized in 1906 by the Township of East Norriton under provisions of the Second Class Township Code.
 1. As employees of a municipal police department, East Norriton Township Officers are certified as "Municipal Police Officers" under L. 1974, Act 120, eff. 6/18/74, establishing

the "Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission" (MPOETC).

- a. Under the Act, a "Police Officer" is any full or part-time employee of a city, borough, town, township, or county police department assigned to criminal and/or traffic law enforcement duties (Section 2.Definitions).
- b. Police officers who are not certified by the MPOETC are not eligible to make arrests or otherwise enforce the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or their respective municipalities.

By order of:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brandon Pasquale".

Brandon Pasquale
Chief of Police