

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER FIFTEEN

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: CREATION OF THE CONSTABLE TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, there are three classes of Constables: Constables by appointment of New Castle County Council, Kent County Levy Court, Sussex County Council, and the Governor; Constables appointed by the Magistrate Court System; and Deputies appointed by Constables residing in Dover, Georgetown, and South Milford pursuant to 10 Del. C. §2710(a), all currently serving in Delaware pursuant to appointments from various authorities; and

WHEREAS, the enabling authority for the appointment of such Constables, the definition of their jurisdiction, the extent of their powers and duties, their training requirements, and the qualifications for appointment all vary, depending upon the class of Constables being addressed; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to review the entire Constable system in order to make appropriate changes, both legislative and procedural in nature, that will improve the appointment, operation, and accountability of the entire Constable system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael N. Castle, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order as follows:

1. There is hereby created a Constable Task Force.

2. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to examine the relevant statutory law regarding qualifications, appointments, training, jurisdiction, duties, and powers of Constables, to make recommendations for improvements to the Constable system as the Task Force deems appropriate, and to propose to the administration such legislation as may be necessary to implement those recommendations.

3. The Task Force shall be composed of eight (8) members who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The membership shall be drawn from among the various Constable appointing authorities including, but not limited to, the Office of the Governor, Delaware's three county governments, the Office of the Attorney General, the Delaware State Police, Justice of the Peace Courts, and employers utilizing the services of Constables.

4. The Attorney General of the State of the Delaware and the Superintendent of the Delaware State Police shall serve as Co-Chairpersons of the Task Force.

5. The Task Force shall complete its review no later than March 1, 1986, and shall file with the Governor at that time a report which contains the recommendations of the Task Force along with proposed statutory changes which, if enacted by the General Assembly, would serve to bring Delaware's current statutes on Constables in line with the recommendations of the Task Force.



APPROVED this ^{24th} day
of October, 1985.

Michael N. Castle
Governor

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Secretary of State