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Chapter 4. Hospital Police Departments

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Applicability

Sec. 1. This chapter applies to the following:

- (1) A hospital licensed under IC 16-21-2 that is established and operated under IC 16-22-2, IC 16-22-8, or IC 16-23.
- (2) A hospital licensed under IC 16-21-2 that is not:
 - (A) a unit of state or local government; or
 - (B) owned or operated by a unit of state or local government.

As added by P.L.199-2013, SEC.1.

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Authority to establish department

Sec. 2. The governing board of a hospital may establish a hospital police department under this chapter.

As added by P.L.199-2013, SEC.1.

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Governing board powers

Sec. 3. The governing board of a hospital may do the following for a hospital police department established by the governing board under section 2 of this chapter:

- (1) Appoint hospital police officers.
- (2) Prescribe the duties and direct the conduct of hospital police officers.
- (3) Prescribe distinctive uniforms.
- (4) Provide emergency vehicles.

As added by P.L.199-2013, SEC.1.

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Police officer requirements

Sec. 4. (a) The governing board of a hospital shall require an individual appointed as a hospital police officer under this chapter to meet at least the following requirements:

- (1) The individual must successfully complete, within one (1) year after the individual is appointed as a hospital police officer, the minimum basic training and educational requirements as approved by the governing board of the hospital and the law enforcement training board.
- (2) The individual must undergo a psychological evaluation.
- (3) The individual must undergo a national criminal history background check.

(b) The governing board of the hospital shall require an individual appointed as a hospital police officer to annually attend inservice training courses approved by the governing board of the hospital.

As added by P.L.199-2013, SEC.1.

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Police officer duties

Sec. 5. A hospital police officer appointed under this chapter:

- (1) must take an appropriate oath of office in a form and manner prescribed by the governing board of a hospital;
- (2) serves at the governing board's pleasure; and
- (3) performs the duties that the governing board assigns.

As added by P.L.199-2013, SEC.1.

IC 16-18-4-6**Police officer powers**

Sec. 6. (a) A hospital police officer appointed under this chapter has the following powers:

- (1) General police powers, including the power to arrest, without process, all persons who commit any offense within the view of the police officer.
- (2) The same common law and statutory powers, privileges, and immunities as sheriffs and constables. However, the police officer is empowered to serve civil process only to the extent authorized by the governing board of a hospital.
- (3) The duty to enforce and to assist the officials of the hospital in the enforcement of the rules and regulations of the hospital.
- (4) The duty to assist and cooperate with other law enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers.

(b) The governing board of a hospital employing a hospital police officer may expressly forbid the police officer from exercising any powers otherwise granted to the police officer by law.

As added by P.L.199-2013, SEC.1.

IC 16-18-4-7**Police officer jurisdiction**

Sec. 7. A hospital police officer appointed under this chapter may exercise the powers granted under this chapter only upon any property owned, leased, or occupied by the hospital.

As added by P.L.199-2013, SEC.1.