

(F) carry out, as needed and appropriate, the duties described in subparagraphs (A) through (E) when engaged in duties authorized by other Federal statutes.

(2) Subject to regulations prescribed under subsection (b), a Department police officer may make arrests on Department property for a violation of a Federal law or any rule prescribed under section 901(a) of this title, and on any arrest warrant issued by competent judicial authority.

(b) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations with respect to Department police officers. Such regulations shall include—

(1) policies with respect to the exercise by Department police officers of the enforcement and arrest authorities provided by this section;

(2) the scope and duration of training that is required for Department police officers, with particular emphasis on dealing with situations involving patients; and

(3) rules limiting the carrying and use of weapons by Department police officers.

(c) The powers granted to Department police officers designated under this section shall be exercised in accordance with guidelines approved by the Secretary and the Attorney General.

(d) Rates of basic pay for Department police officers may be increased by the Secretary under section 7455 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 397; amended Pub. L. 111-163, title X, §1001, May 5, 2010, 124 Stat. 1181.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 902 was renumbered section 2302 of this title.

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 218(b) of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a).

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 111-163, §1001(1)(A), amended par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (1) read as follows: “Employees of the Department who are Department police officers shall, with respect to acts occurring on Department property, enforce—

“(A) Federal laws;

“(B) the rules prescribed under section 901 of this title; and

“(C) subject to paragraph (2), traffic and motor vehicle laws of a State or local government within the jurisdiction of which such Department property is located.”

Subsec. (a)(2), (3). Pub. L. 111-163, §1001(1)(B), (C), redesignated par. (3) as (2), inserted “, and on any arrest warrant issued by competent judicial authority” before the period, and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: “A law described in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) may be enforced under such subparagraph only as authorized by an express grant of authority under applicable State or local law. Any such enforcement shall be by the issuance of a citation for violation of such law.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 111-163, §1001(2), amended subsec. (c) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (c) read as follows: “The Secretary shall consult with the Attorney General before prescribing regulations under paragraph (1) of subsection (b).”

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

POLICE CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Pub. L. 116-214, title II, §205, Dec. 5, 2020, 134 Stat. 1038, provided that:

“(a) TRAINING.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall provide to Department police officers an annual training on the prevention of suicide among the population served by the Department police officers.

“(b) CURRICULUM.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary shall update any similar training provided before the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 5, 2020] to ensure that the curriculum for the training addresses, at a minimum, the following:

“(1) Effective behavioral science procedures for suicide prevention and risk mitigation.

“(2) Crisis intervention and de-escalation skills, including through the use of interactive training.

“(3) Information about mental health and substance abuse disorders.

“(4) Information about local law enforcement crisis intervention teams and other resources for veterans experiencing mental health crises available by the Department of Veterans Affairs, other elements of the Federal Government, and the community in which the police officers serve.

“(c) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall ensure that the annual training provided to Department police officers at a medical facility of the Department under subsection (a) is provided in consultation with law enforcement training accreditation organizations and the mental health experts at such facility.

“(d) PLAN ON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.—The Secretary shall ensure that each police force of a facility of the Department develops a plan to enter into partnerships with—

“(1) local community mental health organizations and experts, local community veterans organizations, and local community criminal justice organizations and experts; and

“(2) local police departments, including by facilitating the sharing of training resources with crisis intervention teams of the local police departments.

“(e) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the annual training under subsection (a), including—

“(1) a description of the curriculum of such training;

“(2) with respect to the year preceding the date of the report—

“(A) the number of facilities of the Department that conducted such training;

“(B) the number of Department police officers who received such training; and

“(C) any barriers to ensuring that each Department police officer receives such training;

“(3) any recommendations to address the barriers identified under paragraph (2)(C); and

“(4) the number of facilities of the Department that have entered into partnerships pursuant to subsection (d).

“(f) DEPARTMENT POLICE OFFICER DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘Department police officer’ means an employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs specified in section 902(a) of title 38, United States Code.”

§ 903. Uniform allowance

(a) The Secretary may pay an allowance under this section for the purchase of uniforms to any Department police officer who is required to wear a prescribed uniform in the performance of official duties.

(b)(1) The amount of the allowance that the Secretary may pay under this section is the lesser of—

(A) the amount currently allowed as prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management; or

(B) estimated costs or actual costs as determined by periodic surveys conducted by the Department.

(2) During any fiscal year no officer shall receive more for the purchase of a uniform described in subsection (a) than the amount established under this subsection.

(c) The allowance established under subsection (b) shall be paid at the beginning of a Department police officer's employment for those appointed on or after October 1, 2010. In the case of any other Department police officer, an allowance in the amount established under subsection (b) shall be paid upon the request of the officer.

(d) A police officer who resigns as a police officer less than one year after receiving an allowance in an amount established under this section shall repay to the Department a pro rata share of the amount paid, based on the number of months the officer was actually employed as such an officer during the twelve-month period following the date on which such officer began such employment or the date on which the officer submitted a request for such an allowance, as the case may be.

(e) An allowance may not be paid to a Department police officer under this section and under section 5901 of title 5 for the same fiscal year.

(Added Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 398; amended Pub. L. 111-163, title X, §1002, May 5, 2010, 124 Stat. 1182.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 903 was renumbered section 2303 of this title.

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 218(c) of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a).

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 111-163 added subsecs. (b) and (c) and struck out former subsecs. (b) and (c) which read as follows:

“(b) The amount of the allowance that the Secretary may pay under this section—

“(1) may be based on estimated average costs or actual costs;

“(2) may vary by geographic regions; and

“(3) except as provided in subsection (c), may not exceed \$200 in a fiscal year for any police officer.

“(c) The amount of an allowance under this section may be increased to an amount up to \$400 for not more than one fiscal year in the case of any Department police officer. In the case of a person who is appointed as a Department police officer on or after January 1, 1990, an allowance in an amount established under this subsection shall be paid at the beginning of such person's employment as such an officer. In the case of any other Department police officer, an allowance in an amount established under this subsection shall be paid upon the request of the officer.”

§ 904. Equipment and weapons

The Secretary shall furnish Department police officers with such weapons and related equipment as the Secretary determines to be necessary and appropriate.

(Added Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 399.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 904 was renumbered section 2304 of this title.

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 218(d) of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a).

§ 905. Use of facilities and services of other law enforcement agencies

With the permission of the head of the agency concerned, the Secretary may use the facilities and services of Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies when it is economical and in the public interest to do so.

(Added Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 399.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 905 was renumbered section 2305 of this title.

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 218(e) of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a).

Prior sections 906 to 908 and 1000 to 1010 were renumbered sections 2306 to 2308 and 2400 to 2410 of this title, respectively.

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AMENDMENTS

2003—Pub. L. 108-183, title I, §102(e)(2), Dec. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 2655, substituted “Benefits for Children of Vietnam Veterans and Certain Other Veterans” for “Benefits for Children of Vietnam Veterans” in item for chapter 18.

2001—Pub. L. 107-95, §5(a)(2), Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 918, added item for chapter 20.

2000—Pub. L. 106-419, title IV, §401(f)(2), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1861, substituted “Benefits for Children of Vietnam Veterans” and “1802” for “Benefits for Children of Vietnam Veterans Who Are Born With Spina Bifida” and “1801”, respectively, in item for chapter 18.

1996—Pub. L. 104-204, title IV, §421(b)(2), Sept. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 2926, added item for chapter 18.

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §5(b)(2), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406, renumbered references to section numbers by substituting “1101” for “301” in item for chapter 11, “1301” for “401” in item for chapter 13, “1501” for “501” in item for chapter 15, “1701” for “601” in item for chapter 17, “1901” for “701” in item for chapter 19, “2101” for “801” in item for chapter 21, “2301” for “901” in item for chapter 23, and “2400” for “1000” in item for chapter 24.