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The Secretary of State, in pursuance of section 17 of the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(**a**), and, after consulting, in accordance with section 17(4) of the said Act of 1970, the Police Association, hereby makes the following regulations:—

PART I

GENERAL

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Police Association for Northern Ireland Regulations 1991 and shall come into operation for the purposes of regulation 23 on 1st June 1991 and for all other purposes on 1st July 1991.

(**a**) 1970 c. 9 (N.I.) as modified by S.I. 1973/2163 and amended by Article 24 of S.I. 1987/938 (N.I. 10)

Revocations

2. The following regulations are hereby revoked—

(*a*) the Police Association for Northern Ireland Regulations 1971(**a**);

(*b*) the Police Association for Northern Ireland (Amendment) Regulations 1973(**b**);

(*c*) the Police Association for Northern Ireland (Amendment) Regulations 1985(**c**);

(*d*) the Police Association for Northern Ireland (Amendment) Regulations 1988(**d**).

Constituent sections of the Police Association

3.—(1) The Police Association shall comprise three sections as follows—

(*a*) those members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary in the ranks above that of chief superintendent who are members of the Association of Chief Police Officers, to represent members in those ranks of the Royal Ulster Constabulary;

(*b*) the Superintendents' Association for Northern Ireland, to represent members of the police force in the ranks of superintendent and chief superintendent;

(*c*) the Police Federation for Northern Ireland, to represent members of the police force in the ranks below that of superintendent and police cadets.

(2) For the purpose of consulting the Police Association the Secretary of State shall consult each of the sections mentioned in paragraph (1) and such consultation may take place with each section separately or jointly as the sections may themselves agree.

Consultation

4. Without prejudice to any arrangements for informal consultation, any section referred to in regulation 3(1) may make written representations to the chief constable or the Police Authority and, if it thinks fit, submit a copy thereof to the Secretary of State; in matters of importance a deputation may be appointed to make oral representations to the chief constable or the Police Authority or the Secretary of State.

Membership

5. Every member of the police force and every police cadet shall be a member of the Police Association.

(**a**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971 No. 232
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 117
(**c**) S.R. 1985 No. 351
(**d**) S.R. 1988 No. 371

PART II

NORTHERN IRELAND MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CHIEF POLICE OFFICERS AND SUPERINTENDENTS' ASSOCIATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Appointment of secretary and rules as to constitution and proceedings

6.—(1) This Part shall apply to those members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary in the ranks above that of chief superintendent who are members of the Association of Chief Police Officers and to the Superintendents' Association for Northern Ireland.

(2) Each of the sections referred to in paragraph (1) shall appoint a secretary from among its own members and notify the Secretary of State of the name of any person so appointed.

(3) Each of the sections referred to in paragraph (1) may formulate its own rules as to its constitution and proceedings which shall be subject to the Secretary of State's approval.

PART III

POLICE FEDERATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

GENERAL

Application and interpretation

7.—(1) This Part shall apply to the Police Federation for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Federation").

(2) In this Part—

"annual conference" means the conference referred to in regulation 13;

"board" means one of the regional boards referred to in regulation 9;

"central committee" means the committee referred to in regulation 14;

"constable" means a constable in the Royal Ulster Constabulary or a constable in the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve appointed on a full-time basis;

"divisional commander" means the person in charge of a police division;

"Federation rules" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 23;

"inspector" means an inspector or chief inspector in the Royal Ulster Constabulary or an inspector or chief inspector in the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve appointed on a full-time basis;

"police establishment" means all police stations, offices and other premises where members of the Federation are permanently based;

"sergeant" means a sergeant in the Royal Ulster Constabulary or a sergeant in the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve appointed on a full-time basis.

REGIONAL BOARDS

Regions

8. For the purposes of regulation 9 there shall be established such regions in Northern Ireland as may be specified in Federation rules.

Regional Boards

9.—(1) There shall be established in each region a regional board comprising such representatives of inspectors, sergeants and constables as may be specified in Federation rules.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, there shall be held, in accordance with Federation rules, elections wherein the inspectors, sergeants and constables of each region shall elect, from among their number, the members of the board.

Duties of chief constable

10. The chief constable shall—

(*a*) cause to be displayed in each police establishment the proposed date of the elections to membership of boards at least one month in advance; and

(*b*) nominate divisional commanders within the regions or, where a region has no divisional commander, the assistant chief constable (personnel and training) to perform such functions in relation to elections as may be specified in Federation rules.

Board meetings

11.—(1) A board shall meet ordinarily every two months, the first meeting to be held in the week following the week in which the elections are held.

(2) There shall be held such special meetings or meetings of any committee or sub-committee of a board as may be called at any time with the approval of the assistant chief constable designated for the region or, where there is no assistant chief constable so designated, the assistant chief constable (personnel and training).

Facilities for board members

12.—(1) Subject to the exigencies of the service, a board member shall, to enable him to consult those he represents and to prepare reports required by the board or central committee, be granted such time as may be considered necessary by his divisional commander and such time shall be considered, except for expenses and allowances, as an occasion of police duty.

(2) A board may make application to—

(*a*) the divisional commanders within the region or the assistant chief constable designated for the area, or where there is no assistant chief constable so designated, the assistant chief constable (personnel and training); or

(*b*) the chief constable,