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ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY RESERVE

Appointment and Conditions of Service

REGULATIONS, DATED 4TH MAY 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE POLICE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1970.

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 26 of the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and after consulting the Representative Bodies constituted by the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Act 1919(b) hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

(1) "Inspector General" means the Inspector General of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

(2) Except for the purposes of pay, as specified in Regulations 12 and 13, "reserve constable" shall include "reserve sergeant", "reserve inspector" and "reserve superintendent".

Appointment

3.—(1) The Inspector General may from time to time enrol such persons as he may think fit with a view to their appointment as reserve constables.

(2) Only persons who are of good character, healthy and physically fit shall be eligible for appointment, and every person shall declare before appointment whether or not he has previously served in a regular Police Force or in any Special Constabulary.

(3) Without prejudice to Regulation 11(2) the appointment of every reserve constable shall, unless otherwise specified, be without limitation as to period.

Service

4.—(1) The minimum age for enrolment of a reserve constable shall be 21 years or such other age as the Minister may from time to time authorise.

(2) A reserve constable shall be on probation until he has been awarded a certificate of efficiency under rules formulated by the Inspector General.

(3) A certificate of efficiency shall not be awarded to a reserve constable until he has served at least one year.

(a) 1970. c. 9 (N.I.). (b) 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 68.

Ranks

5. The ranks in the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve shall be known by the following designations:—

Reserve Superintendent

Reserve Inspector

Reserve Sergeant

Reserve Constable

Control

6. Reserve constables shall be under the direction and control of, and subject to dismissal by, the Inspector General.

Duties

7.—(1) Reserve constables shall attend training parades and perform patrol duty as reserve constables at such times as the Inspector General may require and in accordance with any directions which the Inspector General may issue.

(2) Reserve constables shall normally be required to attend twelve training parades, each of a minimum two hours' duration, during the winter period (1st October to 31st March) and twelve training parades of similar duration during the summer period (1st April to 30th September).

(3) The Inspector General may require patrols, each of a minimum four hours' duration, to be performed by reserve constables instead of some or all of the training parades required as basic duties, and for this purpose one patrol shall be deemed to be the equivalent of two parades.

(4) The Inspector General may at any time direct reserve constables to perform patrols in excess of those that may be required under the foregoing provisions of this Regulation.

(5) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this Regulation, the Inspector General may in any period reduce the number of training parades laid down in paragraph (2) provided, however, that any such reduction shall not be deemed to diminish the prescribed basic duties for the purpose of reckoning additional patrols under paragraph (4).

Clothing, etc., issued

8.—(1) All clothing, accoutrements and documents supplied to reserve constables shall remain the property of the Ministry and every reserve constable shall be responsible for preserving in good order all such articles issued to him and for giving them up when required by or on behalf of the Inspector General.

(2) Upon dismissal or retirement from the force a former member will as soon as possible and in any event not later than one month after leaving the force deliver up all items of public property issued to him and where he fails to do so the Ministry will take whatever action is necessary to recover the property.

9. Unless otherwise directed, every reserve constable when called for duty shall wear the clothing and accoutrements with which he has been provided.