

## **CITY OF AVOCA**

### **TITLE II: OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION, AND PERSONNEL** **CHAPTER 8: POLICE DEPARTMENT**

8.01 GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY. To provide for the safety, health, and welfare of the community through the enforcement of law and ordinances within the corporate limits of the City and in service of intergovernmental agreements made under Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa.

8.02 DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION. The department consists of the Police Chief and such other law enforcement officers and personnel, whether full or part-time, as may be authorized by the City Council. The City Council may enter into an intergovernmental agreement for police protection services.

8.03 APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHIEF AND OFFICERS. The Mayor shall appoint the Police Chief, unless an intergovernmental agreement makes other provisions for police protection. However, the appointment and dismissal of the Police Chief are subject to the consent of a majority of the City Council. Other law enforcement officers must be selected as directed by the City Council.

(Code of Iowa, Chapter 372.4 [2])

8.04 OFFICER QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING. All persons selected or appointed to serve as a law enforcement officer shall meet the minimum qualification standards and shall receive the minimum training as established by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA), the Iowa Administrative Code, and the Code of Iowa

8.05 POLICE CHIEF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The duties and responsibilities of the Police Chief include the following:

1. **Enforce Laws.** Enforce all laws, ordinances and regulations and bring all persons committing any offense before the proper authority.
2. **Accident Reports.** Report all motor vehicles accidents investigated to the Iowa Department of Transportation.  
(Code of Iowa, Chapter 321.266)
3. **Prisoners.** Be responsible for the custody of prisoners, including conveyance to detention facilities as may be required.
4. **Writs.** Execute and return all writs and other lawful orders directed to the Police Department.
5. **Assist Other Officials.** Aid other municipal officials in their duty at the request of the City Manager, City Council, or boards and commissions.

6. Investigations. Provide for such investigation as may be necessary for the prosecution of any person alleged to have violated any law or ordinance.
7. Records. Keep a record of all arrests made in the City by recording whether arrests were made under the laws of the State of Iowa or ordinances of the City. The record shall show the offense for which the arrest was made, who made the arrest, and the disposition made of the charge.
8. Command. Be in command of all officers appointed for police work and be responsible for the care, maintenance and use of all vehicles, equipment and materials of the department.

8.06 AID TO OFFICERS. Any peace officer making a legal arrest may orally summon as many persons as the officer reasonably finds necessary to aid the officer in making the arrest.

(Code of Iowa, Chapter 804.17)

8.07 DEPARTMENTAL RULES. The City Council may establish rules, not in conflict with the Code of Ordinances, as may be necessary for the operation of the department.