



Attorney General's Direction

Honorary Police – conduct and other ancillary matters

Introduction

- 1) The following guidance seeks to address a number of practical matters that members of the Honorary Police may encounter when undertaking their day to day duties. It sits alongside various other guidance and directions that the Attorney General has issued in relation to the conduct of members of the Honorary Police and is designed to assist those undertaking their duties to do so across all Parishes in a consistent manner. It replaces earlier guidance on similar matters issued on 15 September 1997.

Alcohol

- 2) A Centenier, Vingtenier or Constable's Officer shall not consume any alcohol whilst he is on duty. An officer is on duty at all times during his duty rota except during such time as he has, with the prior agreement of the Duty Centenier (in the case of Vingteniers and Constable's Officers) or one of his colleagues (in the case of Centenier) been relieved from duty.
- 3) No Honorary Police officer shall be on duty having consumed alcohol before he came on duty to such an extent that his judgment or ability properly to perform his duties is likely to be adversely affected or as to be likely to bring the Honorary Police in to disrepute.

Dress

- 4) When on duty, members of the Honorary Police should wear either the uniform provided to them or respectable clothing. While on duty they should be capable of being easily identified by members of the public and should wear their identification badge so that it can be readily seen

Training

- 5) All members of the Honorary Police are required to undergo and complete such training courses as may from time to time be necessary. It is essential for Honorary Police officers to make time for such courses.

Parish police vehicles

- 6) All Parish police vehicles must be marked and identifiable. Honorary Police officers may use a Parish police vehicle while on duty. Consideration however should be given as to whether it is appropriate to use the vehicle when not on police business. Should officers use the vehicle when not on police business, they must have regard to public perception in connection with use of the vehicle for non-police purposes and must be respectably dressed and conduct themselves in a manner befitting to their role at all times.
- 7) No Parish police vehicle shall be involved in any high speed chase of suspected offenders. Honorary Police officers are not trained in advanced driving and the first consideration must always be the safety of members of the public. In the event that such driving is required, assistance should be sought from the States of Jersey Police.

Security of documents

- 8) Paper case files should always be returned to the Parish Hall on completion of a case for destruction, retention or return to the States Police, as the case may be. Upon a Centenier ceasing to hold office it is the responsibility of the Connetable, or Chef de Police, to ensure the return of any documents relating to police matters in the possession of a Centenier and the signing of a certificate to that effect.

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