

(C) Except for specially designated department employees, deputy enforcement officers shall furnish their own equipment but may not equip privately owned vehicles with blue lights, sirens, or police-type markings.

(D) Deputy enforcement officers must be of good character.

(E) The department shall administer the deputy enforcement officers through its Natural Resources Enforcement Division.

(F) The number of deputy enforcement officers appointed is in the discretion of the director.

(G) All deputy enforcement officers:

(1) must be certified by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy or successfully shall complete the "Basic State Constables Course" at their own expense at one of the state technical schools;

(2) successfully shall complete required refresher training;

(3) promptly shall comply with all directives by the Deputy Director of the Natural Resources Enforcement Division and the supervisor of enforcement officers within whose area the officer is acting.

(H) The department by regulation shall establish a training program for deputy enforcement officers commissioned after July 1, 1980.

HISTORY: 1980 Act No. 348; 1989 Act No. 189, Part II, Section 27; 1992 Act No. 472, Section 1; 1993 Act No. 181, Section 1258; 1996 Act No. 388, Section 1; 2016 Act No. 216 (S.1205), Section 1, eff June 3, 2016.

Effect of Amendment

2016 Act No. 216, Section 1, in (A), deleted the former last sentence, relating to the bonds required by Section 50-3-330.

SECTION 50-3-316. Criteria for hiring enforcement officers.

In employing enforcement officers, the department shall use the criteria as required by the Office of Human Resources and the department. The criteria must include, but are not limited to, a written examination, physical examination, and interview. Each applicant is required to perform at minimal levels as required by the Office of Human Resources and the department. The department shall employ the most qualified applicants. An enforcement officer must reside within the county in which he is assigned, provided that the director, in his discretion, may allow an officer to reside outside the county under special hardship circumstances.

HISTORY: 1986 Act No. 502, Part II, Section 8; 1993 Act No. 181, Section 1258; 1996 Act No. 458, Part II, Section 45A; 2006 Act No. 311, Section 1.

SECTION 50-3-320. Transmittal and delivery of commissions of enforcement officers.

The Secretary of State shall transmit to the board the commissions of all enforcement officers and the director shall deliver such commissions to the enforcement officers only after the enforcement officers have filed oaths and bonds as required by Section 50-3-330.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 28-132; 1952 Code Section 28-132; 1942 Code Section 1754; 1932 Code Section 3291; 1928 (35) 1267; 1952 (47) 2179; 1993 Act No. 181, Section 1258.

SECTION 50-3-330. Oath; bond.

Every enforcement officer appointed to protect the property of the State shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe before a notary public, or other officer authorized to administer an oath, an oath to perform the duties of his office. Every officer shall be covered by a surety bond with the department of not less than two thousand dollars, subscribed by a licensed, reliable surety company, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties. The bond may be individual, schedule, or blanket, and on a form approved by the Attorney General. The premiums on the bonds must be paid by the department.