

DEFINITIONS TO
RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following words and phrases when used in the Official Orders shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

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| ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL | Responsibility for the performance of duties, attendance, appearance, and discipline of members assigned to their command. |
| APPOINTING AUTHORITY | The Director of the Department of State Police. |
| BUREAU | The first administrative level of the department under the Director, comprised of districts or divisions and their parts |
| CHANNELS, OFFICIAL | The proper course for the transmission of information through the department's chain of command. |
| CIVILIANS | All members who are not enlisted members. |
| COMMANDER | An enlisted or civilian administrative head of a bureau, district, division, post, team, section, unit, or laboratory. |
| COMMANDING OFFICER | Officer assigned to command a bureau, district, division, section, unit, post, or laboratory; or a civilian member assigned as an administrative head of a bureau, district, division, post, team, section, unit, or laboratory. |
| COMMISSIONED OFFICER | An officer holding a commission of lieutenant or above. |
| DEPARTMENT | Department of State Police, also referred to as the Michigan State Police. |
| DEPARTMENT INSTALLATION | Buildings and grounds occupied or used by the department. |
| DIRECTOR | The executive head of the Department of State Police, appointed by the Governor, and designated by the Department of Civil Service as the appointing authority. |
| DISTRICT | A field headquarters responsible to the Uniform Services Bureau for activities carried on within a specific geographic area of the state. |
| DIVISION | A part of a department bureau and the second administrative level of the department which reports to a bureau. |
| EMERGENCY DISPATCHER | A uniformed civilian member -who participates in and/or supervises the receiving and transmitting of messages by radio and other means, keeps related |

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| | records, and performs related work. |
| ENFORCEMENT MEMBERS | Members of the department with full or limited enforcement powers including enlisted, Motor Carrier, and Security officers. |
| ENLISTED MEMBERS | Members of the department who have subscribed to the Department of State Police Oath of Office for enlisted members. |
| MEMBERS | All personnel employed by the Michigan State Police (civilian and enlisted). |
| MOTOR CARRIER OFFICERS | Civilian members appointed by the Director with limited arrest powers as prescribed by MCL 28.6d. These members have subscribed to the Motor Carrier Officer Oath of Office. |
| NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OFFICERS | An officer holding the rank of sergeant. Enlisted, Motor Carrier, and Security officers. |
| OPERATIONAL CONTROL | Responsibility for directing the specific program activities of subordinates to ensure accomplishment of the general goals of the organization. |
| PLATOON COMMANDER | Shift supervisors at the Detroit Freeway Post subordinate to the post and assistant post commander. |
| POST | A field worksite responsible for activities carried on within a specific geographical portion of a district. |
| RANKING OFFICER | Senior officer in terms of rank and time in class level. |
| SECTION | A part of a division to which specific investigative or supportive functions are assigned. |
| SECURITY OFFICERS | Uniformed civilian members who have been authorized limited powers of arrest by the Director for the purpose of providing protection of state owned or leased properties or facilities. These members have subscribed to the State Properties Security Officer Oath of Office. |
| SUBUNIT | A branch of a unit with specialized assignments which contribute to the total unit responsibility. |
| SUPERIOR AUTHORITY/OFFICER | Any higher level of command or supervision. |
| SUPERVISOR | An enlisted or civilian member with line authority over subordinate members either by rank, classification, or appointment by a higher authority. |
| UNIT | A part of a section with highly specialized assignments which contribute to the total section responsibility. |