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Sec. 34-31. Creation; composition.

There is hereby created a police department for the village, which shall consist of a chief of police who shall be ex officio superintendent of police and such other members of the department as may be provided for by the police committee.

(Ord. No. 77-7, § 1, 7-13-1977)

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Sec. 34-32. Duties of chief of police.

The chief of police shall keep such records and make such reports concerning the activities of the police department as may be required by the police committee for any applicable state statutes. The chief of police shall be responsible for performance by the police department of its functions, and all persons who are members of the police department and shall serve subject to the orders of the police committee.

(Ord. No. 77-7, § 2, 7-13-1977)

Sec. 34-33. Duties of police officers.

- (a) *Generally.* It shall be the duty of the members of the police department to enforce all the ordinances of the village and all statutes applicable therein and to preserve order and prevent infractions of the law and arrest violators thereof.
- (b) *Use of force; discipline.* It shall be the duty of every member of the police department to conduct himself in a proper and law abiding manner at all times and to avoid the use of unnecessary force. Each member of the police department shall obey the orders and directions of his superior.

(Ord. No. 77-7, §§ 3, 4, 7-13-1977)

Sec. 34-34. Police committee.

- (a) *Creation; composition, appointments.* There is hereby created a police committee for the village. This police committee shall consist of a committee chairperson and two other members appointed from the board of trustees by the president of the board of trustees.
- (b) *Function.* It shall be the function of the police committee to hire the chief of police and such other members of the department as may be authorized by the board of trustees.
- (c) *Rules and regulations.* The police committee shall make or prescribe such rules and regulations as it shall deem advisable. Such rules and regulations may cover, besides the conduct of the members, uniforms and equipment to be worn or carried, hours of service, vacation and all other similar matters necessary or desirable for the better efficiency of the police department.

(Ord. No. 77-7, §§ 5—7, 7-13-1977)

Cross reference— Administration, ch. 2.

Sec. 34-35. Hiring of part-time police officers.

- (a) *Employment.* The Village of Malta may employ part-time police officers from time to time as they deem necessary.
- (b) *Duties.* A part-time police officer shall have all the responsibilities of a full-time police officer and such specific duties as delineated in the general orders of the Malta Police Department, but the number of hours a part-time officer may work within a calendar year is restricted. Part-time police officers shall not be assigned to supervise or direct full-time police officers. Part-time police officers shall be trained in accordance with the Illinois Police Training Act (50 ILCS 705/1 et seq.) and the rules and requirements of the ILETSB.
- (c) *Hiring standards.* Any person employed as a part-time police officer must meet the following standards:

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- (1) Be of good moral character, of temperate habits, of sound health, and physically and mentally able to perform assigned duties.
 - (2) Be at least 21 years of age.
 - (3) Pass a medical examination.
 - (4) Possess a high school diploma or GED certificate.
 - (5) Possess a valid State of Illinois driver's license.
 - (6) Possess no prior felony convictions.
 - (7) Any individual who has served in the U.S. military must have been honorably discharged.
- (d) *Discipline.* Part-time officers shall be under the disciplinary jurisdiction of the chief of police. Part-time police officers serve at the discretion of the village authorities, shall not have any property rights in said employment, and may be removed by the village authorities at any time. Part-time police officers shall comply with all applicable rules and general orders issued by the police department.

(Ord. No. 2012-2, § 1, 12-14-2012)