

FISHERS POLICE CORPS

BY-LAWS AS REVISED JULY 16, 2020

Article I – Purpose and Mission

- A. The purpose of this non-profit Association is to bring together graduates of the Fishers Police Department's Citizen's Academy.
- B. Our mission is to increase public awareness and support the members of the Fishers Police Department through continuing education and volunteer programs which reflect our commitment and involvement in our community's quality of life.
- C. Prior to this amendment, this organization's name was "Fishers Police Department Citizens Academy Alumni Association" (FPDCAAA). From this date forward, this organization will be known as the "Fishers Police Corps".
- D. The principal office of the Fishers Police Corps, hereafter referred to as FPC, shall be in the Fishers Police Department, 4 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038.

Article II – Membership

- A. The Membership of this Association will be those members who have completed and graduated from the Fishers Police Department's Citizen's Academy and paid their yearly dues.
- B. Members will attend meetings and educational classes, perform volunteer services benefiting and sanctioned by the Fishers Police Department, and wear the required uniform when performing community services for the Fishers Police Department.
- C. The name and address of members shall be kept by the Secretary of the Association.
- D. A person may be considered for Honorary Membership based on outstanding community service or other special consideration by the FPC. The person shall be nominated by the Board of Directors and must be approved by majority vote of the active members present.
- E. Under the Articles of Incorporation, the Chief of Police for Fishers, Indiana, and any Sworn Officer(s) appointed by the Chief are members of the Board of Directors by virtue of their offices and not subject to elections.
- F. All participants in the FPC shall become members by paying annual dues of \$36 per individual or \$62 per family. Graduates of a Citizen's Police Academy class

who immediately join the FPC shall pay no dues for the remainder of that calendar year and will be full voting members.

Article III – Conduct

- A. No member shall promote or represent themselves on behalf of the FPC for personal, political, or financial gain.
- B. Inappropriate behavior toward Sworn Officers and/or Citizens will not be tolerated and may result in termination of membership.

Article IV – Voting, Resignation, and Termination

- A. Each member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote. If such vote is taken at a meeting of the organization, the member must be present to cast his or her vote. Since meetings are held only quarterly, there will be times when a vote needs to be taken prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting, in which case, the Board may authorize a vote to be taken using email.
- B. Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary.
- C. Membership may be terminated for just cause after a hearing before the Board of Directors and a majority vote following. Just cause is defined as any violation of the FPC By-Laws or any violation of Federal and/or State laws or local ordinance violations that result in criminal arrest.
- D. Upon resignation or termination of any member, all property belonging to the FPC or the Fishers Police Department shall be returned immediately.

Article V – Meetings

- A. Meetings will be held on a quarterly basis. The meetings will be held at the Fishers Police Department training room unless notice is given of a different location. Notice of all meetings will be given in advance to the members.
- B. Special meetings of members may be called by the President or Vice-President acting in his stead. Members shall be notified no less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of a special meeting.
- C. Nine (9) active members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum of the FPC.
- D. The Order of Business at a meeting shall be:
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Secretary's Report

3. Treasurer's Report
4. Report of Officers
5. Report of Committee Chairs
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Adjournment
9. Police Activity/Training

Article VI – Office Holders and Duties

- A. The Office Holders of the FPC shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past-President, all of whom are on the Board of Directors. No two offices may be held by the same person at the same time. President, Vice President, and the Immediate Past President shall serve a one-year term. There shall be no term limit on the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Vice President shall become President at the end of the current President's one-year term, or should the President resign. The outgoing President shall continue on the Board for one more year as the Immediate Past President. Office holders shall be elected by members of the FPC by a majority vote. Duties of the Office Holders are detailed in the Addendum to these By-Laws.
- B. The Board of Directors shall consist of the above-named Office Holders, any Sworn Officer(s) appointed by the Chief of Police, as well as the Chief of Police (as stated in Article II E.).
- C. Every other year, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint a member in good standing of the FPC to serve on the Fishers Police Department Foundation Board of Directors. The person so chosen shall serve for a period of two (2) years. There is no term limit on this position. Should the Fishers Police Department Foundation increase the number of board members to four (4), the Board shall continue to appoint one (1) member in good standing to serve on the Fishers Police Department Foundation Board of Directors. If the Fishers Police Department Foundation increases the number of board members to five (5), then the Board shall appoint two (2) members in good standing to serve on the Fishers Police Department Foundation Board of Directors. If there are six (6) directors on the Foundation Board, the FPC Board of Directors shall appoint two (2) members in good standing to serve on the Fishers Police Foundation Board of Directors.

Article VII – Amendments to By-Laws

These By-Laws shall be binding on all members of the FPC. Said By-Laws may be amended at any duly assembled meeting of the members by the affirmative vote of the majority of the members constituting a quorum present and voting, provided that no amendment shall be adopted which shall change the nature of the FPC. No

amendments to the By-Laws shall be effective until approved by the Chief of Police of Fishers, Indiana.

Article VIII – Disposition of Property on Dissolution

In event of dissolution of the FPC or its discontinuance, voluntarily or involuntarily, the property, real, personal, or mixed, belonging to the FPC, after payment of all outstanding liabilities, shall become the sole property of the Fishers Police Department.

Approved this 16th day of July, 2020



Edward W. Gebhart
Chief of Police, Fishers, Indiana



Bill Titus
President, FPC

ADDENDUM

DUTIES OF THE OFFICE HOLDERS:

A. President

- Preside over meetings of the FPC and the Board of Directors.
- Prepare the Agenda for all FPC meetings and the Board of Directors meetings.
- Attend all Board of Director's meetings.

B. Vice President

- Assume all powers and duties of the President in the President's absence or resignation.
- Attend all Board of Director's meetings.

C. Secretary

- Record minutes at all Board of Director meetings and maintain a permanent record of same.
- Record minutes at all FPC meetings and maintain a permanent record of same.
- Present the Secretary report at each FPC meeting.
- Maintain contact information for all FPC members.
- Send meeting notices to all FPC members via email in a timely manner.
- Attend all Board of Director meetings.

D. Treasurer

- Maintain the financial records of the FPC.
- Be liaison with the Fishers Police Department Foundation.
- Present the Treasurer's report at all FPC meetings.
- Prepare an annual budget for Alumni member approval.
- Attend all Board of Director's meetings.

E. Immediate Past President

- Sit on the Board in an advisory capacity for the one year after his/her presidency.
- He/she shall have the same single vote on the Board as all other members.
- Attend all Board of Director's meetings.

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