



Lunenburg Police Department Rules & Regulations

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5.00 - NEGLECT OF DUTY

Officers are required to be attentive to and not neglect their sworn duty. Officers must not absent themselves from their assigned duty without leave. They must not leave their post or assignment without being properly relieved; likewise, they must take suitable and appropriate police action regardless of whether they are on or off-duty when any crime, public disorder or other incident requires police attention or service and they are capable of responding. Examples of neglect of duty include but are not limited to: failure to take appropriate action on the occasion of a crime, medical emergency, public disorder or other act or condition deserving attention; failure to render medical assistance consistent with one's training; absence without leave; failure to report to duty at the time and place designated; unnecessary absence from one's assignment during a tour of duty; failure to perform duties or comply with any job description, rule or regulation, general, special or other order; or failure to conform to department policies and procedures.

RULE 5.01 - NEGLECT OF DUTY

Officers shall not be absent from work without permission or abstain wholly or in part from the full performance of their duties in the normal manner without permission. Officers shall not: be absent from their assigned duty without leave; leave their post, sector, community, or assignment without being properly detailed or relieved, or without making required notifications; fail to take suitable and

appropriate police action when any crime, medical emergency, public disorder, or other incident requiring police attention mandates such police action; fail to render medical assistance consistent with the officer's training; fail to promptly perform, as directed, all lawful duties required by constituted authority, notwithstanding the officer's normal assignment of duties and responsibilities.