

Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Officer Defined

Title 234 Pa. Code Rule 103.

Definitions. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER is any person who is by law given the power to enforce the law when acting within the scope of that person's employment.

POLICE OFFICER is any person who is by law given the power to arrest when acting within the scope of the person's employment.

Title 18 § 2507. Criminal homicide of LEO, "Law enforcement officer." This term shall have the same meaning as the term "peace officer" is given under section 501 (relating to definitions).

Title 18 § 2702.1. Aggravated Assault- against officers: Sections (2), (3), (6), (7), (c) Officers, employees, etc., enumerated.--The officers, agents, employees and other persons referred to in subsection (a) shall be as follows:(24) A constable. (25) A deputy constable.

Title 18 § 6102. Definitions. "Law enforcement officer." Any person employed by any police department or organization of the Commonwealth or political subdivision thereof who is empowered to effect an arrest with or without warrant and who is authorized to carry a firearm in the performance of that person's duties.

Title 18 § 6106. (b) Exceptions.--The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply to: (1) Constables, sheriffs, prison or jail wardens, or their deputies, policemen of this Commonwealth or its political subdivisions, or other law-enforcement officers.

Title 61 § 1154. Law enforcement use of county correctional institutions. (a) General rule.--Sheriffs, constables, ... and other persons authorized by the laws of this Commonwealth to make arrests shall have the use, for a period not to exceed 48 hours, of borough and township lockups and county correctional institutions for the detention of persons arrested until they can be disposed of according to law, if found necessary by the officer in charge.

See also *Abbott v. Latshaw*, US Third Circuit

Constable is a State actor