## Sec. 39.35.680. Definitions.

In AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680, unless the context otherwise requires,

(30) "peace officer" or "firefighter" means an employee occupying a position as a peace officer, chief of police, regional public safety officer, correctional officer, correctional superintendent, firefighter, fire chief, or probation officer, but does not include a village public safety officer employed by a village public safety officer program established under AS 18.65.670;

## Sec. 39.35.990. Definitions. (Tier IV)

In AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990, unless the context requires otherwise,

(20) "peace officer" or "firefighter" means an employee occupying a position as a peace officer, chief of police, regional public safety officer, correctional officer, correctional superintendent, firefighter, fire chief, or probation officer, but does not include a village public safety officer employed by a village public safety officer program established under AS 18.65.670;

## Sec. 18.65.680. Regional public safety officers.

The commissioner of public safety may appoint regional public safety officers to

- (1) provide an expanded public safety and law enforcement presence in rural areas of the state;
- (2) provide oversight and training for the village public safety officer program;
- (3) administer functions relating to
  - (A) protecting life and property in the rural areas of the state;
  - (B) conducting investigations;
  - (C) conducting search and rescue missions;
- (D) conducting local training programs in drug and alcohol awareness and prevention, water safety, and gun safety;
  - (4) perform other duties relating to public safety as directed by the commissioner.

## Sec. 18.65.290. Definitions.

In AS 18.65.130 - 18.65.290,

- (1) "chief administrative officer" means a chief of police or other official who is head of a police department in a political subdivision;
- (2) "correctional facility" means a prison or jail owned, leased, or operated by the state that is designated by the commissioner of corrections for the custody, care, security, control, and discipline of prisoners;
  - (3) "correctional officer" means a person
- (A) appointed by the commissioner of corrections whose primary duty under AS 33.30 is to provide custody, care, security, control, and discipline of persons charged or convicted of offenses against the state or held under authority of state law; or

- (B) employed in a correctional facility in this state whose primary duty is to provide custody, care, security, control, and discipline of persons charged or convicted of offenses or held under authority of law;
  - (4) "council" means the Alaska Police Standards Council;
- (5) "municipal correctional officer" means a person who is employed full-time in a municipal correctional facility whose primary duty is to provide custody, care, security, control, and discipline of persons charged or convicted of offenses or held under authority of law; and the municipality has adopted an ordinance under AS 18.65.285 making AS 18.65.130 18.65.290 applicable;
- (6) "parole officer" means a person appointed by the commissioner of corrections or employed by a correctional facility in this state to perform the duties of supervising the parole of prisoners under AS 33.16;
  - (7) "police officer" means
- (A) an employee of the state or a municipal police department with the authority to arrest and issue citations; detain a person taken into custody until that person can be arraigned before a judge or magistrate; conduct investigations of violations of and enforce criminal laws, regulations, and traffic laws; search with or without a warrant persons, dwellings, and other forms of property for evidence of a crime; and take other action consistent with exercise of these enumerated powers when necessary to maintain the public peace;
- (B) an officer or employee of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities who is stationed at an international airport and has been designated to have the general police powers authorized under AS 02.15.230(a);
  - (C) a University of Alaska public safety officer with general police powers authorized under AS 14.40.043;
- (8) "probation officer" means a person appointed by the commissioner of corrections or employed by a correctional facility in this state to perform the duties of a probation officer under AS 33.05.

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