

South Carolina State Association Of Crime Prevention Officers

Preamble

The South Carolina State Association of Crime Prevention Officers exists for the purpose of providing a forum for the recognition and education of crime prevention. Participation in the Association is encouraged for any citizen in the state of South Carolina who is interested in the prevention of crime.

The Association shall function to bring together Law Enforcement Officers and citizens of South Carolina for the promotion of education, training, and implementation of crime prevention programs. Through the sharing of these ideas, the relationship between Law Enforcement Officers and the public shall be enhanced.

Article I Charter

The name of the association shall be the **South Carolina State Association of Crime Prevention Officers**; and properly referred to as "**SC SACPO**".

Article II Purpose/Powers

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization (association) shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law. SC SACPO shall be a not-for-profit organization.

Article III Membership

The membership of SC SACPO shall consist of three (3) classes, namely: active, honorary and sponsoring members.

Article IV Officers

Section One

The officers of SC SACPO shall be as follows: a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Sergeant-at-Arms, a Project Coordinator and a Chaplain.

Section Two

The active members shall elect all officers, except for the Project Coordinator, who is appointed by the incoming First Vice President.

Article VI Meetings

All meetings of SC SACPO shall be scheduled and held in accordance with the By-Laws of SC SACPO.

Article VII Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised Edition) shall govern SC SACPO in all cases, in which they are applicable to, and in which they are not in conflict with this Constitution and By-Laws, or any special rules of order that the Association may adopt.

Article VIII Quorums

Section One

For the purpose of conducting a regular scheduled meeting (other than election of Officers), a quorum shall consist of the voting members present.

Section Two

For a Board of Directors meeting, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the board members.

Section Three

For the purpose of conducting business by mail, a quorum shall consist of twenty-five (25) percent or more returned ballots from active members including the officers. All returned ballots shall be retained and turned over to the Secretary at the next regular scheduled meeting.

Article IX Dissolution of SC SACPO

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in sections 501 (c) (3) and 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State or Local Government for exclusive public purpose.

Article X Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of active members present at any regular scheduled meeting provided the following requirements shall have been met:

- a. The proposed amendment shall have been presented through the Constitution, By-Laws, and Resolutions Committee to the Board of Directors for consideration, and
- b. Shall have been recommended to and presented in writing to the members thirty (30) days prior to the time of the meeting in which the amendment shall be voted on.