

LNRA BOARD POLICY
107 – LAW ENFORCEMENT & COMMISSIONED SECURITY UNIT

107.10 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish governance of the Law Enforcement/Commissioned Security Unit (Unit) of the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority pursuant to LNRA Bylaws and Texas Water Code §49.216, to prevent or abate the commission of any offense against LNRA's Ordinance No. 1 or LNRA rules when the offense occurs on any land, water, or easement owned or controlled by the LNRA; any offense involving injury or detriment to any property owned or controlled by the LNRA; and any offense against the laws of the State.

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107.201 SCOPE

This policy applies to and governs the organization and operation of a Law Enforcement/Commissioned Security Unit for the purposes set out in section 107.10, above.

107.202 PUBLIC INTEREST AND TRUST

The protection of life and property is a core value of the LNRA. The LNRA Law Enforcement/Commissioned Security Unit is an integral aspect of the Board's ongoing efforts to assure the security of LNRA property and facilities, and the safety of persons taking advantage of the LNRA's public parks, public access areas, and recreational facilities. In addition, the ability to enforce LNRA's regulations as well as state law enhances LNRA's ability to function properly in all aspects of its operations.

107.203 FORMATION of LAW ENFORCEMENT/COMMISSIONED SECURITY UNIT

LNRA's Law Enforcement/Commissioned Security Unit shall operate under a Government Letter of Authority issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Private Security Bureau and a Texas Commission on Law Enforcement authorization issued pursuant to Texas Occupations Code §§1701.163 and 1701.303 and 37 T.A.C. §211.16. The Unit shall be comprised of a combination of TCLOE Certified Peace Officers and Commissioned Security Officers. The number of each classification of Officer shall be as determined by the General Manager.

107.203 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors will adopt a General Orders Manual developed by the LNRA General Manager to govern the conduct of the Certified Peace Officers and Commissioned Security Officers in the LNRA Law Enforcement/Commissioned Security Unit to ensure the proper and consistent enforcement of LNRA rules, ordinances, and state law; and to provide consideration of funding of the Unit's operation including salaries, benefits, training, equipment and supplies deemed necessary by the

General Manager for the proper functioning of the LNRA Law Enforcement/Commissioned Security Unit.

107.204 DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL MANAGER

The Board of Directors delegates to the General Manager the primary duties for oversight of the Law Enforcement/Commissioned Security Unit, Certification of the Unit, formation of the Unit, development of a General Orders Manual for adoption by the Board, development of procedures for issuance of service equipment, hiring of all qualified personnel, acquisition of all budgeted capital and non-capital equipment needed for operation of the Unit in accordance with LNRA policy, and compliance with all statutory reporting obligations attendant to the operations of the Unit.

107.20 PRE-EMPLOYMENT SCREENINGS

As part of the pre-employment screening process, the following screenings will be conducted on Security and Law Enforcement applicants who are offered and have accepted an employment offer:

- Comprehensive background investigation to include criminal history and motor vehicle records.
- Drug Screen
- Psychological Evaluation

107.205 RESPONSIBILITIES

The General Manager is responsible for the implementation, coordination and proper administration of this policy.

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