

**GENERAL ORDER 11.4.1**

**Chief's Authority**

**GENERAL ORDER CROSS-REFERENCE: 0.1.1, 11.2.1**

**SUMMARY**

Defines the Chief's authority.

**DISCUSSION**

The Chief of Police is granted authority under Article II, Section 19, Subsection C of the City of Springfield Charter to perform the duties of his office. City Council Resolution 94-82 expressly grants the Chief of Police the authority to establish police policies and procedures.

**POLICY**

**I**

Pursuant to provisions of the City of Springfield Charter and City Council Resolutions, the Chief of Police has authority and responsibility for the management, direction, and control of the operations and administration of the Springfield Police Department and Springfield Municipal Jail.

**II**

Nothing in this order shall infringe the City Manager's right to appoint a Chief or Acting Chief.

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Richard Lewis  
Chief of Police