



Police and Justice Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 48

PART 1

POLICE REFORM

Community support officers etc

7 Standard powers and duties of community support officers

- (1) In section 38 of the Police Reform Act 2002 (c. 30) (police powers for police authority employees), after subsection (5) there is inserted—
- “(5A) A person designated under this section as a community support officer shall also have the standard powers and duties of a community support officer (see section 38A(2)).”
- (2) After section 38 of the Police Reform Act 2002 there is inserted—

“38A Standard powers and duties of community support officers

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order provide for provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 4 to apply to every person who under section 38 is designated as a community support officer.
- (2) The powers and duties conferred or imposed by the provisions for the time being applied under subsection (1) are to be known as the standard powers and duties of a community support officer.
- (3) Before making an order under subsection (1), the Secretary of State shall consult with—
- the Association of Police Authorities; and
 - the Association of Chief Police Officers.

- (4) The Secretary of State shall not make an order containing (with or without any other provision) any provision authorised by subsection (1) unless a draft of that order has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House.
- (5) A provision of Part 1 of Schedule 4 may be applied to a person concurrently by an order under subsection (1) and a designation under section 38.
- (6) If an order under subsection (1) confers or imposes additional powers and duties on a person who is under the direction and control of a chief officer of police of a police force, that chief officer must ensure that the person receives adequate training in the exercise and performance of the additional powers and duties.”

8 Community support officers: power to deal with truants

In Schedule 4 to the Police Reform Act 2002 (exercise of police powers etc by civilians), after paragraph 4B there is inserted—

“Power to remove truants to designated premises etc.

4C Where a designation applies this paragraph to any person, that person shall

- - (a) as respects any area falling within the relevant police area and specified in a direction under section 16(2) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, but
 - (b) only during the period specified in the direction,
- have the powers conferred on a constable by section 16(3) of that Act (power to remove truant found in specified area to designated premises or to the school from which truant is absent).”

9 Exercise of police powers by civilians

Schedule 5, which—

makes amendments consequential on section 7 (standard powers and duties of community support officers), and

makes other minor amendments in connection with the exercise of police powers by civilians,

has effect.