

12-15-201. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Auxiliary law enforcement officer" means a person certified by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training and approved by the county sheriff or chief of police of a municipality where he or she is acting as an auxiliary law enforcement officer if:

(A) The auxiliary law enforcement officer has completed the minimum training requirements and is certified as an auxiliary law enforcement officer in accordance with the commission; and

(B) The chief of police of the law enforcement agency or county sheriff authorizes the status of the auxiliary law enforcement officer and the authorization is:

(i) In writing;

(ii) In the possession of the auxiliary law enforcement officer; and

(iii) Produced upon demand at the request of any law enforcement officer or owner or operator of any of the prohibited places under § 5-73-306;

(2) "Certified law enforcement officer" means any appointed or elected law enforcement officer or county sheriff employed by a public law enforcement department, office, or agency who:

(A) Is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the criminal, traffic, or highway laws of this state; and

(B) Has met the selection and training requirements for certification set by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training; and

(3) "Employee of a local detention facility" means a person who:

(A) Is employed by a county sheriff or municipality that operates a local detention facility and whose job duties include:

(i) Securing a local detention facility;

(ii) Monitoring inmates in a local detention facility; or

(iii) Administering the daily operation of the local detention facility;

(B) Has completed the minimum training requirements; and

(C) Has obtained authorization from the chief of police of the law enforcement agency or county sheriff and the authorization is:

(i) In writing;

(ii) In the possession of the employee of a local detention facility; and

(iii) Produced upon demand at the request of any law enforcement officer or owner or operator of any of the prohibited places under § 5-73-306;

(4) "In good standing" means that the person:

(A) Was not terminated;

(B) Did not resign in lieu of termination; or

(C) Was not subject to a pending disciplinary action or criminal investigation at the time of his or her retirement or resignation from the public law enforcement department, office, or agency;

(5) "Local detention facility" means a jail or other facility that is operated by a municipal police force or a county sheriff for the purpose of housing persons charged with or convicted of a criminal offense; and

(6) "Public law enforcement department, office, or agency" means any public police department, county sheriff's office, or other public agency, force, or organization whose primary responsibility as established by law, statute, or ordinance is the enforcement of the criminal, traffic, or highway laws of this state.