

CHAPTER III
POLICE AND CIVIL DEFENSE
VILLAGE OF SLINGER, WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

ARTICLE 3.00 POLICE AND CIVIL DEFENSE

3.01 PERSONNEL

The Police Department of the Village shall consist of the Chief of Police and such other officers as the Village Board may authorize from time to time.

3.02 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL.

See Section 2.21(2) of the Village Code.

3.03 GENERAL POWERS OF POLICE OFFICERS.

See Section 2.23 of the Village Code.

3.04 CHIEF OF POLICE.

(A) Appointment. See Section 2.22 of the Village Code.

3.05 CUSTODY OF LOST AND CONFISCATED PROPERTY.

(A) Custody with Chief.

The Chief of Police shall have charge and custody of all lost, stolen, abandoned and unclaimed property taken from prisoners or held as evidence, and all other property coming into possession of the Police Department, and he shall be responsible for the safekeeping, accurate recording and proper disposition of the same.

(B) Disposition of Unclaimed Property.

1. All personal property which has been abandoned or remained unclaimed for a period of 30 days after taking possession of the property by the Village may be disposed of by the Police Department by any means determined to be in the best interests of the Village. The property may be sold at public sale or auction at a time and place designated by the Chief of Police. If the property is not disposed of in a sale open to the public, the Police Department shall maintain an inventory of such property, a record of the date and method of disposal, including the consideration received for the property, if any, and the name and address of the person taking possession of the property. Such inventory shall be kept as a public record for a period of not less than two years from the date of disposal of the property. If the disposal is in form of a sale, all receipts from the sale, after deducting the necessary expenses of keeping the property and conducting the sale, shall be paid into the Village Treasury.

2. All unclaimed money in possession of the Police Department, after being held for 30 days and after every reasonable effort has been made to locate the owner thereof, shall be deposited with the Village Treasurer, upon approval of the Chief of Police.

3. Except upon orders of the Court, stolen or wrongfully taken property, or property which may be required in any civil or criminal proceedings, shall not be delivered to any claimant until all prosecutions or proceedings involving such property shall have been finally determined.

3.06 FALSE ALARMS FOR BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEMS

False/Malfunction of Alarm: A signal from an alarm system resulting in a response by the Police Department when an emergency situation did not exist.

Legitimate Alarm: Any device which, when actuated by a criminal act or other emergency requiring police response, transmits a signal to a central alarm system, or produces an audible or visible signal designed to notify person within audible or visual range of signal.

Alarm connections and monitoring will be done by the Washington County Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center. Alarm requirements will follow the requirements set forth by the Sheriff's Department.

An annual registration fee will be set and billed by the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department will annually supply the Slinger Police Department with a list of the false/malfunction alarms that our Department responded to.

The Slinger Police Department will bill annually for false/malfunction alarm responses within the Village limits at a rate of:

1. First 2 False/Malfunction of Alarms	No Charge
2. Third False/Malfunction of Alarm	\$25.00
3. Fourth False/Malfunction of Alarm	\$40.00
4. Fifth or more successive False/Malfunction of Alarms	\$50.00

The Slinger Police Department will keep written records of all false/malfunction alarm responses the Police department handles. Charges for false/malfunction of alarms responded to by the Slinger Police department shall be billed to the owner and, if not timely paid, shall be placed on the tax roll, pursuant to the provisions of Section 66.60 (16), WI Stats. (Note: Any such charge may be waived by the Police Chief if the owner can show that the false alarm was not the result of negligence by the owner.)

3.10 CIVIL DEFENSE.

(A) Policy & Purpose.

1. Emergency Management shall mean the preparation for carrying out all emergency functions to minimize injury and repair damage resulting from a disaster caused by enemy attack, sabotage or other hostile action, or by fire, flood or other natural causes.

2. To insure that preparation will be adequate to cope with such disasters, to provide for the common defense, to protect the public peace, and to preserve the lives and property of the people of Slinger it is hereby declared necessary:
 - (a) To establish a local Emergency Management Committee
 - (b) To provide for exercise of necessary powers during emergencies.
 - (c) To provide cooperation and mutual aid between the Village of Slinger & other political subdivisions.
3. To the maximum extent possible the Village of Slinger will effectively prepare for civil defense through the use of human resources, existing equipment and facilities, and cooperative mutual aid with comparable political subdivisions and private agencies.

(B) Definitions. Terms in this section mean:

1. Emergency Management - includes Civil Defense and means all measures undertaken by and/or on behalf of the Village of Slinger within the boundaries of the Village of Slinger.
 - (a) To prepare for and minimize the effect of natural or man-made disasters upon the civilian population.
 - (b) To effectuate all possible emergency actions to restore vital public services and public facilities destroyed or damaged by a manmade or natural disaster.
2. Civil Defense – means all measures undertaken by or on behalf of the State, County, and the Village to prepare for and minimize the effects of enemy action upon the civilian population.
3. Enemy Action – means hostile action by a foreign or domestic power which threatens the security of the Village.

(C) Emergency Management Committee.

1. Membership – The Emergency Management Committee shall consist of the Village President, Village Administrator, Chief of Police, Village Clerk, and the Director of Public Works. The Village President shall serve as Chairman of the Committee and a member of the committee shall serve as secretary.
2. Powers & Duties – The Emergency Management Committee shall be an advisory and planning group and shall advise the Village Board in all matters pertaining to emergency management.

- (a) VILLAGE PRESIDENT – The Village President shall be the Head of Emergency Management for the Village of Slinger.
- (b) DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (DOEM) – The Police Chief shall serve in the position of Director of Emergency Management for the Village of Slinger.

(1) Powers & Duties

- a. The DOEM shall be the executive head of the Emergency Management Department (EMD) and shall be directly responsible for the organization, administration and operation of the EMD subject to the direction and control of the Village President. The DOEM shall coordinate all activities for emergency management within the Village and shall maintain liaison and cooperate with emergency management agencies and organizations of other political subdivisions and the State and Federal governments, and shall participate in County and State emergency management activities upon request, and shall have such additional authority, duties and responsibilities as are authorized by this section and which may from time to time be required by the Village President.
- b. In accordance with the State plan format and the County ordinance of compliance, the DOEM shall prepare and present a comprehensive general plan to the Village Board for its approval.
- c. When the Board has approved the plan by resolution, it shall be the duty of all municipal employees to perform the duties and functions assigned by said plan as approved. The plan may be modified and updated as necessary.

(D) Utilization of Existing Services & Facilities.

In preparing and executing the emergency Management Plan, the Village President and/or the DOEM shall utilize the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of the Village including the Villages employees, elected officials, and appointees to the maximum extent practicable.

(F) Emergency Regulations.

Whenever necessary to meet an emergency for which adequate regulations have not been adopted by the Village Board, the Village President, or in his absence the Director of Emergency Management, may, by proclamation, promulgate and enforce such orders, rules and regulations relating to the conduct of persons and the use of property as shall be necessary to protect the public peace, health and safety, and preserve lives and property and to insure the cooperation necessary in carrying out emergency management activities. Such proclamations shall be posted in three public places and may be rescinded by the issuer at any time.

(G) Mutual Aide Agreements

The DOEM may, subject to the approval of the Village Board, enter into mutual aid agreements with other political subdivisions. A copy of such agreements shall be filed with the County Emergency Management Manager.

(H) Declaration of Emergencies

Upon the declaration of any emergency by the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Village President, the County Emergency Management Manager, or the Director of Emergency Management in the absence of the Village President, shall publicly announce that a state of emergency exists. The Village President, or at the direction of the Village President, the DOEM shall issue all necessary proclamations as to the existence of such state of emergency and shall issue such disaster warning and/or alerts as shall be required in the Emergency Management Plan. The Emergency Management Department shall take action in accordance with the Emergency Management Plan, or Operations Plan, upon the declaration of any emergency and the issuance of official disaster warnings. Such state of emergency shall continue until terminated by the issuing authority provided that any declaration not issued by the Governor, or the County Emergency Management Manager, may be terminated at the discretion of the Village President, of the DOEM in the absence of the Village President.

(I) Penalty

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully obstruct, hinder or delay any member of the Emergency Management department in the enforcement of any order, rule, regulation or plan issued pursuant to this section or to do any act forbidden by any order, rule, regulation or plan issued pursuant to the authority contained in this section, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a forfeiture not to exceed \$500.